



Edital PPG-HEPATO nº 12/2026 de 14 de outubro de 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MEDICINE: HEPATOLOGY

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 The Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (PPG-HEPATO) of the Federal University of Health Sciences of Porto Alegre (UFCSPA), based on its legal authority, hereby announces and establishes the rules for the admission process for international students to the Master's Program.

1.2 This call has been approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (PPG-HEPATO) and by the Dean's Office of Research, Graduate Studies, and Innovation (PROPPGI) at UFCSPA.

1.3 Information about the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (PPG-HEPATO) is available on the Program's website: <https://ufcspa.edu.br/vida-academica/pos-graduacao/mestrado-e-doutorado/hepatologia>. Additional information about the Graduate Program and/or this Call may be obtained from the PPG-HEPATO Office by email: hepatologia@ufcspa.edu.br.

1.4 This Call for Applications offers 1 (one) scholarship of BRL 2,100.00 (two thousand one hundred reais) per month, funded by a national funding agency, for a period of up to 24 months, subject to the budgetary availability of the funding agency. The scholarship may be suspended at any time in the event of noncompliance with the regulations of the PPG-HEPATO (https://ufcspa.edu.br/documentos/ppg/hepatologia/SEI_UFCSPA_-_1916954_-_173_-_Resolucao.pdf).

2. ADMISSION PROCESS

2.1 Applications must be submitted between October 15th and November 1st, 2026, by 11:59p.m. (Brasília time), with the documents required under Section 2.2 of this notice. Applicants must access the UFCSPA Admissions System at <https://processoseletivo.ufcspa.edu.br/> and log in to apply for the Selection Process for Master's Scholarships of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (*in Portuguese: Processo seletivo para bolsas de Mestrado do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Medicina: Hepatologia*).

2.2 Documents required for registration:

2.2.1 Application form (Appendix I) signed by the applicant and submitted in PDF format.

2.2.2 Copy of the undergraduate degree certificate (front and back) or an equivalent document certifying completion of the program (attach as a separate PDF file - in Portuguese called "documento externo").

2.2.3 Copy of a valid government-issued identification document with photo (attach as a separate PDF file – in Portuguese called "documento externo").

2.2.4 Supervisor's Acceptance Letter, signed by a faculty member accredited in the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (PPG-HEPATO), in the form provided in Appendix II to this Call (attach as a separate PDF file – in Portuguese called "documento externo").

2.2.5 *Curriculum Vitae* (CV), completed and updated as of the date the application is submitted (attach as a PDF document).

2.2.6 Applicant's letter of motivation, limited to 1,000 characters, and signed by the applicant.

2.2.7 Summary of the research project to be carried out during the Master's Program (attach as a PDF document).

2.2.7.1 The summary of the research project must include the following information in the header: the candidate's name, the supervisor's name, and the title of the research project (maximum of 500 words).

2.2.8 Completed Master's Evaluation Form ("*Barema*") (Appendix III).

2.2.9 Certificates and supporting documentation for the activities listed in the Barema. Simple copies of the certificates must be submitted as a single PDF file, following the order of the items listed in the Barema.

2.2.10 Declaration confirming acceptance of the Call's terms and the Statement of Commitment to the Program, signed by the applicant (Appendix IV).

2.3 Candidates who do not submit all documentation required under Section 2.2 of this Call will be notified by the PPG-HEPATO Office and will have 10 (ten) business days to submit the complete documentation.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 The applicants will be selected by an Evaluation Committee composed of at least two (2) members, appointed by the PPG-HEPATO Coordinating Committee specifically for this purpose.

3.2 The applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

3.2.1 The evaluation of the applicant's *curriculum vitae* – in accordance with the Master's Evaluation Form (Barema), Appendix III – and of the supporting documents submitted with the application will be made jointly by the Evaluation Committee. In the event of inconsistencies between the score estimated by the applicant and the score calculated by the Evaluation Committee, the latter score will prevail.

3.2.2 Evaluation of the academic memoir defense (a presentation of the applicant's academic trajectory and research proposal). The defense of the academic memoir will take place remotely, from November 16th to 20th, 2026, at a time and via an online platform to be determined by the Evaluation Committee. The session will last 20 (twenty) minutes, and the applicant will have up to 10 (ten) minutes to present their academic memoir, consisting of their academic trajectory and research proposal. During the remaining 10 (ten) minutes, the Evaluation Committee will ask the applicant questions addressing the following evaluation criteria: a) A clear and well-structured project summary, with a well-defined rationale supported by relevant information; b) A coherent and concise presentation of the applicant's academic trajectory and defense of the research proposal; c) Presentation of the applicant's motivation for pursuing the Master's degree at PPG-HEPATO, in Brazil, and of their availability of time compatible with the Program's mandatory activities. The score for this stage will be determined by the average of the individual scores assigned to the applicant by the members of the Evaluation Committee. In the event of any unforeseen circumstances, the Committee will have the authority to assess each situation individually and make a decision accordingly.

3.3 The applicant's final score in this selection process will be based on the score assigned by the evaluation of *curriculum vitae* (weight 3) and the score assigned to the academic memoir defense (weight 7).

3.4 Applicants who obtain a final score of 7 (seven) or higher in the selection process will be approved, considering the weights assigned to each stage, as described in Section 3.3.

4. FINAL RANKING

4.1 The ranking of applicants approved for the scholarships provided by this Call will be established in descending order of final scores, according to the number of scholarships available in the program.

4.2 In the event of a tie, the higher score obtained in the academic memoir defense will be used as the tie-breaking criterion. If the tie persists, the higher score obtained in the evaluation of *curriculum vitae* shall be considered as the secondary tie-breaking criterion.

4.3 If selected applicants withdraw, other approved applicants may be called upon to fill the remaining scholarship positions, respecting the ranking order and the number of scholarships available.

5. SCHEDULE

Selection Stage	Date or Period
Call for applications	October 15 th , 2026
Submission of applications	October 15 th to November 1 st , 2026
Preliminary publication of approved applications	November 4 th , 2026

Publication of members of the Evaluation Committee	November 4 th , 2026
Deadline for appealing the list of approved applications and for challenges of members of the Evaluation Committee	November 5 th to 8 th , 2026
Final publication of approved applications (after appeals) and of the members of the Evaluation Committee	November 10 th , 2026
Publication of the schedule for the academic memoirs defenses	November 10 th , 2026
<i>Curriculum Vitae</i> Evaluations	November 11 st and 13 rd , 2026
Academic memoirs defenses	November 16 th to 19 th , 2026
Publication of the Preliminary Results	November 23 rd , 2026
Appeal period for the preliminary results	November 24 th to 26 th , 2026
Publication of the final results of the selection process	Until November 27 th , 2026
Enrollment period for approved applicants OR period for signing the scholarship agreement	From November 30 th , 2026

5.1 Announcements regarding the selection process will be published on the institutional website: <https://ufcspa.edu.br/vida-academica/pos-graduacao/mestrado-e-doutorado/hepatologia/editais-de-selecao> and sent to the email address of the applicant and/or supervisor provided at the time of application.

6. FINAL PROVISIONS

6.1 For the purposes of this Call, the submitted documents, as well as the research project, letter of motivation, and the academic memoir defense may be presented in the following languages: English, Portuguese, or Spanish.

6.2 The applicant will be disqualified and automatically excluded from the admission process if they:

6.2.1 Provide false statements or submit false documents at any stage of the admission process.

6.2.2 Fail to submit all required documentation within the deadlines and under the conditions established in this Call.

6.3 By applying to the admission process, the applicant acknowledges and accepts the rules established by this Call.

6.4 As of the date of publication of the final results, this Call for Applications shall remain in effect for six (6) months, renewable for an additional six (6) months, at the discretion of the PPG-HEPATO Coordinating Committee.

6.5 Any cases not provided for herein or exceptional circumstances will be resolved by the Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology, within the scope of its authority, and, if necessary, by the PROPPGI.

Porto Alegre, October 14th, 2026.

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Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology

Prof. Dr. Aline de Souza Pagnussat

Dean of Research, Graduate Studies, and Innovation

APPENDIX I

APPLICATION FORM

1) PERSONAL INFORMATION (Mandatory)

- a) Name:
- b) Date of Birth:
- c) Passport Number:
- d) Address:
- e) E-mail Address:
- f) Phone Number:
- g) ORCID:

2) ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- a) Undergraduate Program:
- b) Institution:
- c) Year of Completion:
- d) Graduate Program:
- e) Institution:
- f) Year of Completion:

3) RESEARCH PROJECT AND SUPERVISOR

a) Project Title:

b) PPG-HEPATO Research Line:

- () Obesity, Metabolism and Nutrition in Hepatology
- () Genetic, Molecular and Inflammatory Aspects of Liver and Biliary Tract Diseases
- () Translational Research in Hepatology
- () Pathophysiological Mechanisms and Repercussions of Chronic Liver Diseases

3) Supervisor's Name:

4) Applicant's signature:

APPENDIX II

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MEDICINE: HEPATOLOGY – 2026 ADMISSION PROCESS SUPERVISOR'S ACCEPTANCE LETTER

To the Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology of UFCSPA

Dear Sir or Madam,

I, _____, hereby endorse the application of _____ for the Master's Program in the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology of UFCSPA, under my supervision.

Best regards,

Date: ____/____/____.

Supervisor's Signature

APPENDIX III

MASTER'S EVALUATION FORM (BAREMA)

EVALUATION CRITERIA	APPLICANT'S SCORE	EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCORE
Academic Qualifications (maximum 20 points)		
Specialization (minimum 2 years and/or Residency) = 5 points		
Scientific or Technical Activities (maximum 80 points)		
1. Scientific or technical articles published in indexed journals (or with written acceptance): Impact Factor (IF) ≥ 4 = 15 points IF 2.0–3.99 = 10 points IF 0.5–1.99 = 5 points Indexed journal without an Impact Factor or IF up to 0.49 = 2 points		
2. Book chapter = 5 points per chapter		
3. Presentation of research at scientific events (abstract/poster and/or oral presentation) = 2 points		
4. Research and/or outreach internship or other internship in the field of health sciences = 3 points per semester (maximum of 15 points)		

5. International experience — academic/scientific exchange = 0.5 point per month (maximum of 5 points)		
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APPENDIX IV

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TERMS AND STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO PPG-HEPATO

I acknowledge that the ranking I may achieve in the selection process for the allocation of scholarships within the Graduate Program in Medicine: Hepatology (PPG-HEPATO) at the Federal University of Health Sciences of Porto Alegre (UFCSPA) shall under no circumstances be interpreted as a guarantee that the said scholarship will be awarded.

In the event that a scholarship is awarded:

- 1) I acknowledge that the allocation will be based on the ranking established during the selection process. Furthermore, I declare that I am aware of the format of the selection process stages.
- 2) I commit to dedicating myself to the PPG-HEPATO program (20 hours per week). Upon receiving the scholarship, I commit to completing the Master's degree within a 24-month timeframe.
- 3) I acknowledge that, should I be unable to complete the program or if I withdraw from it, the Program will notify the funding agency, which will require reimbursement of the amounts paid, plus interest and monetary adjustment.

Date

Candidate's full name and signature



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