

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SÃO JOÃO DEL-REI GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

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CANDIDATE SELECTION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY (PPFGIL/UFSJ) FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE WITH ENTRANCE IN THE SECOND ACADEMIC SEMESTER OF 2020.

The Direction Board of the Graduate Program in Philosophy of the Federal University of São João del-Rei, Brazil, in its legal duties and based on the Resolution CONSU N° 042 of October 02, 2012 – which regulates the elaboration of public notices and the realization of selective processes for candidates to the Master's and PhD degrees of the *stricto sensu* academic programs of the Federal University of São João del-Rei – publicly announces the opening of the inscriptions and the norms for selection and filling of **18 vacancies** for the **Master's Degree in Philosophy** for the **2nd Semester of 2020**.

1 – RESEARCH LINES

Line 1: Metaphysics and Mind: Researches in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind, including different philosophical traditions. The line contemplates a wide array of questions: what kind of things exist; what means "to be" and "to exist"; the nature of that which constitutes the world and the manner in which it is structured; the nature of mind, of mental states, of forms of experience and its components. Researches that tackle issues in the intersection between the domains of Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind, including fields such as Phenomenology and Philosophy of Science.

Line 2: Ethics and Political Philosophy: Researches in classical subjects of Ethics and Political Philosophy, including the intersection between these fields. Having as its axis the connection between action, association and political order, the studies of this line deal with issues related to the broad conceptions of association and organization of political life, including questions about ideals and normative purposes of these conceptions, as well as those related to the nature and limits of power and authority. The problems and issues of this line are reunited in two main focuses: (1) Ethical and Political ideals: critical researches about the nature and normative ideals of political life (including ideals such as legitimacy, security, freedom, well-being, justice, equity, civic virtues); and philosophical criticism of the theories and traditions which seek to provide a foundation or a justification (including, among others, the Natural Right Doctrine, Virtue Ethics, Kantian Deontology, Utilitarianism, Contractualism and Discourse Ethics); (2) Practices and institutions: researches that deal with problems related to institutions and the regulation and mediation of relations and political actions.

2 - APPLICATIONS

Application period: July 10th to August 3rd of 2020

The application must be sent only by e-mail to the Secretary of the Graduate Program in Philosophy (ppgfil@ufsj.edu.br). The e-mailed application must contain, in attached files, all the documentation required below, which must be properly signed and digitalized.



Required Documentation:

- 1. **Application Form** (APPENDIX I) dully filled, with the indication of the chosen line of research and the suggestion of two prospective thesis' supervisors, in order of preference. The relation of faculty members affiliated to the Program, as well as their curricula, can be seen in APPENDIX II.
- 2. A copy of the **Bachelor's Degree**, or equivalent document certifying that the candidate is apt to conclude her undergraduate academic degree before registration in the Master's Program.
- **3.** A copy of the **Curriculum Vitae** in the *Plataforma Lattes/CNPq* (filled in the site: http://lattes.cnpq.br/.), in the case of a Brazilian candidate. In the case of a Foreigner, it must be provided a copy of the Curriculum Vitae in Portuguese, Spanish or English.
- **4.** A copy of the **ID document**, or, in the case of a Foreigner, a copy of the Passport.
- **5.** A copy of the **Research Project**, according to the specifications in item 5.1 below.

The list of accepted applications will be publicized on the 4th of August of 2020, in the website: https://ufsj.edu.br/ppgfil/processo_seletivo.php. The candidate whose application was rejected can appeal of the decision by means of a solicitation sent by e-mail (ppgfil@ufsj.edu.br) and addressed to the Direction Board of the Program between August 5th and August 6th of 2020. The solicitations can be sent in Portuguese, Spanish or English. The decision of the Direction Board will be final; no additional appeals will be accepted. The relation of accepted applications will be homologated on August 7th of 2020. Foreigners must present their visa of permanence only at the registration (for additional information, please contact the International Assistance Service of UFSJ, e-mail: assin@ufsj.edu.br).

3 – EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The **Examining Committee** will be composed of 3 (three) faculty members of the Program, including at least one member of each research line. One of its members will be named Chair of the Committee. The Examining Committee will be responsible for the overall organization and evaluation of the selection process.

The Direction Board of the Graduate Program in Philosophy will designate the members of the Examining Committee, and their names will be published in the Program website until the 8th of August of 2020. If any member of the Committee declares herself impeded or cannot take part for any reason, the Direction Board will name a substitute.

4 – SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Stage 1 (eliminatory and classificatory):

Evaluation of the Research Project.

Selection Stage 2 (eliminatory and classificatory):

• Written Test (non-presential)

Selection Stage 3 (eliminatory and classificatory):

■ **Interview** (online)

5 - EVALUATION

In order to ensure **blind review**, the identification of the candidates in the first and second selection stages will be done solely by means of the **application number**, which will be provided by the Secretary of the



Program as the application is accepted. The candidate shall not sign nor provide any indication of authorship in the Research Project and in the Written Test.

5.1. Selection Stage 1: Evaluation of the Research Project

Selection Stage 1 is eliminatory and classificatory. Each Research Project will be evaluated by all the members of the Examining Committee, the final score being the simple average of the scores given by each one of them. To be approved, it is required a minimum score of 6.0 (six) out of a total of 10.0 (ten). The evaluation will take into consideration the overall quality of the project, its executability, the mastery of the topic, clarity and relevance of the objectives, pertinence to the Program, and the availability of a supervisor.

A copy of the Research project (in Word format) must be sent in the application. The Project can be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English. Formatting: maximum of 12 pages total; A4 paper size; standard margin; 1.5 line spacing; *Times New Roman* font, size 12.

The Project must contain:

- 1) **Cover page** (identification of the Program and the University, title of the Project, identification of the chosen line of research, date **do not identify the name of the candidate**);
- 2) **Abstract**, 3 to 5 **Keywords**, and the name of two prospective thesis' **supervisors**, in order of preference, among the faculty members of the Program;
- 3) **Introduction** (brief presentation of the research problem, emphasizing its relevance and justification);
- 4) Theoretical framework;
- 5) **Objectives** and **Methodology**;
- 6) References.

The result of Selection Stage 1 will be publicized on the **12**th of August of **2020** in the Program website. Appeals to the result will be received in the 13th and 14th of August. The official result will be homologated on August 15th of 2020.

5.2. Selection Stage 2: Written Test

Selection Stage 2 is eliminatory and classificatory. Each test will be evaluated by all the members of the Examining Committee, the final score being the simple average of the scores given by each one of them. To be approved, it is required a minimum score of 6.0 (six) out of a total of 10.0 (ten). Only the candidates approved in Selection Stage 1 are allowed to take the Written Test. The Test can be written in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

The Written Test will begin at 2 p.m. (Brasilia time) on the 19th of August of 2020. The candidates will be required to follow strictly the instructions to be announced in the Program website. At the scheduled time, each candidate must contact the Examining Committee, which will draw a question. The answer must be written by hand, in ink. The test must be then digitalized (scanned or photographed) and sent by e-mail (ppgfil@ufsj.edu.br) to the Secretary of the Program within at most 2 (two) hours. Failing to send the answer within the deadline will immediately eliminate the candidate. The candidate is entirely responsible for ensuring the proper functioning of her equipment and internet connection, as well as for managing the time necessary for digitalizing and sending the test. The answer shall contain no identification or signature of the candidate, in order to ensure blind review. The identification of the test will be done by the Secretary of the Program, using the application number of the candidate.

After sending the digitalized handwritten answer, the candidate will be required to send a typed answer within the next 1 (one) and a half hour. The typed answer must be sent by e-mail (ppgfil@ufsj.edu.br), in



Word format, and it must be exactly alike the handwritten one. Failing to send the typed text within the deadline, or if the typed text differs from the handwritten one, will entail the elimination of the candidate.

The question to be drawn will be based on one of the texts below:

- 1) Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Book 5;
- 2) Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, preface to the second edition.

The evaluation of the test will take into consideration the overall quality of the answer, the synthetic and abstract thinking capacities, and the overall comprehension of the key concepts and theories at stake.

The result of Selection Stage 2 will be publicized on the **22**th of August of **2020** in the Program website. Appeals to the result will be received on the 24th and 25th of August. The official result will be homologated on August 26th of 2020.

5.3. Selection Stage 3: Interview

Selection Stage 3 is eliminatory and classificatory. The interviews will be handled and evaluated by the members of the Examining Committee, the final score being the simple average of the scores given by each one of them. To be approved, it is required a minimum score of 6.0 (six) out of a total of 10.0 (ten). Only the candidates approved in Selection Stage 2 will be allowed to do the interview. The interview can be done in Portuguese or English.

The interviews will take place on the 31st of August and 1st of September of 2020, according to the timetable to be announced in the Program website until the 26th of August of 2020. The interviews will be done by videoconference, according to the instructions to be announced in the Program website, and each interview will last 20 to 30 minutes. The candidate is entirely responsible for ensuring the proper functioning of her equipment and internet connection.

The interview will cover the Research Project, the Curriculum Vitae and professional experience of the candidate, as well as the answer in the Written Test. The evaluation will take into account the clarity of the answers, the capacity to sustain arguments, the conceptual mastery, the matching of the academic and professional experience with the proposed research, the familiarity with the field of research, and the pertinence of the proposal with the Program and its faculty members.

The result of Selection Stage 3 will be publicized on the 2^{nd} of September of 2020 in the Program website. Appeals to the result will be received on the 3^{rd} and 4^{th} of September. The official result will be homologated on September 5^{th} of 2020.

5.5. Final Result

The final result and classification of candidates will follow the simple average of the scores obtained in the three selection stages. In case of draw, the classification will be untied in the following order: 1. Score in the first stage (Research Project); 2. Score in the third stage (Interview); 3. Score in the second stage (Writing Test); 4. Oldest candidate. The Examining Committee is not required to fill out the 18 available vacancies.

The final result will be publicized on the 2^{nd} of September of 2020 in the Program website. Appeals to the result will be received on the 3^{rd} and 4^{th} of September. The official result will be homologated on September 5^{th} of 2020.



6 - ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Candidates with any condition requiring special treatment must request so to the Examining Committee by e-mail (ppgfil@ufsj.edu.br).

The remote activities of the second and third stages of the selection process might be recorded for evaluative and probating purposes.

The approval of a candidate does not entail that the research project to be developed will be the one presented in the selection process. It is also not guaranteed that the thesis's supervisor will be one the faculty members chosen by the candidate.

Foreigner candidates approved in the selection process must fulfill the legal requirements established by the International Office of the Federal University of São João del-Rei in order to enroll in the Program.

All approved candidates, Brazilian and Foreigners, once regularly enrolled in the Program, are not expected to pay any tuition and fees in order to complete her/his studies and obtain the Master's Degree. The Graduation Program in Philosophy at the Federal University of São João del-Rei is entirely tuition free. To cover personal expenses, there is also the possibility of a few scholarship awards, which will be publicly announced in due time, and which will be awarded according to the classification in the selection process.

7 - SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
June 10 to August 03, 2020		Application period
August 04, 2020		Publication of the list of accepted applications
August 05-06, 2020		Appeals to the accepted applications
August 07, 2020		Homologation of the list of applications
Until August 08, 2020		Publication of the Examining Committee
Until August 12, 2020		Result of Selection Stage 1: Research Project
August 13-14, 2020		Appeals to the result of Selection Stage 1
August 15, 2020		Homologation of the result of Selection Stage 1
August 19, 2020	2 p.m.	Selection Stage 2: Written Test
August 22, 2020		Result of Selection Stage 2
August 24-25, 2020		Appeals to the result of Selection Stage 2
August 26, 2020		Homologation of the result of Selection Stage 1
August 26, 2020		Publication of dates/time and further instructions for the interviews
August 31 and	t.b.a.	Selection Stage 3: Interview
September 01, 2020		
September 02, 2020		Result of Selection Stage 2 and Final Result
September 03-04, 2020		Appeals to the result of Selection Stage 3 and Final Results
September 05, 2020		Homologation of the final result



São João del-Rei, Brazil, 30th of May of 2020.

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Coordenado do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Filosofia Universidade Federal de São João del-Rei



APPENDIX I – APPLICATION FORM

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1. Personal information

Full name:
Nationality:
Full address:
E-mail:
Mobile phone:
Passport number (if Foreigner):
Language chosen for the Written Test:
() Portuguese () English () Spanish
Language chosen for the Interview:
() Portuguese () English
2. Research Project information
Title of the Project:
Line of Research in the Program:
Names of 2 (two) prospective thesis' supervisors (among the faculty members of the Program):
1.
2.
Signature



APPENDIX II – FACULTY MEMBERS AFFILIATED TO THE PROGRAM

Line of research: Metaphysics and Mind	Lattes CV
Prof. Dr. Gilvan Luiz Fogel	http://lattes.cnpq.br/8914094829938347
Prof. Dr. Gustavo Leal Toledo	http://lattes.cnpq.br/0693806719039539
Prof. Dr. Marco Aurélio Sousa Alves	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1819649244388290
Prof. Dr. Rodrigo Azevedo dos Santos Gouvea	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7718938655305557
Prof. Dr. Wanderley Cardoso de Oliveira	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2643693850780968
Prof. Dr. Wilson John Pessoa Mendonça	http://lattes.cnpq.br/9646706190980717
Line of research: Ethics and Political Philosophy	Lattes CV
Prof. Dr. Bruno Leonardo Cunha	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7150754100337728
Prof. Dr. Cássio Corrêa Benjamin	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2552981991319482
Prof. Dr. Fabio de Barros Silva	http://lattes.cnpq.br/4183035835814614
Prof. Dr. José Luiz de Oliveira	http://lattes.cnpq.br/6211463254144153
Prof. Dr. Luiz Paulo Rouanet	http://lattes.cnpq.br/8899144884832219
Prof. Dr. Newton Bignotto de Souza	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2985735807480873
Prof. Dr. Richard Romeiro Oliveira	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7747560843809145