



SPECIAL CALL ON EMERGING THEMES | 2024

DOCTORATE IN URBAN MANAGEMENT

The Graduate Program in Urban Management at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná publicly discloses the application process for prospective candidates for the **Special Call on Emerging Themes** for the **Doctorate, 2024**.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The PPGTU/PUCPR is an internationally recognised master's and doctoral program in urban and regional planning. In addition to its annual calls, it also promotes specific calls on emerging themes. Following the strategic guidelines of the program, this year's call focuses on the **Latin American city, its challenges, and solutions within the context of the contemporary urban agenda**.

In addition to adherence to this year's theme, priority will be given to projects proposing **comprehensive** studies of Latin American cities that demonstrate the potential engagements of scientific or urban and regional planning institutions within the continent.

Duration / Credits	48 months / 48 credits
Vacancies*	6
Scholarships and Exemptions	see item 3.2

* The number of vacancies can be adjusted according to our faculty staff supervision capacity, limitations and institutional convenience. (CAPES/PPGTU).

Candidates selected for this call will adhere to the established disciplinary schedule and other academic activities as outlined for regular students of the program. Nevertheless, they will be strongly encouraged to participate actively in theoretical and empirical networks in Latin America.

Deadlines

Application	December 11, 2023 to February 20, 2024
Written Exam	February 26, 2024
Interview*	February 26 to 28, 2024
Results	March 5, 2024
Commitment form signature	March 6 to 8, 2024
Beginning of classes - Doctorate	May, 2024

* The interview appointment will be organised by the PPGTU and communicated to the candidates.



2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications should be submitted following these instructions:

- **Brazilian applicants and foreigners already residing in Brazil:** apply through <https://bit.ly/selecaoppgtu-2023>. Before the deadline, the required documents must be uploaded to the online application platform under the "candidate lounge" section (*ambiente do candidato*). The application will be confirmed after the payment fee is processed and all necessary documents are successfully submitted online.
- **Foreigner applicants living abroad:** apply by sending an e-mail to gestaourbana@pucpr.br. Please attach all necessary documents in PDF format.

2.1. Required documents for Brazilian and foreign candidates

- Curriculum Vitae in PDF for foreign applicants.
- Curriculum Lattes in PDF (<http://lattes.cnpq.br>) for Brazilian applicants.
- Copy of Passport for foreign applicants.
- Copy of Identification document with photo for Brazilian applicants.
- Project Proposal in Portuguese, English, or Spanish (item 3.3).
- Copy of graduation diploma or certificate of course conclusion emitted by home University.
- Copy of the master's degree diploma or conclusion certificate emitted by the home University.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

3.1. Vacancies distribution

Vacancies are established according to item 1. They are distributed according to faculty staff availability within the thematic approach of the research groups, aiming to integrate PPGTU's institutional projects based on its Research Areas.

Candidates can nominate their preferred advisor. However, the final supervision assignment will only be confirmed once the application process is concluded and candidates are accepted. The research projects and areas of interest of each PPGTU faculty member can be found on our website: www.pucpr.br/ppgtu, under the "Faculty Staff" (Corpo Docente) section.

3.2. Scholarships and Exemptions

PPGTU offers full and partial scholarships, with reduced monthly fees or complete exemptions based on its specific categories. These scholarships will be allocated in a later application phase for the approved candidates under criteria outlined by an internal committee.

Faculty members also offer full exemption scholarships for research projects. These scholarships are managed by the respective professors, who have the authority to nominate suitable candidates.

Foreign candidates may also apply for full exemption scholarships if they fulfil specific criteria, such as foreign nationality and residence. However, it is crucial to consider the requirement of being physically present in Curitiba, following the guidelines established by PPGTU.



3.3. Project proposal for Doctorate

The selection committee will assess each proposal based on its relevance, feasibility, the contemporaneity of references, alignment with PPGTU's research areas, and a robust methodological approach. The Thesis Project proposal should not exceed 15 pages (excluding pre- and post-textual content). It's recommended to include the following elements:

1. **Introduction:** clearly define the problem under analysis and provide a rationale for the research, considering its adherence to urban management.
2. **Objectives:** general and specific.
3. **Originality:** contextualise the originality within the field.
4. **Theoretical framework:** present the theoretical foundations and key concepts relevant to the research.
5. **Research methodology:** define the scope of the study, identify data sources, detail data collection techniques, describe variables and measurements (if applicable), and specify data analysis tools.
6. **Body:** projected scope of the thesis and expected outcomes.
7. **Preliminary timetable:** Preliminary schedule: start and end dates for each planned activity; critical points, uncertainties, and weaknesses in the forecast; attempts and alternative solutions to address the identified issues.
8. **References:** cited references following the APA style.

The project can be discussed beforehand with a PPGTU faculty member but must be written by the candidate. Identifying plagiarism or similarity between proposals will result in excluding the project from the evaluation process.

3.4. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process includes the following classificatory elements:

- a. **Written Exam (in-person¹)** – discursive and centred on urban management, addressing topics relevant to PPGTU's research areas and thematic interests. The following research and study sources are recommended: [URBE Journal](#); [RBEUR Journal](#); [Revista Cadernos Metr pole](#); [EURE Journal](#); [SciELO](#); [RedALyC](#); and [CAPES'Jornal Database](#). The written Exam may be written in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, according to the candidate's preference;
- b. **Project Proposal** – as detailed in section 3.3;
- c. **Interview (in-person¹)** – to be scheduled by the internal committee. This interview will discuss topics such as the candidate's curriculum, the project proposal, and the candidate's experiences and interests.
- d. **Curriculum analysis** – To be conducted by the Selection Committee, emphasising academic and scientific activities, research, teaching, and extension.

¹ Foreign candidates and individuals living outside the metropolitan area of Curitiba can apply for remote participation in both the written exam and the interview. The request must be submitted no later than ten days before the written exam date.



4. GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

For all purposes, candidates are subject to the rules of this document and those established by PUCPR, with emphasis on Resolutions No. [314/2019- CONSUN/PUCPR](#) (*stricto sensu* Rules) and Resolutions No. [128/2013- CONSUN/PUCPR](#) (PPGTU Rules).

5. ADITIONAL INFORMATION

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