Selection Notice for Foreign Students (2026-2027) – UFRJ No. 1032

Submission of proposals

This notice is dedicated to foreign students, not residing in Brazil. Foreign students who wish to enter the Master's or Doctorate course of the Graduate Program in Communication and Culture at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (PPGCOM-UFRJ) must send the following documents by email to jorgina.costa@eco.ufrj.br and thiago.couto@eco.ufrj.br **between September 21 and October 23, 2026**, saving **October 26** for any appeals:

- Curriculum vitae;

- Research project (maximum 20 pages, in TNR 12, line spacing 1.5), which must include:
  - Title;
  - Introduction;
  - Objectives;
  - Research problem, literature review and hypothesis;
  - Theoretical framework;
  - Methodology;
  - Appointment of supervisor (maximum of two names);
  - Bibliography.

Foreign students are exempt from the entrance exam that the PPGCOM requires from Brazilian candidates. However, there will be an oral exam with a board of professors from PPGCOM-UFRJ, in addition to the indicated supervisor. If accepted, foreign students must pass the language proficiency exams during the first year of study: English (both for master's and doctorate), as well as Spanish or French (only for doctorate).

Scholarships and financial aid

In general, foreign students are not eligible for scholarships from the Brazilian government agencies CAPES and CNPq, although there are exceptions. Once registered as students, they will not be able to apply again for admission to the graduate program as residents of Brazil to benefit from eligibility for such scholarships. If they need financial aid, in general, they should apply for scholarship and exchange programs offered by international academic cooperation agencies.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation of foreign candidates is independent of the regular process. A committee of professors from PPGCOM-UFRJ will evaluate the candidates, remotely, **between October 28 and November 6**. The evaluation must be based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the research project presented;

- Academic record, highlighting participation in academic events and publications of an academic nature;

- Affinity between the candidate's proposal and his/her profile (evidenced in the curriculum) with the lines of research of the PPGCOM-UFRJ;

- Availability of a professor capable of guiding the research project;

- The impact of the candidate's presence on the relations between his institution, country of origin, and the PPGCOM.

Number of vacancies available

The PPGCOM offers up to **four (4) vacancies** for foreign students each year: **two (2)** for the Master's course and **two (2)** for the Doctorate course, in each of the two lines of research.

Results

The results will be publicly communicated on **November 23, 2026**, with **November 24** for possible appeals.

Classes will start at the beginning of the following academic year, according to the calendar published by UFRJ.

Concluding Remarks

We remind you that most classes are taught in Portuguese, although some seminars

or short courses may be taught in other languages. In any case, it is mandatory to be fluent in Portuguese.

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For more details, visit our website (https://www.pos.eco.ufrj.br/site/) or contact Prof. Dr. Leonardo De Marchi (leonardodemarchi@gmail.com), current coordinator of PPGCOM-UFRJ.