

Applications by Non-resident Foreign Students (2025-2026)

Application Procedure

This call is dedicated to foreign students and not residents in Brazil. Foreign students wishing to study in the Postgraduate Program in Communication and Culture (PPGCOM) of the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), whether for a Master's degree or a PhD, should send the following documents by email to jorgina.costa@eco.ufrj.br and thiago.couto@eco.ufrj.br, between 8 September and 31 October 2025:

- Curriculum vitae;
- Research Project (maximum 20 pages), including:
 - Title;
 - Introduction;
 - Objectives;
 - Research question and literature review and Hypotheses;
 - Theoretical Approach;
 - Methodology;
 - Indication of research supervisor (maximum two names);
 - Bibliography.

Foreign students are exempt from the entrance exam the PPGCOM requires of Brazilian applicants. However, there will be an interview (whether in person or by video conference) with a committee of members of the PPGCOM-UFRJ, including the claimed/ possible supervisor. If they are accepted, foreign students will be required to



pass language proficiency exams during their first year of study (proficiency in English, for both master's degree and PhD degree, as well as either Spanish or French in the case of PhD course).

Scholarships and Grants

Foreign students should be aware that they are not eligible for study grants from the Brazilian government agencies CAPES and CNPq, and once they are registered students, they may not reapply to the postgraduate program as residents of Brazil to take advantage of eligibility for such grants. If they need financial aid, they should apply to the exchange scholarships and grants programs offered by agencies for international academic cooperation.

Entrance criteria

The application process for foreign candidates is separate from the regular one. A committee formed by professors of the PPGCOM-UFRJ will evaluate the candidates according to the following criteria:



- Quality of the research project submitted;
- Academic record, including participation in academic events and publications;
- Affinity between the candidate's proposal, as well as his or her profile as evidenced in the curriculum vitae, and the PPGCOM-UFRJ lines of research;
- Availability of a professor able to supervise the research project;
- The impact of the candidate's presence on the relations between his or her institution and country of origin and the PPGCOM.

Number of places available

The PPGCOM makes available up to **four (4)** places for foreign students each year, **two (2)** for the Master's degree and **two (2)** for the PhD degree, in each of the two lines of research.

Results

The results will be communicated to the candidates on **12 December 2025**.

Classes begin in the beginning of academic year, according to the calendar published by UFRJ.

Final remarks

We remind that most classes are held in Portuguese, though some seminars or mini courses can be held in other languages. In any case, it is mandatory to be fluent in Portuguese.



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