POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
SELECTION PROCESS ANNOUNCEMENT – MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE
FIRST SEMESTER OF 2027 (2027/1)

1. General Information about the Program

1.1. **Program Name:** Postgraduate Program in Ecology and Natural Resources – PPGERN
1.2. **University:** Universidade Estadual do Norte Fluminense Darcy Ribeiro (UENF), Centro de Biociências e Biotecnologia (CBB)
1.3. **Levels:** Master and Doctorate
1.4. **CAPES note:** 5 (five) – Program accredited by CAPES on March 30, 2004
1.5. **Area of Concentration:** Ecology of Ecosystems and Organisms
1.6. **Research Lines (3):** Biogeochemistry, Conservation Biology, Population and Community Ecology.

PPGERN website: https://ppgern.uenf.br

2. Evaluation Committee:

2.1. The Evaluation Committee will be responsible for approving applications, evaluating the stages of the selection process, and adjudicating appeals submitted by candidates.
2.2. For the Master's and Doctoral programs, the Evaluation Committee will be composed of the PPGERN Coordinator and three (3) other PhDs.
2.3. Appeals about concerns of the composition of the Evaluation Committee must be filed within 24 hours after its composition is announced and must be evaluated by the PPGERN Coordinating Committee before any stage of the selection process begins.

3. Test Location

3.1. The selection process will take place in person at the main campus of the Darcy Ribeiro State University of Northern Fluminense (UENF) in Campos dos Goytacazes, Rio de Janeiro state, Brasil.
3.2. Candidates residing outside the municipality of Campos dos Goytacazes, including in foreign countries, may request to take the written test (English and Ecology Knowledge Tests) at other locations and participate remotely in the interview and project defense.
3.2.1. PPGERN is not committed to offering the written test at the location suggested by the candidate, but may indicate another location (city or state) closer to the one requested in the candidate's test location selection form. In all cases, the application is valid for the process at UENF.

3.2.2. In this case, internet resources for the interview and project defense are the sole responsibility of the candidate.

3.3. Exam times in Brazil will follow Brasília time, regardless of the test location. Exams held abroad will follow local time.

4. Application

4.1. Candidates must contact their potential advisor before applying to get a letter of agreement to advice and to formulate a work plan; both documents are required upon application. Information on potential advisors (names, email addresses, and research topics) is available on the Program website (https://ppgern.uenf.br).

4.2. Candidates residing in Brazil or abroad may apply.

4.2.1. Foreign candidates accepted for the Master's or Doctoral program at PPGERN must submit a copy of a diploma recognized by the Brazilian consulate in their country of origin or a Hague Apostille, as well as other documents required by the UENF Academic Office at the time of application.

4.3. Application Period: See schedule (item 14).

4.4. Application Procedures and Forms.

4.4.1. Applications must be submitted electronically only using the Electronic Application Form for the 2027/1 Selection Process. No other application format will be accepted. To complete and submit the application online, candidates must have a Google Gmail account (personal or institutional).

4.4.2. We recommend that candidates provide all documentation in PDF format before completing the electronic application form.

4.4.3. All requested fields on the application form must be completed, and documents and forms must be attached in PDF format.

4.4.4 The forms required for application can be downloaded and completed.

4.5. Application Documents

a. Copy of the diploma or certificate of completion of a full-time higher education course (candidates graduating from undergraduate programs may apply provided they present a certificate/declaration of probable graduation from their home higher education institution, and, if approved, must present a certificate or declaration of completion of the course on the date of enrollment);

b. Proof that the higher education institution where the undergraduate degree was obtained is recognized by the Ministry of Education (MEC) (available at the link). This requirement is an exception for foreign candidates who, if approved, must follow the instructions set out in item 4.2.1;

c. Copy of the master's degree, or equivalent document, for doctoral candidates (doctoral candidates who do not yet have a master's degree may apply provided they present a certificate/declaration with the expected date of their master's defense at the time of enrollment and, if approved, a certificate or declaration of completion of the master's degree on the date of enrollment);

d. Academic transcripts of the higher education program;

e. Master's degree transcripts, for doctoral candidates;

f. Three letters of reference (Reference Letter Template) signed by individuals connected to the candidate's university education or professional activities. The letters should be sent by the sender to the PPGERN Coordination via e-mail at pgecol@uenf.br with the subject line: **"Letter of reference for candidate CANDIDATE NAME - selection 2027.1"**.

g. Scanned 3x4 photo;

h. Civil Identification Card, CPF (Individual Taxpayer Registry), Civil Registry, Voter Application Card, and Military Document (scanned copies or digital versions of the documents). Foreign candidates must present only identification.

i. Proof of a Lattes/CNPq CV updated within the last 6 months (first page of the Lattes CV, which indicates the last update date). International candidates may choose to submit a Foreign Researcher Curriculum Vitae instead of a Lattes/CNPq Curriculum Vitae, which can be obtained at the link.

j. Supporting documents for the Curriculum Vitae must be submitted on the appropriate electronic form, organized according to item 8.1 (master's degree) (Electronic Form for CV Supporting Documents - Master's Degree) or 8.2 (doctorate) (Electronic Form for CV Supporting Documents - Doctorate).

k. For doctoral candidates: Thesis Project containing: abstract, introduction, objectives, hypothesis, methodology summary, bibliographical references, execution schedule, and budget. The text must be 20,000 to 25,000 characters with spaces, excluding references, schedule, and budget. The thesis project must include a section on ethical procedures, or waste treatment and disposal procedures, when relevant to the study proposed by the candidate and their advisor.

l. For Master's degree candidates: Dissertation Project containing: abstract, introduction, objectives, hypothesis, methodology summary, bibliographical references, implementation schedule, and budget. The text should be 5,000 to 7,000 characters long, including spaces, excluding references, schedule, and budget. The work plan should include a section on

ethical procedures, or waste treatment and disposal procedures, when relevant to the study proposed by the candidate and their advisor.

m. Completed Research Line Choice Form with the potential advisor's line.

n. Form for selecting the written exam location for candidates who wish to request taking the exam at a different location from the UENF campus in Campos dos Goytacazes (RJ).

o. For Doctoral candidates: proof of the field and grade of the CAPES-accredited program where the master's degree was obtained, available at the link.

p. Email or signed letter of acceptance from the advisor (in PDF format), which must be attached to the application form. Therefore, candidates should contact their potential advisors before applying. Information about the advisors' names, emails, and research areas is available on the PPGERN website.

q. Form 1 from the Academic Office/UENF.

4.6. By submitting the required documentation, the candidate is responsible for the accuracy of all information provided.

5. Application Approval:

5.1. Applications will be approved by the Evaluation Committee according to the schedule set forth in this announcement.

5.1.1. Only applications accompanied by all documents related to the program for which the candidate has chosen to apply, as set forth in item 4.5, will be fully approved.

5.2. The list of approved and rejected applications will be published on the PPGERN website.

5.2.1. The list of approved applications will contain the names of candidates in alphabetical order, with their respective application numbers, and information on whether the approval was full or conditional.

5.2.2. The list of rejected applications will contain the names of candidates in alphabetical order, with their respective application numbers, and the reason for the rejection.

5.3. Candidates whose applications are not approved may appeal to the Evaluation Committee within 1 (one) business day from the date the lists are published.

5.3.1. Any documents listed in item 4.5 will not be accepted for appeal.

5.4. The Evaluation Committee will have up to 1 (one) business day to review the appeals submitted.

5.5. After the deadline specified in the previous item, the results of the appeals and their reasons will be published on the PPGERN website.

5.6. Candidates whose applications are approved will be eligible to participate in Stage 1 of the selection process. Candidates are responsible for accessing the information on the PPGERN website.

6. Reserved Places

6.1. In compliance with the provisions of State Law No. 6914 of November 6, 2014 (link), a percentage of the total number of places offered in this Call for Applications is reserved, as follows:

I – 12% (twelve percent) for Black and Indigenous candidates holding an undergraduate degree;

II – 12% (twelve percent) for graduates of public higher education institutions;

III – 6% (six percent) for persons with disabilities, pursuant to the legislation in force, children of civil and military police officers, military firefighters, and security and penitentiary administration inspectors who died or became incapacitated as a result of their service.

6.2. Enrollment confirmation will be carried out by checking the documentation submitted at the time of pre-enrollment. For candidates applying through the Affirmative Action Quota System, enrollment confirmation will be carried out after verification of the documentation required for each quota category, verification of compliance with the socioeconomic vulnerability requirement and, in the case of candidates applying under ethnic-racial quotas, the procedure for validating the self-declaration.

6.3. Black or Indigenous candidates who provide proof of socioeconomic vulnerability

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR BLACK CANDIDATES: specific self-declaration, according to the model below:

DECLARATION

In accordance with State Law No. 6914/2014, I (full name), a candidate for a place in the Graduate Programs at UENF, registered under CPF No. (CPF number), hereby declare, under penalty of law, that I identify as Black. (date and candidate's signature).

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR INDIGENOUS CANDIDATES: specific self-declaration, according to the model below:

DECLARATION

In accordance with State Law No. 6914/2014, I (full name), a candidate for a place in the Graduate Programs at UENF, registered under CPF No. (CPF number), hereby declare, under penalty of law, that I identify as belonging to an Indigenous ethnic group. (date and candidate's signature).

SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – In accordance with State Law No. 6914/2014, the candidate must meet the socioeconomic vulnerability requirement. To prove socioeconomic vulnerability, defined as a gross monthly per capita income equal to or less than one and a half minimum wages for the candidate and the members of their household, the candidate must attach the supporting documentation to the electronic Socioeconomic Verification form. The electronic form and the list of supporting documentation to be submitted by the candidate will be available at the following electronic address: Evaluation of Candidates for the Graduate School Quota System.

SELF-DECLARATION VALIDATION – For candidates who self-identify as belonging to an Indigenous ethnic group, validation of the self-declaration will be carried out based on verification of the Administrative Indigenous Birth Registration (RANI) issued by the National Indian Foundation. For candidates who self-identify as Black, validation of the self-declaration will be carried out through a Heteroidentification procedure, consisting exclusively of a phenotypic analysis of the self-identified Black candidate by the Heteroidentification Committee appointed by UENF. This procedure will be conducted in person on a date subsequent to pre-enrollment and announced on the UENF website (https://www.uenf.br/). The summons to appear before the Heteroidentification Committee will be sent to the e-mail address provided at the time of pre-enrollment. In accordance with UENF COLAC Resolution No. 21/2022, in the Heteroidentification process, ascending or collateral kinship will not be considered under any circumstances. After the result of the Heteroidentification Procedure has been announced, the candidate may submit a duly substantiated appeal to the Appeals Committee, which will assess the appeal considering all audio and video recordings made during the previously conducted interview, the opinion issued by the previous committee, and the grounds for the appeal submitted by the candidate.

6.4. Candidates who graduated from public or private higher education institutions and provide proof of socioeconomic vulnerability

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION – 1. Academic transcript proving that the candidate completed their entire undergraduate degree at public universities in the State of Rio de Janeiro, or proof that they were a beneficiary of a scholarship or student financing through the Student Financing Fund (FIES), the University for All Program (PROUNI), or any other type of government incentive for undergraduate students enrolled in private higher education institutions.

SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – In accordance with State Law No. 6914/2014, the candidate must meet the socioeconomic vulnerability requirement. To prove socioeconomic vulnerability, defined as a gross monthly per capita income equal to or less than one and a half minimum wages for the candidate and the members of their household, the candidate must attach the supporting documentation to the electronic Socioeconomic Verification form. The electronic form and the list of supporting documentation to be submitted by the candidate will be available at the following electronic address: Evaluation of Candidates for the Graduate School Quota System.

6.5. Candidate(s) with disabilities, or children of civil and military police officers, military firefighters, and security and penitentiary administration inspectors who died or became incapacitated as a result of their service, who provide proof of socioeconomic vulnerability.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION – Pursuant to State Law No. 6914/2014, a person with a disability is understood to be one who meets the requirements established by Federal Law No. 13.146/2015. Pursuant to State Law No. 6914/2014, a child of civil and military police

officers, military firefighters, and security and penitentiary administration inspectors who died or became incapacitated as a result of their service is understood to be a person who submits the death certificate together with the administrative decision recognizing that the death occurred as a result of the service, or who submits the administrative decision recognizing the incapacity as a result of the service.

The documents are:

1. For persons with disabilities: proof of disability in accordance with the requirements established by Federal Law No. 13.146/2015 and Decree No. 11.063/2022 – Article 3.
2. For children of civil and military police officers, military firefighters, and security and penitentiary administration inspectors who died or became incapacitated as a result of their service: death certificate; document containing the administrative decision recognizing the death or incapacity as a result of the service; retirement or disability retirement document; death pension pay stub, when the candidate is a beneficiary thereof; or pension payment statement issued by IPERJ, RIOPREVIDÊNCIA, or another equivalent entity.

Furthermore, in accordance with the State Law currently in force, State Law No. 6914/2014, the candidate must meet the socioeconomic vulnerability requirement.

SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – In accordance with State Law No. 6914/2014, the candidate must meet the socioeconomic vulnerability requirement. To prove socioeconomic vulnerability, defined as a gross monthly per capita income equal to or less than one and a half minimum wages for the candidate and the members of their household, the candidate must attach the supporting documentation to the electronic Socioeconomic Verification form. The electronic form and the list of supporting documentation to be submitted by the candidate will be available at the following electronic address: Evaluation of Candidates for the Graduate School Quota System.

6.6. If the application for admission through the reserved-place system is denied, the candidate may be automatically transferred to the general competition category.

7. Stages of the Master's and Doctoral Selection Process

7.1. The master's and doctoral selection process will consist of two stages: a written English and Ecology Knowledge test (Stage 1); and an interview, evaluation of the Work Plan (for master's) or Thesis Project (for doctoral), and analysis of the Curriculum Vitae (Stage 2).

7.2. Failure to attend the English and Ecology Knowledge Test and/or the interview will result in automatic disqualification from the Selection Process.

7.3. The written tests must be completed using a blue or black ballpoint pen.

7.4. Stage 1 for the Master's and Doctoral programs will consist of a written English and Ecology Knowledge Test, with a maximum duration of 4 (four) hours.

7.4.1. This stage will be held on the day indicated in the Schedule.

7.4.2. The English test is eliminatory and will consist of the translation and/or interpretation of a scientific text in English provided at the time of the test.

7.4.3. For the English test, a printed English-English or English-Portuguese dictionary may be used. Electronic devices used as dictionaries will not be permitted.

7.4.4. The English test is mandatory for all candidates (master's and doctoral programs, except for native English speakers). Candidates from English-speaking countries are exempt from taking the English test. Candidates who demonstrate English proficiency with the required score in item 2.I of CAPES Notice No. 44 of 2022 will also be exempt from the language test.

7.4.5. The Ecology Knowledge test is eliminatory and consists of theoretical, analytical, and/or interpretive questions based on ecology textbooks, listed in item 7.4.8.

7.4.6. Doctoral candidates whose master's degree was obtained in a CAPES-accredited Graduate Program in Biodiversity with a grade of 5 or higher are exempt from taking the Ecology Knowledge test. All other doctoral candidates who do not meet this requirement must take the Ecology Knowledge test.

7.4.7. Consultation of any printed or digital material is prohibited during the Ecology Knowledge test.

7.4.8. The following books are recommended for the Ecology Knowledge Test: a) Begon, M.; C.R. Townsend; J.L. Harper. Ecology: From Individuals to Ecosystems. Artmed.; b) Odum, E.P. Ecology. Interamerican; c) Ricklefs, R.E. The Economy of Nature. Guanabara Koogan; d) Townsend, C.R.; Begon, M. & J.L. Harper. Fundamentals of Ecology. Artmed.

7.4.9. At the end of Stage 1, grades from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) will be assigned on the Ecology Knowledge test. Candidates who obtain a minimum score of 5.0 (five) in this Stage, for both programs (master's and doctoral), or who are fully exempt (only possible for doctoral candidates) from this stage, will be considered eligible to take Stage 2.

7.4.10. The English test and the Ecology knowledge test will be held in room 107 of the CBB/UENF.

7.4.11. Candidates from other countries and those residing in other municipalities who have chosen to be selected at another institution may take the Stage 1 tests in person at the locations specified by the Committee after application approval and authorization to take the test at another location.

7.4.12. This stage of the selection process will be blind (evaluators will only have access to the candidate's application number or CPF).

7.5. Stage 2 for the master's and doctoral programs consists of the interview, the evaluation of reference letters and the work plan (master's) or thesis project (doctoral), and the analysis of the curriculum vitae.

7.5.1. Stage 2 will be held during the period indicated in item 14 (Schedule).

7.5.2. Stage 2 is eliminatory, for both the master's and doctoral programs.

7.5.3. For master's candidates, the work plan evaluation will consist of an analysis of the written document and an interview. There will be no oral presentation of the work plan. During the interview, the candidate may be questioned about their academic record and the work plan that will be developed during the master's program.

7.5.4. For doctoral candidates, the thesis project evaluation will consist of an analysis of the written document, an interview, and an evaluation of the oral presentation of the Thesis Project.

7.5.5. The curriculum vitae will be evaluated as set forth in item 8.

7.5.6. At the end of Stage 2, grades will be assigned for the curriculum vitae, interview, and work plan (for the master's degree) or thesis project (for the doctoral degree). The minimum passing grade for this stage will be 5.0 (five) for master's degree candidates and 6.0 (six) for doctoral degree candidates.

7.5.7. Stage 2 will be conducted via video conference. Digital platforms such as Google Meet or Gather. PPGERN is not responsible for candidates' technical internet issues, and interviews will be canceled if they are not held on the scheduled date and time.

8. Curriculum Vitae Evaluation

8.1. Master's degree candidates' Curriculum Vitae should be organized according to the model presented in Tables 1a, 1b, and 1c below. The tables also present the maximum score for each item to be evaluated for master's degree candidates. This score may be adjusted based on the committee's assessment, up to the maximum values indicated.

8.1.1. Education:

Table 1a. Items evaluated in the Master's degree candidates' CVs and their respective scores (Maximum score = 4.0 (four) points).

	Items evaluated	**Score**
1	Undergraduate - Accumulated Performance Coefficient (Coeficiente de Rendimento Acumulado - CRA)	CRA 7.0-7.9 - 0.5 points

		CRA 8.0-8.9 - 1.0 points
		CRA 9.0-10.0 - 2.0 points
1.2	Mini-course in the field (min.: 4 class hours) (1)	0.2 points per mini-course
1.3	Internship in the field, including the Young Talents Program (2)	0.3 points per internship or
		per semester of internship
1.4	*Lato sensu* specialization in the field	1.0 point per specialization
1.5	Undergraduate thesis - graduation	0.6 points
1.6	Scientific or Technological Initiation Grant	0.5 points per semester in the
		1st year + 0.2 per semester
		Additional
1.7	Scholarship and/or Tutoring Activity	0.1 point per semester
1.8	Extension Grant	0.5 points in the 1st year + 0.1
		per additional semester
1.9	Technical Support Grant	0.1 point per semester

(1): maximum of 1.0 points; (2): maximum of 1.2 points.

8.1.2 Technical-Scientific Production

Table 1b. Items evaluated in the Master's degree candidates' CVs and their respective scores (Maximum score = 5.0 (five) points).

	Evaluated Items	**Score**
2.1	Publication of an abstract in a **REGIONAL** scientific event - **SIMPLE or EXPANDED** (1)	0.2 points per summary
2.2	Publication of an abstract in a **NATIONAL** scientific event - **SIMPLE** (1)	0.3 points per summary
2.3	Publication of an abstract in a scientific event **INTERNATIONAL - SIMPLE** (1)	0.4 points per summary
2.4	Publication of an abstract in a scientific event **INTERNATIONAL - SIMPLE** (1)	0.5 points per summary
2.5	Publication of abstract at scientific event	0.6 points per summary
	INTERNATIONAL – EXPANDED (1)	
2.6	Oral presentation at a scientific event	0.3 points per presentation

2.7	Article/Book/Chapter submitted - **MAIN AUTHOR**	0.6 points per publication
2.8	Article/Book/Chapter submitted - **CO-AUTHOR**	0.3 points per publication
2.9	Article/Book/Chapter published or in press - **MAIN AUTHOR**	1.2 points per publication
2.10	Article/Book/Chapter published or in press - **CO-AUTHOR**	0.6 points per publication
2.11	Lecture given in the field	0.2 points per lecture
2.12	Course taught in the field (min: 4 class hours)	0.4 points per course
2.13	Award in the field	0.3 points per award
2.14	Organizing committee of an academic-scientific event in the field	0.2 points per event

(1)maximum of 2.0 points in the sum of subitems 2.1 to 2.5.

8.1.3 Professional Experience:

Table 1c. Items evaluated in the Master's degree candidates' CVs and their respective scores (Maximum score = 1.0 (one) point).

	Items evaluated	**Score**
3.1	Class taught – extracurricular	0.02 points per hour/class
3.2	Consulting and/or service provision in the field	0.2 points per consulting/service or per semester of execution
3.3	Participation as a researcher in a project in the field	0.3 points/project
3.4	Participation on an examining board	0.2 points per participation

3.5	Participation in a project or outreach activity in the field	0.1 points per event/course
3.6	Other professional activities in the field	0.1 points per activity

8.2. The CVs of **doctoral candidates** must be organized according to the model presented in Tables 2a, 2b, and 2c below. The tables also present the maximum score for each item to be evaluated for doctoral candidates. This score may be adjusted according to the committee's assessment, up to the maximum values indicated.

8.2.1 Education

Table 2a. Items assessed in the CVs of PhD candidates and their respective scores (Maximum score = 2.0 (two) points).

	Evaluated Items	**Score**
1.1	Master's degree transcript (grades/concepts)	Up to 1.0 point
1.2	Scientific or technological initiation with scholarship [(1)]	0.1 point per semester
1.3	Undergraduate course completion dissertation	0.3 point
1.4	Internship in the field [(2)]	0.1 point per internship
1.5	*Lato sensu* specialization course in the field [(3)]	0.5 point per specialization
1.6	Complementary course in the field [(3)]	0.2 point per course
1.7	Teaching activity as a student [(4)]	0.1 point per 10 class hours

[(1)]: maximum of 0.3 points; [(2)]: maximum of 0.2 points; [(3)]: maximum of 1.0 point for the set of [(2)] two activities; [(4)]: maximum of 0.5 points.

8.2.2 Technical-Scientific Production

Table 2b. Items evaluated in the CVs of PhD candidates and their respective scores (Maximum score = 6.0 (six) points).

	Evaluated Items	**Score**
2.1	Oral Presentation at a Scientific Event - **MAIN AUTHOR**	0.15 points per abstract

2.2	Panel Presentation at a Scientific Event - **MAIN AUTHOR**	0.1 points per abstract
2.3	Presentation at a Scientific Event - **CO-AUTHOR**	0.1 points per abstract
2.4	Article Published or in Press Qualis A2+ - **MAIN AUTHOR**[(1)]	1.5 points per article
2.5	Article Published or in Press Qualis A2+ - **CO-AUTHOR**[(1)]	1.0 points per article
2.6	Article Published or in Press Qualis A4+ - **MAIN AUTHOR** [(1)]	1.0 points per article
2.7	Article Published or in Press Qualis A4+ - **CO-AUTHOR**[(1)]	0.8 points per publication
2.8	Article published or in press Qualis B1 - **MAIN AUTHOR**[(1)]	0.6 points per publication
2.9	Article published or in press Qualis B1 - **CO-AUTHOR**[(1)]	0.3 points per publication
2.10	Article submitted	0.1 points per article
2.11	International book published or in press - **MAIN AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	1.5 points per publication

2.12	International book published or in press **– CO-AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	0.8 points per publication
2.13	Chapter of an international book published or in press **– MAIN AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	1.0 points per publication
2.14	Chapter of an international book published or in press **– CO-AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	0.5 points per publication
2.15	National book published or in press – **MAIN AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	0.8 points per publication
2.16	National book published or in press – **CO-AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	0.5 points per publication
2.17	Chapter of a national book published or in press – **MAIN AUTHOR (indexed publication / with ISBN)**	0.6 points per publication
2.18	Chapter of a published or in-press national book – **CO-AUTHOR (indexed publication or with ISBN)**	0.3 points per publication

2.19	Other publications	0.1 points per publication
2.20	Lecture given in the field	0.1 points per lecture
2.21	Course taught in the field (minimum: 4 class hours)	0.3 points per course
2.22	Award received in the field	Up to 0.3 points per award
2.23	Organizing committee of an academic-scientific event in the field	0.2 points per event

[(1)]A2+ = journals qualis A1 and A2; A4+ = journals qualis A3 and A4; according to the current classification for the Biodiversity area, obtained from the link.

8.2.3 Professional Experience (Post-Graduation)

Table 2c. Items evaluated in the CVs of Doctoral candidates and their respective scores (Maximum score = 2.0 (two) points).

	Evaluated Items	**Score**
3.1	Class taught in undergraduate course [(1)]	0.1 point per 20 class hours
3.2	Completed or ongoing supervision or co-supervision	0.5 points per mentorship
3.3	Consulting, service provision, or internship in the field[(2)]	0.3 points per consulting/service/internship
3.4	Participation in a research project in the field	0.4 points per project
3.5	Participation in a project or outreach activity in the field	0.2 points per project
3.6	Participation on an examining board	0.2 points per participation
3.7	Other professional activities in the field	0.1 points per activity

[(1)]: maximum of 0.5 points
[(2)]: maximum of 1.2 points

9. Final Grades and Final Classification

9.1. The master's candidate's final grade will be obtained by averaging the two stages [(Stage 1 + Stage 2)/2], described in items 7.4. and 7.5.

9.1.1. The master's candidate will be considered approved if he or she obtains an

average score greater than or equal to 6.0 (six).

9.1.2. The final ranking order will be determined by the decreasing order of the average of the grades obtained as per item 9.1.1.

9.2. The doctoral candidate's final grade will be obtained by averaging the evaluations obtained in Stage 2, described in item 7.5.

9.2.1. The doctoral candidate will be considered approved if he or she obtains an average score greater than or equal to 6.0 (six) in Stage 2.

9.2.2. The final ranking order will be determined by the decreasing order of the grade obtained as per item 9.2.1.

10. Announcement of Results and Filling of Positions

10.1. For all stages, the Evaluation Committee will receive the data indicated in the schedule to announce the final results.

10.2. Announcement of the results of Stage 1, Stage 2, and the final result will consist of publishing the scores of candidates listed by registration number on the PPGERN website.

10.3. Successful candidates will be selected, in descending order of ranking, to fill the available positions, observing the number of positions per research topic. The list of successful candidates will be published on the PPGERN website.

10.4. If selected candidates withdraw, other successful candidates may be called to fill the remaining positions, respecting the ranking order and the number of positions per research topic.

10.5. In the event of a tie in final grades, the following tiebreaker criteria will be applied successively:

10.5.1. Master's Candidates:

1. Age, in accordance with Article 27, § 2, of Law 10.741/2003;
2. Stage 2 Score (Interview, Work Plan, and Curriculum Vitae Analysis).
3. Stage 1 Score (English Test and Ecology Knowledge Test)

10.5.2 Doctoral Candidates:

1. Age, in accordance with Article 27, § 2, of Law 10.741/2003;
2. Stage 2 Score (Interview, Work Plan, and Curriculum Vitae Analysis).

10.6. The final result and ranking will be announced by the Evaluation Committee after the final appeal for the last announced stage has been adjudicated.

10.7. Positions will be filled according to the ranking of candidates, after applying tiebreaker criteria, until all available positions per research topic are filled. A waiting list may be created.

10.8. If scholarships (master's and doctoral) are available for incoming students who meet the criteria described in the PPGERN regulations, these scholarships will be renewed

according to the overall ranking of candidates, as distribution classifications.

11. Number of Positions:

Research Topics	Master	Doctorate
Ecological Plant Anatomy and Ultrastructure	0	1
Assessment of Environmental Metal Contamination in Natural and Anthropized Ecosystems	1	0
Biogeochemistry of Ecosystem Processes at the Land–Ocean Interface	1	3
Animal Behavior Applied to the Conservation of Terrestrial Vertebrates	2	0
Conservation Ecology of Vertebrates, with Emphasis on Reptiles and Amphibians	2	0
Plant Community Ecology	1	1
Community Ecology, Macroecology, and Conservation of Terrestrial Vertebrates, with Emphasis on Mammals	1	0
Marine Community Ecology: Artificial Reefs, Benthic Biodiversity, and the Effects of Climate Change	2	2
Pollinator Ecology and Behavior, with Emphasis on Bee Communities and Populations	1	2
Plant Functional Ecology and Detection of Spatial Patterns in Plant Community Organization	1	0
Fish Ecology and Microplastics	1	0
Marine Macroecology	2	2
Ecological Palynology	1	0
Productivity and Nutrient Cycling in Terrestrial Ecosystems	1	1
Environmental Health and Quality: Aquatic and Coastal Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Threatened Species	1	1
Taxonomy and Ecology of Insects	1	0
TOTAL*	19	13

*Of the 19 (nineteen) Master's positions, 5 (five) may be filled through quotas, and of the 13 (thirteen) PhD vacancies, 3 (three) may be filled through quotas.

12. Appeals:

12.1. Appeals will be accepted if filed within 1 (one) day of the publication of the preliminary results, using the "PGERN Appeal Request" document format, available on the PPGERN selection process website. Appeals should be addressed to the PPGERN Coordinating Committee via email (pgecol@uenf.br), with the subject line: **"Candidate's Appeal Request - CANDIDATE'S NAME."**

12.1.1. The Evaluation Committee must adjudicate all appeals related to each stage within 1 (one) business day after the appeal deadline.

12.1.2. Appeals against the final result must be submitted by letter addressed to the PPGERN Coordinating Committee, at the following email address: pgecol@uenf.br.

12.2. After all appeals have been reviewed, the final result will be announced.
12.2.1. The announcement of the final result will consist of publishing a list on the PPGERN website containing the names of the approved candidates in order of ranking.

13. Enrollment:

13.1. Once the selection process is complete and the final results are published, selected candidates will be invited to enroll within the deadline announced by the Coordinating Committee via email or on the PPGERN website.

13.2. Selected candidates who have not completed their undergraduate (master's) or master's (doctoral) degrees at the time of application must submit proof of their education at the time of enrollment.

14. From the schedule

Application Period	October 1 to October 23, 2026
Announcement of Approved Applications	By November 3, 2026
Request for Appeal Regarding Approval of Application	Within 24 hours after publication
Stage 1 of the Selection Process (Written Exams)	November 13, 2026
Announcement of Stage 1 Results	By November 18, 2026
Request for Appeal	Within 24 hours after publication
Stage 2 of the Selection Process	November 24 to November 26, 2026
Announcement of Preliminary Results	By December 1, 2026
Request for Appeal	Within 24 hours after publication
Announcement of Final Results	By December 4, 2026

15. Final Provisions:

15.1. Candidates will be disqualified and automatically excluded from the selection process if they:

a. Fail to attend any stage of the selection process on the scheduled start dates and times.
b. Make false statements or submit false documents at any stage of the selection process.
c. Fail to submit all required documentation within the deadlines and conditions stipulated in this Notice.
d. Fail to enroll on the specified date, if selected.

15.2. Candidates have the right to access, upon request, the exam mirrors that allow them to appeal the results of each stage, during the appeal deadlines established in this Notice.

15.3. Any omissions will be resolved by the Evaluation Committee, the PPGERN Coordinating Committee, and the Research and Graduate Studies Chamber, according to their respective responsibilities.

15.4. By registering for the selection process, the candidate acknowledges and accepts the rules established in this Notice and the internal rules of PPGERN and UENF that govern the matter, which can be checked in the regulations section of the PPGERN page.

Approved by the Coordinating Committee on September 10, 2026.

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