

GCUB International Mobility Program (GCUB-Mob)

GCUB-Mob Call for Applications N. 001/2026

The International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities (GCUB) continues its traditional program of scholarships, accompanied by monthly stipends, within the scope of its International Mobility Program (GCUB-Mob), aimed at international students from the five continents interested in pursuing Master's or Doctorate degrees at associated Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

The GCUB-Mob International Mobility Program strategically contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by strengthening internationalization in higher education and training highly qualified human resources. The initiative expands international students' access to postgraduate studies in Brazilian institutions, promoting SDG 4 – Quality Education. It supports SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities by creating academic opportunities for students from different regions worldwide, especially those from developing countries. Furthermore, the program strengthens SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, by stimulating international scientific cooperation, building research networks, and exchanging knowledge among universities and research centers on a global scale.

About GCUB Initiatives

GCUB, founded on October 29, 2008, is a non-profit civil association of private rights, with academic, scientific, and cultural goals, constituted by a network of 104 (one hundred four) Brazilian HEIs and 10 (ten) foreign institutions. Its mission is to develop academic, scientific, and cultural relations among its member institutions, and to promote university internationalization through programs, projects, and actions related to international cooperation. Its activities are carried out in collaboration with international organizations, foreign universities, university networks, and government bodies, including countries across all five continents.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. This call for applications aims to regulate the selection of candidates for vacancies offered by Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) associated with GCUB, within the scope of the GCUB International Mobility Program (GCUB-Mob), with monthly stipends. These vacancies are directed to Master's and Doctorate courses in Brazil, scheduled to begin in 2027, according to information published in the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#).

1.2. The candidate must enroll in and complete the Master's or Doctorate program for which they have been selected. Upon successful completion of all assessments and other academic requirements, the candidate will receive a Master's or Doctoral degree from their respective host HEI.

1.3. The degree obtained will be officially valid in the Federative Republic of Brazil. Applicants are responsible for recognition procedures in other countries, and neither GCUB nor the partner institutions and HEIs associated with the program can guarantee or take responsibility for related procedures.

1.4. The scholarships granted, in accordance with current Brazilian regulations and legislation, do not establish an employment or commercial relationship between GCUB, the partner institutions, and the candidate.

1.5. Language requirements:

1.5.1. Applicants must follow the language requirements of the Graduate Programs they are applying to. Information regarding this can be found in the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#).

1.5.2. Before defending their dissertation or thesis, all selected candidates must demonstrate at least an intermediate level of Portuguese through certification at the discretion of their host HEI. Candidates must send proof of Portuguese proficiency to the official email address of the GCUB-Mob Program: gcub.mob@gcub.org.br, before the dissertation or thesis defense.

1.6. Course schedule:

1.6.1. Approximate start date for Master's and Doctorate programs: according to the academic calendar of each host HEI, following the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#).

1.6.2. Approximate duration of Master's and Doctorate studies:

- a. **Master's Degree:** Up to 24 (twenty-four) months after the start date of the courses and in accordance with the internal rules and regulations of each program.
- b. **Doctorate:** Up to 48 (forty-eight) months after the start date of the courses and in accordance with the internal rules and regulations of each program.

2. TYPES OF SUPPORT, BENEFIT DURATION, AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

2.1. During the regular period of academic enrollment at the host HEI, each selected candidate will receive the following benefits:

2.1.1. Exemption from payment of all academic fees related to the program for which they have been selected;

2.1.2. Access to university restaurants, if any, under the same terms and conditions as those applicable to other students of the host HEI;

2.1.3. Access to classes, study rooms, libraries, laboratories, and other university services, under the same terms and conditions as those valid for other students of the host HEI.

2.2. Scholarships:

2.2.1. Master's Degree: Monthly stipends, with the amount paid by Brazilian federal agencies for research and graduate funding to Brazilian students pursuing a Master's degree in Brazil as a minimum reference. The payment is the responsibility of the host HEI throughout the regular study period, **up to a maximum of 24 (twenty-four) months**, in accordance with the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#).

2.2.2. Doctorate: Monthly stipends, with amounts paid by Brazilian federal agencies for research and graduate funding to Brazilian students pursuing a Doctorate in Brazil as a minimum reference. The payment is the responsibility of the host HEI throughout the regular study period, **up to a maximum of 48 (forty-eight) months**, in accordance with the provisions of the Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs.

2.3. For any of the aforementioned benefits to be paid, the selected candidate must go to the host HEI and follow the instructions of the Institutional Coordinator of the GCUB-Mob Program regarding the admission procedures:

2.3.1. Opening a bank account;

2.3.2. Issuing documents required by the Brazilian government;

2.3.3. Presenting an international health insurance certificate with full medical, laboratory, and hospital coverage¹, including funeral repatriation, valid throughout Brazilian territory;

2.3.4. Presenting proof of regularity with the Brazilian immigration authorities and authorization for enrollment in university studies (passport with the Brazilian temporary visa VITEM IV and/or protocol of presentation to the immigration authority for residence authorization).

2.4. The selected candidate must send the necessary documentation to GCUB within 45 (forty-five) days of enrollment at the host HEI. Otherwise, they will have their vacancy and scholarship canceled².

2.5. The selected candidate must be able to support themselves financially during the period between their arrival in Brazil and the payment of the first monthly stipend. For this reason, they should seek information from the host HEI regarding the start of scholarship payments.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO GCUB-MOB

3.1. General requirements for applications:

3.1.1. Applicants must submit their application in Portuguese, English, Spanish, or French.

3.1.2. Applicants must be citizens of a State that maintains diplomatic relations with Brazil³.

3.1.3. Applicants must not hold Brazilian nationality.

3.1.4. Applicants must declare good physical and mental health to undertake graduate studies.

¹ The search and selection of health insurance is the responsibility of each selected candidate. GCUB refrains from suggesting any insurance company. The selected candidate must ensure that the health insurance certificate issued covers all aspects described in the subitems 7.1.1. and 7.1.2. The GCUB-Mob General Coordination requires that the service be contracted before the selected candidate's arrival in Brazil and must be renewed annually for the duration of their stay in the country. Proof of renewal must be sent to GCUB annually.

² Except for the international health insurance certificate presenting an international health insurance certificate with full medical, laboratory and hospital coverage, including funeral repatriation, valid throughout Brazilian territory, which must be sent to GCUB before the selected candidate arrives in Brazil.

³ To check if a country maintains diplomatic relations with Brazil, we recommend accessing the following link: <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/subjects/bilateral-relations/all-countries>

3.1.5. To have financial capacity to cover extra expenses before receiving the scholarship, i.e., airfare, visa issuance, international health insurance for the entire study period, and other living expenses.

3.1.6. To indicate the course level in the application.

3.1.7. To submit an undergraduate diploma, regardless of the course level chosen in the application.

3.1.8. For Doctorate candidates, it is **the candidate's responsibility to verify whether the Graduate Program chosen requires a Master's degree** (please check the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#)). **Failure to meet this requirement will result in the candidate's disqualification.**

3.2. Each candidate may apply to up to four Master's or Doctorate programs in different HEIs and, preferably, from different regions of Brazil (please check our [map](#)).

4. DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

4.1. Applications must be submitted **exclusively** through our [Online Application Form](#).

4.1.1. The candidate must upload the following documents to the [Online Application Form](#) **only in PDF format:**

- a. Copy of an identity document (nationality document, passport, or national identity document);
- b. *Curriculum Vitae (CV)* — it is not necessary to submit supporting documents at the time of application. However, supporting documents may be requested at any time by GCUB or the host HEI;
- c. A diploma from a bachelor's degree program (or undergraduate degree), a certificate of completion, or an official document issued by the originating Higher Education Institution proving the student's completion status, indicating the expected date of course completion;
- d. **For Doctorate candidates:** In addition to the documents required in items (a), (b), and (c), a diploma or certificate of completion of a Master's degree, if required by

the chosen Doctorate program (please check the [Table of Master's and Doctorate Programs of Brazilian HEIs](#)).

e. **For each of the courses chosen, regardless of the level (Master's or Doctorate), the candidate must submit two texts:**

- **Specifications:** Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing; and 2.5 cm top, bottom, right, and left margins;

- **Content of the texts:**

- **Text 1:** Academic expectations and interests; professional perspectives for returning to the country of origin (maximum 1,000 words).
- **Text 2:** Research proposal containing a maximum of 4,000 words, covering the following topics
 - ❖ Central Research Theme and Problem
 - ❖ Delimitation and Justification
 - ❖ Objectives
 - ❖ Literature Review
 - ❖ Methodological Process
 - ❖ Research Schedule
 - ❖ Bibliographic References

f. For professors: proof of affiliation with a Higher Education Institution.

Note 1: The research proposal presented in text 2 constitutes an evaluation instrument and may be modified or replaced after enrollment in the course, at the suggestion of the student's academic advisor, depending on its adherence to the course's research lines and the feasibility of the proposal.

Note 2: If requested by the host HEI, the selected candidate must present the documents indicated in subitem 4.1.1. (b, c, d, e) officially translated (sworn translation) into Portuguese.

4.2. Applications for the GCUB-Mob Program are free, individual, and must be submitted **exclusively through our [Online Application Form](#)**.

Note: Applicants are advised to submit their proposals in advance, as GCUB is not responsible for applications not received due to technical problems or congestion in the electronic system.

- 4.3. Applying for the GCUB-Mob Program implies knowledge and unconditional acceptance of the rules and conditions established in this Call for Applications. Therefore, no candidate can claim ignorance of the aforementioned document's content.
- 4.4. The information provided by the candidate is solely their responsibility. GCUB and the corresponding host HEI reserve the right to exclude, at any time, any application containing incomplete, incorrect, inconsistent, false information, or submitted after the established application deadline.
- 4.5. The original documents may be requested by GCUB or the host HEI at any time.
- 4.6. If the same candidate submits more than one application, all applications will be deleted from the system, and the candidate will be automatically disqualified.

5. CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1. The evaluation process for applications to the GCUB-Mob will take place in **three phases, all eliminatory**. Applicants may be eliminated at any stage if they do not fully meet the requirements established for each phase.
- 5.1.1. The first phase — **Analysis of Document Consistency** — will be carried out by a Committee appointed by the GCUB Executive Board, under the responsibility of one or more HEIs associated with GCUB.
- The aforementioned Committee will analyze the documentation submitted (please check item 4 — DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION) by every candidate.
 - Incomplete applications and/or applications sent after the deadline established by this Call for Applications will be eliminated.
- 5.1.2. The second phase — **Analysis of Merit and Eligibility** — is the responsibility of the host HEIs.
- GCUB will send all applications approved in the first phase to the HEIs selected by the applicant. Each program will evaluate the applications based on the documents submitted according to item 4 of this Call for Applications (DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION) and will indicate to GCUB its opinion about each candidate: PRE-APPROVED or NOT APPROVED.

- b. The HEIs will be encouraged to pre-approve four times the number of vacancies available. This procedure allows for better use of scholarships in case of withdrawals and allocation of the pre-approved candidate to another HEI of their choice.
- c. Whenever possible, during the evaluation process, the HEIs must consider criteria related to the geographical distribution of the candidates' countries of origin, without prejudice to academic merit.

5.1.3. The third phase — **Final Classification** — will be carried out by an Advisory Evaluation Committee, composed of PhDs and professors from HEIs associated with GCUB, appointed by the GCUB Executive Board.

- a. The Advisory Evaluation Committee mentioned in item 5 (CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS) of this Call for Applications will distribute and classify the pre-approved candidates in the second phase of the selection process. This Committee will make the final decisions regarding the allocation of vacancies and the distribution of candidates to the courses and HEIs to which they applied. The Committee will consider the following criteria: geographical distribution; professors affiliated with a HEI; the order of preference of courses chosen by the candidates; the Human Development Index (HDI/UNDP)⁴ of the candidate's country of origin; and gender balance.

Note 1: No requests for reconsideration of the results will be accepted at any stage of the selection process.

Note 2: Neither GCUB nor the HEIs will issue any documents to applicants during the selection process.

6. SELECTION RESULTS

6.1. GCUB will publish the results of all phases on its website: <https://www.gcub.org.br/>.

6.1.1. The candidates approved **in the third phase** will be informed by GCUB via email about the HEI, course, and level for which they were selected.

⁴ To view the Human Development Index by country, please consult the latest edition of the Human Development Report published by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). When considering other criteria, preference will be given to candidates from countries with a lower HDI. Visit: <https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/human-development-index#/indicies/HDI>.

6.1.2. If a candidate declines the vacancy offered to them, GCUB, under the previous agreement of the respective host HEI, will call an alternate candidate for the vacancy declined, following the ranking defined by the Advisory Evaluation Committee.

6.2. The HEIs will send an Acceptance Letter to the approved candidates who confirmed their interest in the vacancies for which they were selected, along with a list of documents required for their institutional enrollment.

6.2.1. For selected candidates who will study in areas related to health sciences, the host HEI must send a supplementary letter signed by the Course Coordinator, stating that the selected candidate may not perform procedures on patients in Brazil, except for those carried out as part of their dissertation or thesis, in accordance with the regulations of the respective Professional Councils.

6.2.2. Specifically for candidates selected for the Medicine course, the letter signed by the Course Coordinator must indicate that the selected candidate may not practice medicine outside the HEI to which they are affiliated, except for those strictly necessary for their formation. Similarly, it must indicate the name of the person responsible for the selected candidate before the corresponding Regional Medicine Council (each Brazilian state has its own Regional Medicine Council), who will be responsible for informing them of the selected candidate's presence under their jurisdiction and will assume joint responsibility for them (according to CFM Resolution N. 1.832/2008, article 5, items I and VI and article 7, § 5).

Note 1: The Acceptance Letter in electronic format must be sent by the host HEI to applicants who declare interest in the vacancy for which they were approved, with a copy to GCUB.

Note 2: At the discretion of the host HEI, the original printed Acceptance Letter may be sent directly to the address of the selected candidates, without prejudice to the sending of the electronic document to the candidate and to GCUB.

6.3. Scholarship Acceptance Contract:

6.3.1. GCUB will notify candidates, via the email address provided on their [Online Application Form](#), of the procedures and deadline for signing the Scholarship Acceptance Contract. Selected candidates have **up to ten days** from the date the notification is sent to sign the Contract.

6.3.2. If a candidate does not sign the Scholarship Acceptance Contract within the established deadline, they will be considered to have declined the vacancy. If such

a withdrawal occurs, the candidate in question will be notified by email that they will lose their right to the vacancy for which they were accepted, thereby making room for an alternate candidate to be called, under the authorization of the respective host HEI.

7. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPROVED CANDIDATES

7.1. The final approval of the candidates selected for the Program will be conditional upon the signing of the Scholarship Acceptance Contract, in which the candidate will be obliged to fulfill the requirements of the GCUB-Mob Program, comply with the rules and regulations of the host HEI, and Brazilian laws.

7.1.1. The approved candidates must obtain an international health insurance certificate while still **in their country of origin**. An electronic copy of the document must be sent to GCUB and the host HEI.

7.1.2. Applicants must commit full-time to GCUB and the host HEI demands before traveling to Brazil. Within 45 (forty-five) days of their institutional enrollment, the selected candidates are required to present the original version of their international health insurance certificate with medical, laboratory, and hospital coverage, valid throughout Brazil, including funeral repatriation.

a. The international health insurance of the selected candidate must cover their first 12 (twelve) months in Brazil and be renewed until they finish their stay in Brazil.

b. Annually, the selected candidate must present proof of renewal of their international health insurance certificate to GCUB and the Coordination of their Program; otherwise, they may have their enrollment canceled.

7.1.3. Applicants must submit all documents required by the Graduate Program for which they were selected, participate in the program's activities,⁵ and comply with the legislation and regulations in force in the Graduate Program, at the host HEI, and in Brazil.

7.1.4. GCUB-Mob students must return to their country of origin within **30 (thirty) days** after finishing their courses in Brazil.

⁵ The selected candidates must check the Internal Regulations and all other regulations of the course to which they have applied, whether Master's or Doctorate. In addition, the language proficiency requirements must be observed. Once enrolled in the institution, the candidate approved for the GCUB-Mob Program will have the same rights and, naturally, the same duties as other students.

- 7.1.5. Without prejudice to the provisions of item 2 (TYPES OF SUPPORT, BENEFIT DURATION, AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION), the selected candidate must cover all other expenses related to participation in the GCUB-Mob Program, such as: personal expenses, airfare, international health insurance, university fees (e.g., issuing certificates), expenses for course completion (issuing a certificate of completion), document legalization, VITEM IV processing and issuance, as well as any additional costs or expenses not expressly covered in this Call for Applications.
- 7.1.6. It is mandatory for the selected candidates to obtain the appropriate visa to travel to Brazil and to bear any related costs. Before traveling to Brazil, they must contact the Brazilian Consulate in their country of origin, the nearest country, or the consular representation closest to their residence to obtain a valid Brazilian Student Visa (VITEM IV) or another visa that, according to Brazilian law, allows the students to carry out academic activities in Brazil. It should also be noted that the granting of a visa is a discretionary act of the Brazilian consular authorities. Therefore, there is no guarantee of visa issuance, even if the candidates have correctly submitted all the required documentation. Each Brazilian Consulate General or Consular Section of an Embassy has decision-making autonomy, in accordance with applicable Brazilian law, to individually analyze each application and decide on its approval or possible rejection. Therefore, it is recommended that applicants contact the Consulate or Consular Section responsible for their jurisdiction in advance to verify specific requirements, processing times, any additional documentation that may be requested, methods of proving financial capacity, and other guidelines that may apply to their particular case.⁶
- 7.1.7. The selected candidates are responsible for keeping their National Migration Registry (RNM) updated throughout their studies, fulfilling all related immigration requirements.
- 7.1.8. If a selected candidate declines the vacancy offered after signing the Scholarship Acceptance Contract without a justification expressly accepted by GCUB and/or the host HEI, they will not be eligible to apply for any other GCUB mobility program for the **next two years, counting from the date of their withdrawal**. Furthermore, they must refund the funding institutions if they have received any part of their scholarship or another financial aid through GCUB-Mob Program partners before communicating their withdrawal, according to their rules and conditions.

⁶ According to Law N. 13.445/2017, a visa stipends the holder a mere expectation of entry (Article 6) and its granting is the responsibility of Brazilian consular offices (Article 7). Decree N. 9.199/2017 reaffirms that a visa stipends an expectation of entry (Article 4) and is granted by Brazilian Embassies and Consulates (Article 7). The legislation also provides for cases of non-granting and denial of visas (Law N. 13.445/2017, Articles 10 and 11; Decree N. 9.199/2017, Articles 27 and 28).

7.1.9. The host HEI may cancel the vacancy and scholarship if a selected candidate fails to comply with national regulations and laws, academic standards, and the institution's internal rules. In this case, the host HEI and/or other financial supporters of the GCUB-Mob Program may require a full or partial refund of the amounts paid to the approved candidate during their stay in Brazil.

7.1.10. Neither GCUB nor the GS/OAS is responsible for the acceptance of the certificate or degree obtained through the Scholarship for any personal or professional purpose, in the country of origin of the Scholarship Recipient or elsewhere. The Scholarship Recipient is responsible for researching the accreditation and validity of the certificate or degree obtained through this Scholarship for their own desired purpose.

7.1.11. The selected candidates must inform the Institutional Coordinator of the GCUB-Mob Program at the host HEI whenever they intend to travel to another country during their studies. The regulations of the universities, graduate programs, or research agencies that grant scholarships and/or other financial support may contain rules that restrict international travel during the course or require justification for the trip. Then, it is paramount that the approved candidates are aware of these conditions.

7.1.12. All communications from the selected candidates to GCUB must be sent to gcub.mob@gcub.org.br. No other form of communication will be considered for matters relating to the GCUB-Mob Program.

8. MONITORING OF THE GCUB INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM — GCUB-MOB

8.1. The host HEIs will be responsible for monitoring the academic progress and well-being of their GCUB-Mob students.

8.2. The Institutional Coordinators of the GCUB-Mob Program, together with the Program's General Coordination and its partners, will meet in person once a year to evaluate and discuss proposals to continue and improve the GCUB-Mob Program.

9. PARTNER AND/OR SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

9.1. The Guimarães Rosa Institute of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (IGR/MRE),, the Brazilian National Council for State Funding Agencies (CONFAP), the *Agence Universitaire de*

la Francophonie (AUF), the Organization of American States (OAS), and the *Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe* (UDUALC), are partners and/or supporting institutions of the GCUB-Mob Program.

9.2. Partner and/or supporting institutions may participate in the evaluation meetings referred to in item 8.2 and in the meetings of the Advisory Evaluation Committee as observers.

9.3. Any financial support offered by partners and/or supporting institutions of the GCUB-Mob Program will be regulated by specific documentation.

Note: Partner and/or supporting institutions assume no civil, contractual, or extra-contractual liability during any stage of the GCUB-Mob Program.

10. SCHEDULE OF THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

| Dates | Activities |
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| 04/07/2026 – 05/15/2026 | Consultation with partner HEIs |
| 05/25/2026 | Publication of the Call for Applications |
| 05/25/2026 | Start of online application |
| 07/06/2026 | Deadline for online application |
| 07/13/2026 – 07/31/2026 | Analysis of Document Consistency (First Phase) |
| 08/10/2026 – 09/08/2026 | Analysis of Merit and Eligibility (Second Phase) |
| 10/13/2026 – 10/16/2026 | Final Classification (Third Phase) |
| 10/26/2026 – 10/30/2026 | Confirmation of selected candidates by Brazilian HEIs |
| 11/09/2026 | Publication of final results |

11. OMITTED CASES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

11.1. Situations not covered in this Call for Applications will be analyzed by the GCUB's Committee for Support of Research and Graduate Programs — CAPPG.

11.2. Additional information can be requested by sending an inquiry exclusively to the following email address: gcub.mob@gcub.org.br.

11.3. GCUB is responsible for communicating with GCUB-Mob Program applicants throughout the application and selection process. Communication with the selected candidates, after signing their Scholarships Acceptance Contract and throughout their stay at the host HEI, is the responsibility of the Institutional Coordinators of the respective HEIs.