

# Selection Notice No. 01/2023 SELECTION PROCESS 2023 - 2024 FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE BRAZIL Doctoral Program in Philosophy of PPGF/UFBA

# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Philosophy (PPGF) at the Federal University of Bahia, in accordance with his legal powers, establishes and makes public the regulations for the selection process to fill vacancies in the Doctoral Program for admission in the calendar year 2024, in accordance with the Academic Calendar of UFBA (www.ufba.br/calendario-academico), in compliance with the Supplementary Regulations for stricto sensu Graduate Courses at UFBA and the Internal Regulations of the Program.
- 1.2 Information about PPGF is available at https://ppgf.ufba.br, and can be supplemented through the institutional email <a href="mailto:selecaoppgf@gmail.com">selecaoppgf@gmail.com</a>.

# 2. NUMBER OF VACANCIES

2.1 The Program offers 02 (two) Doctoral studies vacancies for foreign students residing outside Brazil.

# 3. ELEMENTS AND STAGES OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 The selection for the Doctoral program in Philosophy will be divided into two phases, both eliminatory: (a) evaluation of research project and (b) oral examination via video conference.

# 4. TIMETABLE

- a) Publication of the notice: June 19, 2023;
- b) Registration for the selection process will take place during the period indicated in the timetable EXCLUSIVELY through the forms indicated in section 5 (Registration);
- c) Inquiries should be directed to the email selecaoppgf@gmail.com;

# 4.1 Registration

- d) Registration Period: June 19, 2023, to August 18, 2023 through form <a href="https://forms.gle/xF2KQW4e6c8XP3yT9">https://forms.gle/xF2KQW4e6c8XP3yT9</a>;
- e) August 21, 2023: Publication of the list of approved registrations on the PPGF website;
- f) August 22, 2023: Request for reconsideration of the Registration Approval, to be sent to the email selecaoppgf@gmail.com;
- g) August 25, 2023: Publication of the results of the requests for reconsideration on the PPGF

website.

# 4.2 First Stage (eliminatory): research projects

- a) September 5, 2023: Publication of the results of the evaluation of Research Projects on the PPGF website:
- b) September 6, 2023: Request for assessment by candidates who were not approved and wish to file an appeal;
- c) September 12, 2023: Deadline for the Commission of Selection to provide assessments to candidates who have requested them.
- d) September 13, 2023: Deadline for submitting appeals regarding the rejection of Research Projects, based on the provided assessment. The appeals should be sent to the email selecaoppgf@gmail.com;
- e) September 15, 2023: Publication of the results of the appeals on the PPGF website.

# 4.3 Second Stage (eliminatory): Oral Examinations

- a) September 18, 2023: Disclosure of the scheduling of oral examinations via videoconference on the PPGF website;
- b) September 20, 2023, to September 22, 2023: Oral examinations via videoconference (see item 6.2 of this notice), according to the previously disclosed scheduling on the PPGF website;
- c) September 25, 2023: Disclosure of the results of the Oral Examination and Overall Ranking;
- d) September 25, 2023: Request for feedback by rejected male and female candidates for the purpose of filing an appeal;
- e) September 26, 2023: Deadline for the Selection Committee to send feedback to candidates who requested it.
- f) September 27, 2023: Deadline for submitting appeals regarding the second stage of the selection process, based on the issued feedback. Appeals must be sent to the email selecaoppgf@gmail.com;
- g) October 2, 2023: Response to the appeals and disclosure of the results of the second stage and the Overall Ranking on the PPGF website.

# 4.4 Approval of the results

a) The PPGF Collegiate Board will meet, in due time, after all appeals from the previous stages have been resolved, to analyze the reports and minutes prepared by the Selection Committee.

## 5. APPLICATION

Applications for the selection process will take place during the period indicated in the Schedule exclusively through Application Form <a href="https://forms.gle/xF2KQW4e6c8XP3yT9">https://forms.gle/xF2KQW4e6c8XP3yT9</a>

# 5.1 Required Documents for the application of foreign candidates not residing in Brazil for the Philosophy doctoral program

a) Research Project. For details about the Research Project, see item 6.1.

- b) Personal identification documents: Valid passport;
- c) Updated Curriculum Vitae in PDF format;
- d) Undergraduate Diploma or Certificate of Completion of Undergraduate Studies;
- e) Two recommendation letters written by a faculty member affiliated with a university institution in the field of philosophy;
- f) Published article on a philosophical topic in an academic journal (full text) or unpublished article that has been submitted to an academic journal, along with the proof issued by the journal;
- g) Document proving residence abroad (outside Brazil).

# 5.2 Approval of applications and appeals

- 5.2.1 Only candidates who submit the complete documentation required by this notice will have their applications approved. After the application deadline, as specified in the Schedule of this notice, no documents will be accepted for the purpose of supplementing, modifying, and/or replacing any proof, form, and/or information already submitted;
- 5.2.2 Appeals will be accepted according to the Schedule of this notice;
- 5.2.3 Appeals related to non-approved applications must be addressed to the Selection Committee in a concise statement and sent to the email selecaoppgf@gmail.com. The subject line of the email should read "Application for the 2023-2024 Doctoral Selection Process APPEAL." For details, refer to item 9 of this notice.
- 5.2.4 The Committee will review the appeals within the timeframe specified in the Schedule of this notice, and the results will be disclosed on the PPGF website, as outlined in the Schedule:
- 5.2.5 By submitting the required documentation, the candidate takes responsibility for the accuracy of all provided information and the authenticity of the original documents and copies submitted. If any falsehoods are detected, the candidate will be excluded from the selection process and dismissed from the program.

# 6. SELECTION PROCESS ELEMENTS

# 6.1 Doctoral Research Preliminary Proposal

- 6.1.1 The analysis and evaluation of the Doctoral Research Preliminary Proposal is both eliminatory and qualifying for candidates applying to the Doctorate program. Approval of the proposal is necessary to proceed in the selection process. The list of approved candidates will be presented in alphabetical order on the PPGF website according to the schedule stated in the notice.
- 6.1.2 The Preliminary Proposal must be an original text, written according to the usual standards in the field of philosophy, and should clearly and explicitly include, on the cover page, the author's name, title, intended course (doctorate), and research line. The Preliminary Proposal should include: the research subject, objectives, justification, methodology, work schedule (in the form of a table or other format), and bibliographical references.
- 6.1.3 The Preliminary Proposal must clearly align with one of the three Research Lines of PPGF: (a) Epistemology and Philosophy of Language; (b) Philosophy and Social Theory; and (c) Phenomenology and Hermeneutics Issues. The choice of the

Research Line is at the discretion of the candidates, always respecting the compatibility of their research topics. It is not permitted to apply to more than one research line. The description of the Research Lines is available on the PPGF website. It is important to note that adherence to a research line does not preclude a certain degree of transversality, depending on the subject of the Preliminary Proposal, which can be done without compromising the evaluation.

- 6.1.4 The preliminary proposal can be written in Portuguese, Spanish, or English and should have between 10 (ten) and 14 (fourteen) pages.
- 6.1.5 The Preliminary Proposal will be graded on a scale from 0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten).
- 6.1.6 If a candidate obtains a score below 7.0 (seven) on the Preliminary Proposal, they will be disqualified from the selection process.

## **6.2 Oral Examination**

- 6.2.1 The oral examination is eliminatory and classificatory for doctoral candidates.
- 6.2.2 The oral examinations will take place via videoconference on a platform that will be informed to the candidate by email and indicated on the PPGF website in due time according to the Schedule.
- 6.2.3 It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to ensure a secure and stable internet connection. If incidents occur beyond the candidate's responsibility, the Selection Committee has the autonomy to rearrange the order of the oral examinations, ensuring not to create difficulties and disadvantages for the candidates.
- 6.2.4 Connection issues on the part of the Selection Committee may result in the postponement of the interview. If this is the case, it will be ensured that candidates are not prejudiced.
- 6.2.5 Any changes in the order and schedule of the interviews due to incidents will be widely communicated via email and on the PPGF website.
- 6.2.6 The candidate must present a valid personal identification document with a photograph at the beginning of the oral examination.
- 6.2.7 The oral examination may be conducted in Portuguese, English, or Spanish.
- 6.2.8 The oral examination will consist of questioning regarding the Research Project and the intellectual trajectory described in the candidate's Curriculum.
- 6.2.9 The oral examination will be recorded.
- 6.2.10 The oral examination will receive a grade between 0 (zero) and 10.0 (ten).
- 6.2.11 If the candidate obtains a grade below 7.0 (seven) in the oral examination, they will be disqualified from the selection process.
- 6.2.12 Although the oral examinations are conducted via videoconference, candidates should be aware that they are participating in a selection process for entry into an in-person course.

## 7. METHODS OF EVALUATION

# 7.1 Evaluation of the Research Project

The Research Projects will be evaluated by the program's faculty members, according to their respective Research Lines, acting as anonymous reviewers. Each Research Project will be evaluated by at least two ad hoc reviewers, focusing on the following points:

a) Relevance of the research project to one or more aspects of the program's research lines;

- b) Availability of at least one faculty member of the PPGF, whether permanent or collaborator, who could be invited to supervise the project;
- c) Correct and adequate writing according to academic standards, considering the clarity and fluency of the writing;
- d) Coherence and validity of the arguments presented;
- e) Clarity and precision in delimiting the presented topic;
- f) Clarity and delimitation of the object and objectives presented;
- g) Scope and depth of the literature review;
- h) Clarity and depth of the presented justification;
- i) Clarity, precision, and consistency of the presented methodology;
- j) Articulation and consistency between the parts and elements of the Research Project;
- k) Relevance and theoretical consistency of the proposed research;
- 1) Feasibility of the Research Project within the course timeframe (Doctorate: 48 months).

## 7.2 Evaluation of the Oral Examination

The Selection Committee will appoint two faculty members from the Program to participate in the questioning as ad hoc members. In addition to questions about the intellectual and/or professional trajectory, the oral examination will consist of questions about the candidate's own Research Project. The evaluation of the oral examination should focus on the following points:

- a) Demonstration of mastery of the content of the Research Project in its various aspects;
- b) Defense of the Research Project in a well-founded, clear, and coherent manner;
- c) Demonstration of comprehension, dialogue, and argumentation skills during the questioning;
- d) Correct, clear, and precise responses to the questions during the questioning.

# 8. FINAL RANKING, ENROLLMENT, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

# 8.1 Ranking

- 8.1.1 The final grade will be calculated as the weighted average between the Research Project grade (weight 2) and the oral examination grade (weight 3).
- 8.1.2 Candidates with a final grade lower than 7 (seven) in the final ranking will be considered failed in the selection process.
- 8.1.3 The ranking of approved candidates will be determined in descending order based on their final grades.
- 8.1.4 Candidates will be indicated as selected in descending order of ranking, fulfilling the minimum grade for approval and the number of available positions.

## 8.2 Enrollment

- 8.2.1 The enrollment period will be established by the UFBA Calendar.
- 8.2.2 It is the responsibility of the approved and selected candidate to inform themselves and arrange the necessary consular procedures for their residence in Brazil for the duration of the course, in accordance with the current Brazilian legislation.
- 8.2.3 The selected and classified foreign candidate must have documentary evidence of insurance with clauses covering death or permanent disability, medical expenses, and

repatriation (including funeral expenses) for themselves and, if applicable, their dependents, valid throughout their stay in Brazil (Res. CAE/UFBA 04/2022, art. 6, main provision). 8.2.4 The identification of any falsehoods in documents or in the Curriculum Vitae will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the selection process. Candidates should be prepared to provide evidence of their academic production indicated in the Curriculum Vitae if requested at the end of the selection process.

# 8.3 Scholarships

8.3.1 Two (2) full scholarships will be offered for the doctoral program.

## 9. APPEALS

- 9.1 Appeals will be allowed in both stages of the selection process, in concise statements addressed to the President of the Selection Process Committee via email at selecaoppgf@gmail.com, according to the Schedule, with the subject of the email as "Doctoral Selection Process 2023-2024 APPEAL 1st (or 2nd) Stage."
- 9.2 To support their appeal, candidates intending to file an appeal must first request, according to the schedule, via the aforementioned email, the opinion of the Selection Committee, which should include specific points that led to their disqualification in the respective stage. The Selection Committee will judge the appeals within the deadline provided in this notice's schedule, and the results will be announced on the PPGF website, also according to the schedule.

# 10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10.1 The terms of this notice are governed by Resolution 04/2022 of the Academic Council for Education (CAE) of UFBA, available at

 $https://www.ufba.br/sites/portal.ufba.br/files/resolucoes/resoluo\_04.2022\_-\_vagas\_para\_estu\ dantes\_estrageiros\_-\_cae.pdf$ 

- 10.2 This notice may be revoked or annulled at any time, in whole or in part, for reasons of public interest, legal requirement, or budgetary and financial unavailability of UFBA or CAPES, without entitling beneficiaries to compensation or any form of complaint.
- 10.3 Any omissions in this notice will be assessed and decided upon by the PPGF Board.

Salvador, June 19th, 2023.

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