



Simple Application Guide

for candidates applying to enroll on the first semester of
2026 in the Physics Graduate Programs at Rio de Janeiro:

CBPF – PUC-Rio – UERJ – UFF – UFRJ

Before you start



- Before starting your application, you must have your EUF exam results at hand (either the current one or a previous one you intend to use – see below for more details):

<http://www1.fisica.org.br/~euf/>

(for more info regarding EUF, click above)

- Application at UNIPÓS RIO start at 29.10.2025 and end at 17.11.2025. Until the deadline ALL the application steps must be completed.

Getting started...



- To begin your application, you must make a pre-registration at the UNIPÓS RIO webpage: <http://uniposrio-fisica.cbpf.br/>



- Click on INSCRIÇÕES (Registration)
- Clique on CADASTRE-SE (Register)
- Fill in your data and click SALVAR (Save)
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent – after that, registration can be made by accessing the “inscrições” (application) menu once again and using the login and password provided at the pre-registration.
- PREVIOUSLY USED REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT VALID!**

A screenshot of the user login and registration form. It has a title "Participantes". Below it are two input fields: "Usuário/Login" and "senha/Password". There are three buttons: "Entrar" (with "login" text below it), "Cadastrar-se" (with "Register" text below it, and highlighted with a red box), and "Redefinir Senha" (with "Change Password" text below it). Red arrows from the text in the list point to the "Inscrições" link in the header and the "Cadastrar-se" button.

Necessary documents!



- Undergraduate transcript [mandatory for everyone];
- Master's course transcript [for masters or master's students];
- ID [mandatory – CPF or passport];
- EUF exam results [current or a previous one (see below)];
- Cover letter [mandatory for everyone – see below].

FAQ – part I



- The undergraduate transcript is also evaluated for PhD candidates – therefore, it is always mandatory to include it in the application process.
- The application does not have to be finished in a single step. However, pay attention to the deadline (17.11.2025) – everything has to be ready until then, including recommendation letters from professors/researchers.
- Registration does not guarantee that you will be interviewed. The EUF 2,0 cutoff mark is the **minimum** to start the process. **The UNIPÓS RIO programs will determine their own EUF cutoff grades for their interview processes individually, after the registration deadline.**

EUf results from previous exams



(if you do not intend to use na EUf result from a previous exam, skip this part)

- You can use EUf results from up to three years prior to the current exam.
- In order to use a previous EUf result, instead of using the EUf code for the current exam, choose a code composed by five letters of your choice (e.g. your name's initials), followed by "EUf" and the year and semestre of the EUf results you'd like to use.
Example: lmsigEUf20112 (for using an EUf result from 2011, second semester).
- When asked for your EUf grade, write the exact value from the previous exam.
- Send an e-mail to uniposriouff@gmail.com asking for the renormalization of the previous grade.
You must annex your previous EUf results in this email.
- Your grade will be renormalized by the UNIPÓS RIO staff and will be altered directly in the website.

Cover Letter



- There is not an official template – the cover letter should also show your personality!
- PDF file – up to 1000 words, including:
 - Full name, degree institution and course. For a doctorate, inform Master's and course institution. Include the coefficient of performance for undergraduate and masters, if applicable.
 - Inform the area in which you have experience (Undergraduate or Masters, whichever fits best).
 - In what area and subject do you want to focus on in graduate school, clarifying whether theory or experiment.
 - Which institutions are you applying to (whether in Rio or outside of Rio). Inform if you have already talked to any possible advisor in any of these institutions. If not, inform if you are interested in working with a particular advisor or with more than one advisor.
 - Participation in events and published articles, if applicable.
 - For master's candidates: describe the topic of interest in the master's degree and report if you have had any contact with the topic at undergraduation, for example; for PhD candidates, make a brief description of the work carried out in the master's degree and describe your effective participation in obtaining any results.
 - Answer the following questions:
 - What is your motivation for taking a graduate degree in physics?
 - Why does the area or subject you intend to study interest you?
 - If you are applying for a master's degree, do you intend to pursue a PhD afterwards?
 - If you are applying for a PhD degree, do you intend to pursue an academic career?
 - How do you see your future as a physicist?

Recommendation letters



- **TWO recommendation letters are mandatory for each candidate!** Extra letters may not be taken into account.
- For the recommendation letters, you should ask people that had the opportunity to professionally know you throughout your academic life.
- It is **MANDATORY** for PhD candidates to ask your Master's advisor for a recommendation letter.
- You must provide your registration code in the UNIPÓS RIO website to the ones you ask for a recommendation letter – this information is necessary for them to access the system.
- The letters are confidential; therefore only its author can insert it in the UNIPÓS RIO website. Its content will not be made public in any way.

FAQ – part II



- Recommendation letters must be sent until the application deadline (17.11.2025). You can track if the letters are already in the system, in order to “remind” someone who has not sent one yet.
- The more informative/detailed the letter, the better. Although the letter template is standard (and it can be seen when clicking the “Cartas de Recomendação”/ “Letter of Recommendation” menu), there is room for more information, which should be used as much as possible.
- The academic relevance of the letter’s author can impact the final evaluation.

Interviews



- On the registration page, you must select to which UNIPÓS RIO institutions you'd like to apply for an interview – this is the last stage of the process.
- Interviews availability is limited by the minimum cutoff EUF grade (current or previous, whichever you used), which is defined by each institution individually and posted on the UNIPÓS RIO website after the registration deadline.
- Interviews are taken IN PERSON and will take place at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), on 26.11.2025 for master's candidates and on 27.11.2025 for PhD candidates.
- For residents outside of Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area, interviews will be held online – details for each institution will be described at the UNIPÓS RIO website.

FAQ – part III



- Interviews are scheduled in a first come, first served basis.
- You can apply for interviews in multiple UNIPÓS RIO institutions; if you are being interviewed by one institution when another calls, don't worry – you will be called again by the second institution in due time.
- Interviews start at 9:00 am. Interviews' scheduling ends at noon. Everyone that has signed up until noon will be interviewed. (GMT-3)
- We suggest that those that want to apply for a PhD without previously doing a master's course to enroll for a master's interview and, at the interview, ask to be considered to go straight to PhD.

Results



- Final results will be released – simultaneously for all UNIPÓS RIO institutions – on 09.12.2025, on the UNIPÓS RIO website.
- The UNIPÓS RIO selection process ends here: enrollment in the graduate programs and scholarships are performed by the institutions themselves.
- For any further questions and/or more information:
posgrad@cbpf.br