

Vacancy Notice for Postgraduation

Registrations for Master's degree and Doctorate are open by the Philosophy's Postgraduate Department in the Faculty of Philosophy, Letters and Human Sciences (FFLCH) from University of São Paulo, for **entries at the second term of 2015**.

Besides the general requirements from the bylaws of USP Postgraduate Studies Department and the rules and procedures of FFLCH's Postgraduate department, (<http://pos.fflch.usp.br/>), the Program of Postgraduate Studies in Philosophy has particular demands, specified in this vacancy notice, approved by the Program's Coordination Commission (Comissão Coordenadora do Programa – CPP)

Step 1

About the registration:

For registration within FFLCH's Post-Graduate School, conclusion of the Undergraduate Course is a basic condition.

The candidate who holds a short course or a free certificate will not have the right of registration.

The student who obtains the Master's degree and wishes to proceed studying, with the Doctorate degree in mind will take part in a new selection process. The selection process will necessarily consist of a foreign language proficiency test, a dissertation test for knowledge evaluation, and inquiries concerning the curriculum, research project and other activities from the candidate.

Registrations are to be made exclusively through the online system at the website http://filosofia.fflch.usp.br/posgraduacao/pos_2_2015, during the period from 9th to 13th of March, closing at 19h of the 13th day of March, 2015.

During registration, the candidate will point on what specific area her research will be made, based on the list of professors accredited for the program who will accept registrations for the current selection process. The list of professors presented at the end of this document.

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e-mail: ppgdf@usp.br Telephone: 55 11 3091-3761 / 3091.3709 / 3091.3765 – Working Hours: from 09h00 to 20h00.

Mandatory documents for registration: The following documents (both sides) must be attached in **.PDF** format at the online registration system:

1. Proof of Graduation.

- a. Diplom or Certificate of Graduate Degree.
- b. Academic Record – with graduation date included. The candidate who has not yet achieved the graduation at the registration date must attach the **Termo de Compromisso**, signed and filled (available at **(<http://www.pos.fflch.usp.br/node/317>)**, in which the candidate commits to present a confirmation document which attests graduation until the date of **July 25th, 2015**, the last day reserved for applicant's registration at FFLCH/USP, as prescribed at the school schedule. If the confirmation document is not presented, the registration will be automatically canceled.

2. Research Project. The project must have between 15 to 25 pages (fonts: *Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman* 12, interlineal space 1,5). The project's items which will be evaluated are: objectives, problematics, justification and theoretical and methodological approach of the research. The FrontPage of the research project must provide **only** the applicant's name and the specific area in which the research is intended to be performed.

Note: Only for the Master's degree candidates, for the area of Logic, instead of a research project the candidate may present, if desired, a work plan pointing the candidate's previous studies at the area and discuss about subjects and/or problems which particularly drew her attention and interest in developing a deeper study.

3. Updated Curriculum Vitae (proof presentation is not necessary).

4. Copy of the Identity Card and CPF. If the student is a **Foreigner**, attach a copy of the Passport. If the candidate is approved, he must present the National Register of

Foreigners (Registro Nacional de Estrangeiros – RNE) at the enrolment period with a valid date.

5. Copy of the registration tax payment receipt . The respective billet is available at the website <http://www.pos.fflch.usp.br/node/317>, during the registration period.

6. Master's Degree proof of conclusion. The candidates to the Doctorate who still do not have the Master's degree certificate at hand must observe the following instructions:

§ The candidate who is **undertaking Master's degree at USP** and does not defend her essay until the moment of registration for selection in the Doctorate course that is the object of this vacancy note must bring the **Termo de Compromisso** (available at <http://www.pos.fflch.usp.br/node/317>) filled and signed, with the registration form, in which the candidate commits to defend his master's degree project until the date of **25th of July, 2015** the last day reserved for applicant's registration at FFLCH/USP, as prescribed at the school schedule. If the confirmation document of defense is not presented, the registration will automatically be canceled.

§ The candidate who is **undertaking Master's degree outside of USP** and does not show proof of completion of Master's degree at the moment of registration must bring the **Termo de Compromisso** (available at <http://www.pos.fflch.usp.br/node/317>) filled and signed, with the registration form, in which she commits to present the Master's degree certificate to FFLCH/USP Postgraduate Service until the date of **July 25th, 2015** the last day reserved for applicant's registration at FFLCH/USP, as prescribed at the school schedule. If the confirmation document of the defense is not presented, the registration will be automatically canceled.

§ **If the Master's degree was obtained in a foreign University**, the candidate must obtain approval at Equivalent Qualification within USP until the last day for the applicant's registration, as prescribed by the school schedule. The request shall be made in advance (instructions at <http://pos.fflch.usp.br/node/13261>).

Step 2

About the selection process:

The Program Coordinating Commission (Comissão Coordenadora do Programa-CCP) shall point the program's professors in charge of the preparation and correction of the Philosophy and foreign language proficiency tests, as well as the Examining Boards by specific area. The Examining Boards shall be announced the same day that the results from the philosophy and foreign language proficiency tests are divulged. They are responsible for the reading and inquiry of the research projects, curriculums, academic records and further related documents and for the final selection of candidates.

For the Master's Degree, the candidate shall:

- a. Be approved in a specific test of Philosophy, in an eliminatory phase, with a total length of 4 hours, in which the candidate must choose one between five different topics presented at the moment of the test. In this test the candidate's familiarity and skill in analyzing philosophical problems. Approbation is granted to the candidate who obtains a grade equal to or above **5 (five)** on a scale from 0 to 10. Approbation in the Philosophy specific test is valid for 3 years;
- b. Be approved in a test of proficiency in a foreign language, with a total length of 3 hours, applied by the program, in an eliminatory phase. The candidate will be approved with a grade equal to or above **5 (five)** on a scale from 0 to 10. Approval in the foreign language test is valid for 5 years;
- c. Be approved at the inquiry performed by the examining board in the chosen specific area, if the candidate was previously approved in the specific test of Philosophy and proficiency in a foreign language.

At the inquiry, evaluation shall be made based on academic records including:

- (i) Professional activities;
- (ii) Participation in academic events; and
- (iii) Candidate's published works, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Based on the research Project presented, the board will evaluate:

- (i) The proposed theme;
- (ii) The familiarity and skill showed by the candidate in dealing with the proposed theme; and
- (iii) The relevance of the proposed theme for his formation in philosophy, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Assessment also includes:

- (i) Previous works; and
- (ii) Researches in which the candidate is engaged at the current moment, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 10 points.

The candidate who obtains at least **25 points at the inquiry** will be eligible to become member of the student's body of the program, as long as the number of offered vacancies is respected per specific area, as stated in the Vacancy Note.

For the Doctoral Degree, with Master's Degree, the candidate shall:

- a. Be approved in a specific test of Philosophy, in an eliminatory phase, with a total length of 4 hours, in which the candidate must choose one between five different topics presented at the moment of the test. In this test the candidate's familiarity and skill in analyzing philosophical problems. The candidate who obtains a grade equal to or above **6 (six)** on a scale from 0 to 10. Approvation in the Philosophy specific test is valid for 3 years;
- b. Be approved in the proficiency test in two foreign languages, with a total length of 3 hours, applied by the own program, in an eliminatory phase. The candidate will be approved if a grade equal to or superior to **6 (six)** on a scale from 0 to 10 is obtained. Approval at the foreign language test is valid for 5 years;

- c. Be approved at the inquiry performed by the examining board in the chosen specific area, if the candidate was previously approved in the specific test of Philosophy and proficiency in a foreign language.

At the inquiry, evaluation will be made based on the academic records including:

- (i) Professional activities;
- (ii) Participation in academic events; and
- (iii) Candidate's published works, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Based on the research Project presented, the board will evaluate:

- (i) The proposed theme;
- (ii) The familiarity and skill showed by the candidate in dealing with the proposed theme; and
- (iii) The relevance of the proposed theme for his formation in philosophy, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Assessment also includes:

- (i) Previous works; and
- (ii) Researches in which the candidate is engaged at the current moment, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 10 points.

The candidate who obtains at least **35 points at the inquiry** will eligible to become member of the student's body of the program, as long as the number of offered vacancies is respected per specific area, as stated in the Vacancy Note.

For the Doctoral degree without the Master's degree the candidate shall:

- a. Be approved in a specific test of Philosophy, in an eliminatory phase, with a total length of 4 hours, in which the candidate must choose one between five different topics presented at the moment of the test. In this test the candidate's familiarity and skill in analyzing philosophical problems. The candidate who obtains a grade equal to or above **7 (seven)** on a scale from 0 to 10. Approbation in the Philosophy specific test is valid for 3 years;
- b. Be approved in the proficiency test in two foreign languages, with a total length of 3 hours, applied by the own program, in an eliminatory phase. The candidate will be approved if a grade equal to or superior to **7 (seven)** on a scale from 0 to 10 is obtained. Approval at the foreign language test is valid for 5 years;
- c. Be approved at the inquiry performed by the examining board in the chosen specific area, if the candidate was previously approved in the specific test of philosophy and proficiency in a foreign language.

At the inquiry, evaluation will be made based on the academic records including:

- (i) Professional activities;
- (ii) Participation in academic events; and
- (iii) Candidate's published works, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Based on the research Project presented, the board will evaluate:

- (i) The proposed theme;
- (ii) The familiarity and skill showed by the candidate in dealing with the proposed theme; and
- (iii) The relevance of the proposed theme for his formation in philosophy, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 5 points.

Assessment also includes:

- (i) Previous works; and

- (ii) Researches in which the candidate is engaged at the current moment, with each item corresponding to a maximum of 10 points.

The candidate who obtains at least **40 points at the inquiry** will be eligible to become member of the student's body of the program, as long as the number of offered vacancies is respected per specific area, as stated in the Vacancy Note.

Schedule and information for the Selection Tests:

Test of Proficiency in Foreign Language: March 30th, 2015, at 14h00, rooms 111 and 117

- The Test of Proficiency in a Foreign Language is a mandatory condition for accessing the Post-Graduation program. The candidate shall be approved or reproved, as regarded by the program, able or unable to understand and translate a philosophical text in its original language, based on an evaluation that shall grant a grade between 0 and 10.
- The only modern languages that shall be accepted are: English, French, German and Italian.
- The use of printed dictionaries is allowed.
- External exams such as TOEFL, IELTS, DALF, CILS, Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom may be accepted, as long as they were performed up to 5 (five) years before the student's registration date at the program's proficiency exam.
- The use of electronic devices or communication with other candidates shall not be allowed;
- Electronic equipment shall be turned off and delivered to the supervisors at the test's table. They shall be sealed in a labeled envelope and returned at the end of the test;
- If any candidate handles any kind of electronic equipment during the test, the candidate shall be disqualified from the selection process;

- The result earned in the Test of Proficiency in a foreign language is valid exclusively for USP's Program of Post Graduate Studies in Philosophy, not being valid beyond this current selection process.

Philosophy Specific Test: 31st of March, 2015, 14h00 – rooms 111 and 117

- At the specific test of Philosophy, the candidate's knowledge will be measured in the analysis of philosophical problems. The candidates may express themselves freely about the chosen theme.
- The candidate may choose one between five proposed points at the moment of the test, except for the candidates in the areas of Logic and Theory of Knowledge, who must answer to the specific point proposed for these areas. (Check the chart of specific areas for the requirements).
- The candidate will not be able to use any kind of published resources or notes.
- The usage of any kind of electronic device or communication with other candidates is not allowed;
- Electronic equipment shall be turned off and delivered to the supervisors at the test's table. They shall be sealed in a labeled envelope and returned at the end of the test;
- If any candidate handles any kind of electronic equipment during the test, the candidate shall be disqualified from the selection process;

IMPORTANT: Projects and work plans shall only be evaluated by the Examining Boards if the candidate is approved at the philosophy and foreign language proficiency test

Step 3

About the vacancies:

The Post-graduation Program in Philosophy makes available in this selection process a total of **70 (seventy) vacancies**, for the courses of Master's degree and Doctorate. The filling of vacant positions shall depend of the candidate's approval in the terms disposed at this vacancy notice, the available amount of vacancies made available and the unquestionable decision of the Examining Boards.

Scholarships: The Program does not grant scholarships for the selected candidates. The offer of scholarships depends on the financing agencies' availability; and its allocation shall obey the specific public notice for that end.

The list of approved candidates for each phase and at the end of the selection process shall be presented the Department of Philosophy's webpage (<http://filosofia.fflch.usp.br/posgraduacao/inscricoes>), as planned in the following schedule.

Schedule:

- **20 of March, 2015** – Dissemination of the registration's deferrals;
- **20 of March, 2015** – Publication of the list with dismissals from the test;
- **24 of April, 2015** – Publication of the philosophy and proficiency test results.
- **24 of April, 2015** – Publication of the Examining Boards of each specific area.
- **27 of April to 04 of May, 2015** – Period for receiving appeals;
- **04 to 08 of May, 2015** – Period for the Examining Boards's inquiries.
- **22 of May, 2015** – Publication of final results.

List of professors accredited by the Program per specific area which shall open vacancies for this selection process.

Area of History of Ancient Philosophy = 2 (two) vacancies

- Luiz Henrique Lopes dos Santos
- Marco Antônio de Ávila Zingano

Area of History of Medieval Philosophy = 6 (six) vacancies

- Carlos Eduardo de Oliveira
- Moacyr Ayres Novaes Filho

Area of History of Modern Philosophy I = 3 (three) vacancies

- Luiz Henrique Lopes dos Santos
- Tessa Moura Lacerda

Area of History of Modern Philosophy II = 4 (four) vacancies

- Pedro Paulo Pimenta
- Maria Lúcia Mello e Oliveira Cacciola

Area of History of the Contemporary Philosophy = 7 (seven) vacancies

- Eduardo Brandão
- Franklin Leopoldo e Silva
- Luiz Henrique Lopes dos Santos
- Marcus Sacrini Ayres Ferraz
- Maria Lúcia Mello e Oliveira Cacciola
- Paulo Eduardo Arantes

Area of Aesthetics = 14 (fourteen) vacancies

- Celso Fernando Favaretto
- Léon Kossovitch
- Luiz Fernando Batista Franklin de Matos
- Márcio Suzuki
- Marco Aurélio Werle
- Oliver Tolle
- Victor Knoll

Area of Ethics and Political Philosophy= 10 (teen) vacancies

- Alberto Ribeiro Gonçalves de Barros
- Olgária Chain Féres Matos
- Rolf Nelson Kuntz
- Sérgio Cardoso
- Silvana de Souza Ramos

Area of Philosophy of Language = 2 (two) vacancies

- João Vergilio Gallerani Cuter

Area of Logic = 08 (eight) vacancies

- Andréa Maria Altino de Campos Loparic
- Edélcio Gonçalves de Souza
- Rodrigo Bacellar da Costa e Silva

Other solicited requests:

- a. Only for the Master's degree candidates, for the area of Logic, instead of a research project the candidate may present, if desired, a work plan pointing the candidate's previous studies at the area and discuss about subjects and/or problems which particularly drew her attention and interest in developing a deeper study.
- b. For the candidates in the Area of Logic, fluency in the English language is recommended, despite the specific foreign language chosen by the candidate at the foreign language test.
- c. About the knowledge test (Master's degree and Doctorate):
Candidates to the area of Logic must mandatorily answer to the specific questions of the area that involves the knowledge of concepts and basic techniques of the classical formal logic (propositional and predicates).

Area of Theory of the Human Sciences= 6 (six) vacancies

- Luiz Sérgio Repa
- Ricardo Ribeiro Terra
- Vladimir Pinheiro Safatle

Area of Theory of Knowledge and Philosophy of Science = 8 (eight) vacancies

- Caetano Ernesto Plastino
- Marcos Barbosa de Oliveira
- Maurício de Carvalho Ramos
- Osvaldo Frota Pessoa Júnior
- Valter Alnis Bezerra

Other requirements: Preparatory readings for the philosophy test in the area of Theory of Knowledge and Philosophy of Science must cover the following texts:

1. Duhem, Pierre. *The aim and structure of physical theory*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1954. Read Part II, ch. 4-7.
2. Hacking, I. *Representing and intervening*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983.
3. Popper, Karl R. *Popper selections*. Ed. D. Miller. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1985. Read Parts I and II, ch. 1-15.

Step 4

About registration:

- The candidates registered for the Doctoral degree whose Master's degree were obtained in foreign Universities shall have their titles acknowledged until the last day of the reserved registration period, according to the school schedule.
- The candidates who obtained the Master's degree in Brazilian Universities shall present the certificate until the last day of registration, according to the school schedule.
- Candidates who do not present the Master's degree certificate (from a Brazilian University) or the result of the Equivalent Qualification process (if the title was granted by a Foreigner university) until the limit date for student's registration will be disqualified.

- Foreign candidates must present regular visa situation and/or residence permit at the moment of registration.
- The foreign candidates must exhibit proficiency in Portuguese language, according to criteria established by the rules of FFLCH Post-Graduation, approved by the Post-Graduation Commission (Comissão de Pós-Graduação - CPG), which are:
 - (i) Presenting the Certificate of Proficiency In Portuguese Language for Foreigners (Certificado de Proficiência em Língua Portuguesa para Estrangeiros-CELPE-Bras), in the intermediate level, provided by the Higher Education Secretariat (Secretaria de Educação Superior – SESu), Ministry of Education of Brazil (Ministério da Educação – MEC). Presentation of this certificate must occur, at most, until 365 days after the beginning of the Master’s Degree or Doctorate time counting.
 - (ii) Test of Proficiency in Portuguese, applied by the Interdepartmental Language Center (Centro Interdepartamental de Línguas) at FFLCH/USP, with a minimum grade of 07 (seven). Presentation of this certificate must occur, at most, until 365 days after the beginning of the Master’s Degree or Doctorate time counting.
 - (iii) Other exams may be analyzed by the CCP, if requested by the student.

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