ADMISSION NOTICE — FIRST SEMESTER OF 2027

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING (PGGMP)
MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

English translation of the Portuguese Admission Notice, excluding annexes. The Portuguese original is the controlling document.

1. Information about the Graduate Program

Program: Graduate Program in Genetics and Plant Breeding;
Center: CCTA/LMGV;
Levels: Master's and Doctorate; accredited by CAPES in November 2004;
CAPES rating: 6 (six);
Area of Concentration: Genetics and Plant Breeding.

2. Application Period

Applications: October 1–31, 2026.
All applications, accompanied by the documents specified in the Notice, must be submitted exclusively through the Google Forms form by October 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (Brasília time).

3. Evaluation Committee

3.1. The Evaluation Committee shall be appointed by the Program Coordinating Committee (CCP) and announced on the Program website after the CCP validates the applications. It shall consist of faculty members accredited to the Program.

4. Applications

4.1. Brazilian and international applicants may apply, subject to the requirements of this Notice and the availability of positions. Master's applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in Agronomy, Biological Sciences, or related fields. Doctoral applicants must hold a Master's degree from a stricto sensu graduate program in Genetics and Plant Breeding, Crop Science, Plant Production, or related fields.

4.1.1. International applicants shall participate in the selection process under the evaluation, approval, and ranking criteria established in this Notice.

4.1.2. International applicants to the Master's program may not apply without proof of proficiency in Portuguese. Such proof must be a declaration issued by a PGGMP/UENF-accredited faculty member certifying that the applicant has sufficient proficiency to follow the Program's academic activities, in accordance with the template in Annex 2.

4.1.3. International applicants approved for the Doctoral program must, upon enrollment, submit a copy of the diploma duly recognized as required by applicable law, together with other documents required by the UENF Academic Office.

4.1.4. International applicants must submit a declaration or equivalent documentation proving, when

required by applicable legislation, that they have the financial means for their initial stay in Brazil, taking into account the time required to implement and receive the first payment of any scholarship. Evidence may consist of personal funds, financial responsibility assumed by a third party, a scholarship, or another means permitted by applicable law. This requirement is exclusively documentary and immigration-related and shall not constitute a criterion for academic evaluation, scoring, ranking, or merit. Applicants must acknowledge that PGGMP/UENF is not responsible for their personal expenses during this period.

4.1.5. A prior statement of consent from a prospective supervisor is not required as a condition of application or participation in the selection process. Nevertheless, applicants are advised to contact faculty members associated with their intended research area beforehand to learn about their research and assess its compatibility with the proposed research project.

4.1.6. The faculty declaration proving Portuguese proficiency, required specifically of international Master's applicants, serves solely as language certification and shall not be considered a statement of consent to supervise.

4.2. Applications shall be made exclusively through the electronic form on the PGGMP website; in-person applications or applications by other means shall not be accepted. Applicants must complete the form and attach all required documentation in PDF format, organized into two compressed (.zip) folders as follows:

FOLDER 1 — Application Documents

1. Application form.
2. Legible copy of the full-length undergraduate degree diploma or equivalent document (Master's and Doctoral applicants).
3. Legible copy of the Master's degree diploma or equivalent document (Doctoral applicants).
4. Legible copy of the undergraduate academic transcript (Master's and Doctoral applicants).
5. Legible copy of the Master's academic transcript (Doctoral applicants).
6. Three reference letters (official Reference Letter template) signed by persons connected to the applicant's university education or professional activities. For Master's applicants, at least one letter must be from an undergraduate research, monograph, or other supervisor. For Doctoral applicants from another institution or another UENF program, one letter must be from their Master's supervisor.
7. One scanned 3 × 4 cm photograph.
8. Legible copies of personal documents (civil identity card, birth/marriage certificate, Passport).
9. Declaration of Portuguese Language Proficiency (Master's candidate)
10. For international applicants: declaration or equivalent documentation concerning financial means for the initial stay in Brazil under item 4.1.4 (template available on the PGGMP website).

FOLDER 2 — Evaluation Documents

1. Research Proposal, dated and signed (template at https://pgmp.uenf.br/).
2. Completed Summary Curriculum Vitae form (Curriculum Vitae Resumido), dated and signed (template at https://pgmp.uenf.br/).
3. Supporting documents numbered according to the completed Summary Curriculum Vitae form.

4.2.1. By submitting the required documents, the applicant assumes responsibility for the truthfulness of all information provided.

4.2.2. Application forms in Portuguese, English, and Spanish shall be made available on the Program website. Each applicant must use the form corresponding to the language they master.

4.3. After the application deadline, applications shall be validated by the CCP on the date specified in the previously published schedule.

4.3.1. Only applications accompanied by all documents required by PGGMP, as provided in item 4.2 of the original Notice, shall be fully validated.

4.4. Preliminary lists of validated and non-validated applications shall be published on the Program website (https://pgmp.uenf.br/) according to the schedule.

4.4.1. The list of validated applications shall show applicants' names in alphabetical order and their application numbers.

4.4.2. The list of non-validated applications shall show applicants' names in alphabetical order, application numbers, and the reasons for non-validation.

4.5. Applicants whose applications have not been validated may appeal to the CCP within two calendar days from publication of the lists referred to in the original Notice.

4.5.1. No documents listed as required for application may be added through an appeal.

4.5.2. Any appeal during the selection process must be addressed to the PGGMP Coordination and sent by email to pggmp@uenf.br.

4.6. The CCP shall have up to two calendar days to decide the appeals.

4.7. At the end of that period, the definitive lists of validated and non-validated applications and the decisions on appeals, with their reasons, shall be published on the Program website.

5. Reserved Positions (Quota System)

Under Rio de Janeiro State Law No. 6,914 of November 6, 2014, of the positions offered:

I - 12% shall be reserved for economically disadvantaged Black and Indigenous graduates;
II - 12% for eligible graduates from public and private higher education institutions;
III - 6% for persons with disabilities and children of civil or military police officers, military firefighters, and penitentiary security and administration inspectors who died or became incapacitated in the line of duty, subject to applicable law and eligibility criteria. Unfilled positions under category II shall be filled by general-competition applicants, as provided by the Law.

§1. Applicants opting for reserved positions must submit only the general documents required of all applicants when applying. Documents proving socioeconomic disadvantage and quota eligibility, listed in Annex 1, shall be presented only after publication of the final results, when enrollment confirmation is requested.

§2. The racial/ethnic self-declaration templates for Black and Indigenous applicants appear at the end of the original Notice and on the Program website.

§3. Enrollment confirmation for quota applicants depends on verification of the documents required for the relevant category. The electronic form and supporting-document list shall be available at https://uenf.br/posgraduacao/avaliacao-socioeconomica-de-editais-da-pos-graduacao/ after final results are published.

§4. Applicants who fail the socioeconomic assessment or self-declaration verification may not enroll or transfer to general competition. If there is no alternate for that quota position, the position shall be canceled.

§5. The number of reserved positions is shown in this Notice.

6. Selection Process

The selection process shall take place in two stages according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE – Selection Notice 2027/1	
Registration Period	From October 1 to October 31, 2026
Analysis of the Documentation of Applicants	
Preliminary listing of approved and not approved registrations	By November 6, 2026
Submission of Appeals	November 7 and 8, 2026
Analysis of Appeals with the publication of the final result of Phase 1	November 9, 2026
Appointment of the Evaluation Committee	
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Phase 1 - Analysis of Curriculum + Academic Transcript	
Period for Analysis of Curriculum and Academic Transcript (by the Committee)	From November 10 to November 16, 2026
Preliminary listing of the results of this Phase 1	November 18, 2026
Submission of Appeals	November 19 and 20, 2026
Analysis of Appeals with the publication of the final result of Phase 1	November 23, 2026
Phase 2 – Presentation of the Research Proposal	
Period for Presentation of the Research Proposal (by the candidate)	From November 25 to November 27, 2026
Preliminary listing of the results of this Phase 2	November 30, 2026
Submission of Appeals	December 1 and 2, 2026
Analysis of Appeals with the publication of the final result of Phase 2	December 4, 2026
Final Definitive Result and Others	
Publication of the final definitive result of the selection process	By December 7, 2026
Enrollment of selected candidates	From February 22 to March 5, 2027
Start of the 1st semester of 2027	March 8, 2027

6.1. Master's and Doctoral applicants shall be selected in two stages, both ranking and eliminatory: I — Stage 1: evaluation of the academic transcript and documented Summary Curriculum Vitae (maximum 70 points); II — Stage 2: Research Proposal presentation (maximum 30 points).

6.1.2. Applicants must earn at least 35 points in Stage 1 and at least 15 points in Stage 2 to pass the respective stage.

6.1.3. Stage 2 shall be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee and a PGGMP-accredited faculty member associated with the relevant research area, weighted 3 and 1 respectively. Criteria include alignment of the proposal with the research area and compatibility with the position profile.

6.2. Master's Degree Evaluation Criteria

6.2.1. STAGE 1 - Academic Transcript and Documented Summary Curriculum Vitae (maximum 70 points).

M A S T E R' S			
Grade Transcript **Up to 34 points**	**3.4 X** average grade in the subjects: Genetics, Plant Physiology, Experimental Statistics and Plant Breeding or equivalents.		
Scientific production **(last 5 years)** **Up to 15 points**	Articles in periodicals with an editorial board, published or accepted; The score for the periodical will be weighted according to the JCR level presented by the journal	1st or 2nd author	10 points per article
		Other authorship	5 points per article
	Expanded Abstract	1st or 2nd author	4 points per article
		Other authorship	2 points per article
	Simple Abstract	1st or 2nd author	2 points per article
		Other authorship	1 point per article
Scientific Initiation / Tutoring **Up to 10 points**	From 3 to 6 months	2,5 points	
	From 7 to 12 months	5 points	
	Over 12 months	10 points	
Participation in Scientitic Events Up to 2 points	As a member of the organizing/support committee	1 points	
Courses Completed (in areas related to Genetics and Plant Breeding) **(in the last 5 years)** **Up to 4 points**	4 to 8 hours	1 point per Course	
	Above 8 up to 12 hours	2 points per Course	
	Above 12 hours	3 points per Course	
Proficiency in English Language **(5 points)**	Proficiency certificate in English Language	5 points	

Weights: (**JCR** > 2.0) = 1.00 (**JCR** between 1.9 and 1.5) = 0.85 (**JCR** between 1.4 and 1.0) = 0.70
(**JCR** between 0.9 and 0.50) = 0.55 (**JCR** < 0.5) = 0.40 (No **JCR**) = 0.25

NOTE: The Curriculum evaluation will take into account the adherence to the Program's Area of Concentration

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6.2.1.1. Applicants scoring at least 35 points (50%) in the curriculum and transcript evaluation shall proceed to Stage 2; those scoring below 35 shall be eliminated.

6.2.2. STAGE 2 - Research Proposal Presentation (maximum 30 points).

6.2.2.1. The research proposal shall be evaluated through an interview by the Evaluation Committee appointed by the PGGMP Coordination.

6.2.2.1.1. The applicant shall present the proposal to the Committee via Google Meet, for up to 30 minutes.

6.2.2.1.2. The proposal shall be evaluated out of 30 points (minimum 15), considering:

Research Proposal Up to 30 points (minimum 15 points)	Adequate and focused introduction to the theme
	Clear objectives in accordance with the proposal
	Justification and relevance of the research
	Proposed methodology appropriate to the objectives
	Mastery of content and argumentation
	Quality of visual resources
	Alignment with the prospective supervisor's research line

6.2.2.1.3. The Stage 2 score shall be the weighted average of the Evaluation Committee score (weight 3) and that of a PGGMP-accredited faculty member associated with the research area (weight 1). Applicants must earn at least 15 out of 30 points.

6.2.2.2. Participation of the prospective supervisor during the presentation is optional; the supervisor may not question the applicant.

6.3. Doctoral Degree Evaluation Criteria

6.3.1. STAGE 1 — Academic Transcript and Documented Summary Curriculum Vitae (maximum 70 points).

DOCTORATE			
Grade Transcript Up to 35 points	**3.5 X** average grade in the subjects: Genetics, Plant Physiology, Experimental Statistics and Plant Breeding or equivalents.		
Scientific production (last 5 years) Up to 20 points	Articles in periodicals with an editorial board, published or accepted; The score for the periodical will be weighted according to the JCR level presented by the journal	1st or 2nd author	5 points per article
		Other authorship	3 points per article
	Expanded Abstract **(maximum 5 points)**	1st or 2nd author	2 points per article
		Other authorship	1 point per article
	Simple Abstract **(maximum 5 points)**	1st or 2nd author	1 point per article
		Other authorship	0,5 point per article

Proficiency in English Language (10 points)	Proficiency certificate in English Language	10 points
Courses Taken (in areas related to Genetics and Plant Breeding) **(in the last 5 years) Up to 5 points**	4 to 8 hours	1 point per Course
	Above 8 up to 12 hours	2 points per Course
	Above 12 hours	3 points per Course

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NOTE: The Curriculum evaluation will take into account the adherence to the Program's Area of Concentration

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6.3.2.1.3. The Stage 2 score shall be the weighted average of the Evaluation Committee score (weight 3) and that of a PGGMP-accredited faculty member associated with the research area (weight 1). Applicants must earn at least 15 out of 30 points.

6.3.2.2. Participation of the faculty member associated with the relevant research area during the presentation is optional; that faculty member may not question the applicant.

7. Publication of Results and Final Ranking

7.1. Preliminary results for each stage shall be published on the Program website on the dates in the schedule.

7.1.1. Results shall include the applicant’s name, application number, score, and corresponding status at the relevant stage.

7.2. The final score is the sum of Stage 1 (maximum 70) and Stage 2 (maximum 30).

7.3. Approval requires cumulatively: I — at least 35 points in Stage 1; II — at least 15 points in Stage 2; and III — a final score of at least 50 points.

7.4. Approved applicants shall be ranked in descending order of final score by research area and competition category, subject to the tie-breaking criteria.

7.5. An approved applicant is classified for admission if their rank falls within the number of positions available in the corresponding research area and competition category.

7.6. Approved applicants ranked beyond the available positions remain approved and may be called later, in ranking order for their research area and category, if a classified applicant withdraws, a position remains available, or a position is reassigned with CCP authorization, subject to this Notice.

7.7. International applicants compete exclusively among themselves for positions designated International Applicant (C.E.) within their respective research area, in descending order of final score.

7.8. Supervisor assignment for classified applicants shall take into account actual supervision capacity, compatibility of the research proposal with the faculty member's area, and institutional supervision limits. Classification alone does not create an additional supervision position or require assignment to a faculty member in another research area.

7.9. Ties in final score shall be resolved successively by:
I - higher scientific production score;
II - higher Research Proposal score;
III - older age.

7.10. After appeals are decided, the Definitive Final Results shall be published on the Program website, by research area and competition category, listing applicant name, application number, rank, final score, and status as eliminated, approved, or classified.

7.10.1. The definitive results table should preferably follow: Ranking | Applicant | Category | Research Area | Final Score | Status.

8. Number of Positions Offered

Master's: 8 positions. Doctorate: 13 positions. The original table presents totals by category, and the note below specifies how the two international positions are allocated by research area and degree level.

Research areas	MASTER'S (8)					DOCTORATE (13)				
	C.E.	A.C.	Quotas			C.E.	A.C.	Quotas		
			12%	12%	6%			12%	12%	6%
			1	2	3			1	2	3
Plant Genomics, Multi-Omics and Biotechnology	1	4	1	1	1	1	7	2	2	1
Quantitative Genetics and Plant Breeding										
Genetic Diversity, Conservation and Evolution										
Total number of vacancies >	08					13				

Legend

C. E. - International Applicant
A. C. - General Competition;
Cota 1 - (12%) for economically disadvantaged Black and Indigenous graduates;
Cota 2 - (12%) for economically disadvantaged graduates from public and private higher education (private-sector graduates must have benefited from FIES, PROUNI, or another government incentive);
Cota 3 – (6%) for economically disadvantaged persons with disabilities or children of specified public safety personnel who died or became incapacitated in the line of duty.

Note: The two (2) international applicant positions consist of one (1) in Plant Genomics, Multi-Omics and Biotechnology and one (1) in Genetic Diversity, Conservation and Evolution. A C.E. position shall be assigned at the Master's or Doctoral level according to the application and corresponding position availability in the relevant research area, subject to the requirements and criteria of this Notice.
If no eligible international applicant is available for a C.E. position in a given research area, the remaining position may be reassigned to General Competition (A.C.), respecting ranking order and the other provisions of this Notice.

8.1. For this selection process, two (2) positions shall be offered to international applicants (C.E.): one (1) in Plant Genomics, Multi-Omics and Biotechnology and one (1) in Genetic Diversity, Conservation and Evolution, as specified in the Positions Table and Position Profiles.

8.1.1. C.E. positions shall be filled in the ranking order of approved international applicants in the respective research area.

8.1.2. If no eligible international applicant is available for a C.E. position in a research area, the remaining position may be reassigned to General Competition (A.C.), subject to ranking order and the other provisions of this Notice.

8.1.3. Of the total Master's and Doctoral positions offered, 10% (ten percent) shall be designated for international applicants. If positions reserved for Brazilian applicants remain unfilled, the share for international applicants may be expanded to up to 20% (twenty percent) or 30% (thirty percent), as decided by the CCP, always respecting the ranking of approved applicants. If there are no international applicants, reserved positions shall automatically revert to general competition, respecting the ranking of approved applicants.

9. Appeals

9.1. Appeals may be filed against the preliminary result of each stage within two calendar days of publication, as specified in the schedule.

9.1.1. Appeals must use the standard form “Appeal in the Selection Process for Admission to Graduate Programs” available on the Program website and be sent to pggmp@uenf.br.

9.1.2. The CCP shall decide appeals for each stage within the time specified in the schedule.

9.2. Appeals against the Preliminary Final Results are admissible only in cases of illegality or calculation error; the merits of evaluations conducted in earlier stages may not be reconsidered at this point.

9.3. After all appeals are decided, the Definitive Final Results shall be published as provided in Section 7.

10. Calling Selected Applicants

10.1. Once selection is complete and the Definitive Final Results have been published, classified applicants shall be called to express their interest and enroll within the deadlines established by the Coordination and UENF.

10.2. Calls shall be made through publication on the Program website and/or a message sent to the email address provided at application.

11. Final Provisions

11.1. Applicants shall be disqualified and automatically excluded if they: (a) make false statements or submit false documents at any stage; (b) fail to submit all required documentation within the stipulated deadlines and conditions; or (c) if selected, fail to confirm participation in the Program on the enrollment date specified in this Notice.

11.2. Applicants have the right, upon request, to immediate access to documents enabling them to appeal stage results during the appeal periods specified in this Notice.

11.3. Matters not covered herein shall be decided by the Evaluation Committee, the CCP, and the Research and Graduate Studies Chamber, according to their respective powers.

11.4. At the CCP’s discretion, unfilled positions may be reassigned from one research area to another, provided that there are applicants approved under this Notice.

11.5. Approval and classification do not guarantee a scholarship. If Master’s and/or Doctoral scholarships are available for incoming students, implementation shall follow the applicants’ ranking within the respective degree level and the criteria and requirements of the funding agencies and UENF, including dedication to the program, where applicable.
By applying, applicants acknowledge and accept the rules established in this Notice and the relevant internal UENF regulations.

Campos dos Goytacazes, September 30, 2026

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