

STRICTO SENSU GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CLINICAL RESEARCH IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2027 ACADEMIC DOCTORATE SELECTION PROCESS

The Evandro Chagas National Institute of Infectious Diseases (INI), a technical-scientific unit of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), hereby announces, for the information of interested parties, the schedule and rules governing the selection of candidates for the Academic Doctorate course of the Stricto Sensu Graduate Program in Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases (PCDI).

1 PURPOSE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Program offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary and multiprofessional approach to clinical research in infectious diseases, seeking excellence in science, technology and innovation. Its purpose is to develop a comprehensive view of clinical research through the multidisciplinary study of viral, bacterial, parasitic and fungal diseases, especially HIV/AIDS, HTLV, Chagas disease, leishmaniasis, mycoses, COVID-19, sexually transmitted infections, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other mycobacterioses, as well as other emerging infectious diseases. From this perspective, it seeks solutions to challenging scientific problems associated with the emergence and evolution of infectious diseases and with strategies for addressing, preventing and controlling them, within the Program's research areas and with the support of existing national and international collaborative research networks

2 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

- Academic year: 2027
- Course format: In person
- Course schedule: Full time. Classes will be taught in Portuguese.
- Course duration: 48 months
- Total course workload: 2,880 hours
- Number of openings: 15
- Application period: October 13-18, 2026
- Application: Fiocruz Integrated Education System Digital Platform - SIEF (Sistema

Integrado de Ensino Fiocruz) (Appendix 1)

- Enrollment: January 26, 2027 Ano letivo: 2027

3 WHO MAY APPLY

Professionals holding an undergraduate degree in any field may apply. The course is multiprofessional in nature, and applicants must provide evidence of having completed an undergraduate program.

3.1 Applicants holding a master's degree

→ A master's degree diploma or defense record and academic transcript from a program recognized by CAPES. Applicants in the final term of a master's program who meet the remaining requirements may participate in the selection process upon submission of a statement from the educational institution and a provisional transcript. **Enrollment** in the **doctoral** course will, however, be subject to the Internal Regulations and to submission of the defense record and/or a statement confirming completion of the master's program.

→ **Authorship of an article published in a scientific journal indexed** in PubMed, MEDLINE, Scopus or SciELO. Articles still under editorial review will also be accepted, provided they were submitted within the preceding 12 months (applicants must prove that submission occurred on or after October 2025) and the journal is indexed in PubMed, MEDLINE, Scopus or SciELO.

3.2 Applicants who do not hold a master's degree

The minimum qualifications for applying to the doctoral course without a master's degree are:

- a. an undergraduate diploma;
- b. first authorship of an article published within the last five years (2021-2026), or accepted for publication in a scientific journal with a Journal Citation Reports (JCR) impact factor in the ISI Web of Science database or indexed in PubMed, MEDLINE, Scopus or SciELO; and
- c. evidence of established and relevant scientific output, to be assessed by the Selection Committee.

4 OPENINGS

The Program offers fourteen (14) openings in the Academic Doctorate course in 2027. For the purposes of this Call, one (1) additional opening will be offered exclusively to an applicant covered by the agreement formalizing Fiocruz's participation in the Pasteur Network

Foundation, recorded in SEI/SAGE under No. 188-2015_25380.0023992013-90 and executed between the parties. All applicants will undergo the same selection process

Category	Percentage	Number of openings
Pasteur Network	100%	1
Total	100%	1

Category	Percentage	Number of openings
General admission	45%	6
Black applicants (Black and Brown)	30%	4
Persons with disabilities (PwD)	10%	1
Indigenous persons	5%	1
Quilombola persons	5%	1
Transgender persons and travestis	5%	1
Total	100%	14

The Program is not required to fill all available openings.

5 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- Applicants choosing an opening reserved under affirmative action **must indicate this choice on the appropriate form when applying (available for download from SIEF)**. The requirements comply with Fiocruz Ordinance No. 491/2021 of September 20, 2021, which regulates affirmative action within Fiocruz, and take into account Technical Note No. 01/2026/CGE/VPEIC/Fiocruz of April 2, 2026.
- Pursuant to Technical Note No. 01/2026/CGE/VPEIC/Fiocruz of April 2, 2026, affirmative-action openings that remain unfilled will be reassigned among the

respective beneficiary groups, in ranking order, until those openings are exhausted. Only after all possibilities for reassignment among affirmative-action groups have been exhausted may remaining openings be assigned to general admission.

- An applicant who meets the requirements for more than one affirmative-action category must choose, when applying, the category under which they wish to compete.
- Affirmative-action applicants who fail to submit any of the specific documents required for that category will automatically be reassigned to general admission.

5.1 OPENINGS FOR BLACK PERSONS (BLACK AND BROWN)

To compete for an opening reserved for Black persons (Black and Brown), applicants must:

1. Self-identify when applying, using the appropriate completed and signed **form (available for download from SIEF)**, in accordance with the “color or race” classification used by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).
2. Applicants for openings reserved for Black persons (Black and Brown) will be interviewed by a Racial Hetero-Identification Committee appointed by an INI Ordinance, in order to prevent misuse of the affirmative-action policy. During the interview, the Committee will consider the applicant's self-identification at the time of application and the applicant's physical characteristics (phenotype).
3. This interview is not part of the academic selection; it serves only to confirm whether the information declared in the application is correct.
4. An applicant who is not approved in, or does not participate in, the racial hetero-identification procedures will automatically be considered a general-admission applicant.
5. Applicants who disagree with the result may file a reasoned appeal on the date established in the schedule (Appendix 2), using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF).
6. The decision of the Specific Committee will be valid for any selection process conducted by INI.

5.2 OPENINGS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PwD)

To compete for an opening reserved for a person with a disability, the applicant must meet the criteria established in the applicable federal decrees and laws. The applicant must also declare their disability at the time of application using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF).

Applicants who declare a disability will undergo a biopsychosocial assessment conducted by

a multiprofessional and interdisciplinary committee, which will assess:

- impairments in body functions and structures;
- socio-environmental, psychological and personal factors;
- limitations in performing activities; and
- restrictions on participation.

The medical report concerning the disability must be attached at the time of application. No validity period will be required for a medical report already submitted with the application.

Notes:

1. Socio-environmental factors are conditions and influences in the environment and society that affect people. They include, for example, air quality, pollution, education and access to healthcare services. In short, they are influences from the place where we live and the people around us that may affect our lives.
2. A multiprofessional and interdisciplinary committee is a working group composed of professionals from different fields and disciplines who collaborate to achieve a common objective.
3. A medical report is an official document issued by a qualified physician to explain a person's health condition.
4. Applicants with a disability who need special conditions to take an examination (a reader, enlarged-print examination, transcription assistance or an easily accessible room) must request them at the time of application by completing a specific form. The form must clearly identify the special resources required. Otherwise, the applicant will take the examination under the same conditions as the other applicants.
5. An applicant who is not approved in, or does not participate in, the biopsychosocial assessment process will automatically be considered a general-admission applicant.
6. Applicants who disagree with the result may file a reasoned appeal on the date established in the schedule (Appendix 2), using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF).
7. The decision of the Specific Committee will be valid for any selection process conducted by INI and will be published on the date set forth in the schedule (Appendix 2) through SIEF: <https://acesso.fiocruz.br/>

5.3 OPENINGS FOR INDIGENOUS PERSONS

To compete for an opening reserved for an Indigenous person, applicants must:

- a. Self-identify as Indigenous, in accordance with the “color or race” category used by IBGE, at the time of application, using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF).
- b. As established in International Labour Organization Convention 169/1989, the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Joint Resolution 12/2024 of FUNAI and the National Council of Justice, an applicant who makes this self-identification and chooses to compete for openings reserved under affirmative action for this group benefits from a rebuttable presumption of truthfulness. Applicants who self-identify as Indigenous may, however, optionally submit supplementary documents supporting their self-identification.

5.4 OPENINGS FOR QUILOMBOLA PERSONS

Applicants wishing to compete for an opening reserved for a Quilombola person must self-identify at the time of application, using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF). Applicants who self-identify as Quilombola must submit one of the following supporting documents:

- I. A statement proving the applicant's ethnic affiliation, signed by three leaders associated with the community association, pursuant to Article 17, sole paragraph, of Decree No. 4,887 of November 20, 2003; or
- II. Certification from the Palmares Cultural Foundation recognizing as Quilombola the community to which the applicant belongs.

Quilombola applicants need submit only one of the documents above to support their self-identification. The documents will be reviewed by the selection-process organizing committee.

5.5 OPENINGS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS AND TRAVESTIS

Applicants wishing to compete for an opening reserved for transgender persons and travestis must self-identify at the time of application using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF). An applicant who makes this self-identification and chooses to compete for affirmative-action openings reserved for this group benefits from a rebuttable presumption of truthfulness.

6 LIST OF SUPERVISORS AND THEIR RESEARCH AREAS

To identify supervisors with available openings, applicants must strictly follow the faculty list in

Appendix 3 and pay attention to the respective research areas. The Program is not required to fill all openings; this will depend on supervisory availability and on the consistency of the proposed research project with the research area and study topic of a supervisor who has an opening.

7 APPLICATIONS

7.1 HOW TO APPLY

- Applications must be submitted through the Fiocruz Integrated Education System (SIEF) ([Sistema Integrado de Ensino Fiocruz](#)) between **October 13 and 18, 2026**, no later than 11:59 p.m. BRT (Brazil Standard Time) on the final day. Instructions for applying through SIEF are provided in Appendix 1.
- Only applications submitted through SIEF will be accepted. Applying constitutes the applicant's acknowledgment and acceptance of all conditions set forth in this Call.
- Applicants must monitor the selection-process results through SIEF.
- Information will not be provided by telephone.

In SIEF, applicants must:

- choose the desired opening and concentration area;
- complete the application form; and
- upload the required documents.

7.2 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT THE APPLICATION STAGE

The documents listed below must be SCANNED in PDF (Portable Document Format), and each file may not exceed five (5) megabytes. Documents with a front and back must be saved as a single PDF file and must remain within the file-size limit. If more than one document must be attached, they must be combined into a single file. Each scanned document must have a filename consistent with its contents. For example, an undergraduate diploma should be named "Undergraduate_diploma_firstname_lastname.pdf." By submitting the required documentation, the applicant assumes responsibility for the truthfulness of all information provided and for compliance with the deadlines. Questions exclusively concerning access to the system and/or completion of the application form may be sent to selecao.strictosensu@ini.fiocruz.br.

a. **Identification document (Registro Geral/RG)**, front and back at original size on the same

page, showing place of birth and having no expiration date. A professional council identification card will be accepted only if it shows place of birth, parentage and photograph. **Foreign applicants** must submit a valid **National Migration Registration Card (CRNM)** issued by the Federal Police. Copies of a Brazilian driver's license (CNH) or employee identification card will not be accepted.

b. **Undergraduate diploma** (legible digital copy, front and back) or a statement from the awarding higher education institution.

c. **Proof of residence issued by a public utility provider (for example, water or electricity)**, if the applicant lives outside the State of Rio de Janeiro and wishes to complete any stage of the process remotely.

d. **Evidence of publication of the article** described in items 3.1 and 3.2, as applicable to applicants with or without a master's degree, respectively.

e. **Lattes CV updated within the preceding six months and created on the CNPq Lattes Platform (<http://lattes.cnpq.br/>)**. The Lattes CV must be saved as a PDF and attached in the appropriate SIEF field.

f. **Lattes CV scoring form (available for download from SIEF)**, duly completed by the applicant with the requested scores and accompanied by scanned copies of evidence for the items scored by the applicant. Items in the Lattes CV that are not supported by evidence, supporting documents for items not recorded in the Lattes CV, and items not scored by the applicant on the form will not be considered. Only bibliographic output from 2021 through 2026 will be scored.

g. **Authorization form for the use of image and sound for educational purposes (available for download from SIEF)**.

h. **Letter of acceptance from a supervisor accredited by the Program**, completed and signed (available for download from SIEF).

i. **Letter of consent from the immediate manager and the INI Directorate**, for applicants who are INI-Fiocruz civil servants (available for download from SIEF).

j. **Consent form from the employing company, the manager responsible for the sector in which the applicant works, and the INI Directorate**, for applicants who are service providers at INI-Fiocruz (available for download from SIEF).

k. **Letter of consent from the employing company and/or the coordinator responsible for the project in which the applicant works**, mandatory exclusively for applicants professionally affiliated with FIOTEC as a scholarship holder or employee subject to Brazilian labor law.

- l. **Letter of consent on company letterhead, signed by the immediate manager and/or director**, authorizing attendance in the Academic Doctorate program, for professionals employed outside INI.
- m. **Letter of consent from the INI Directorate**, exclusively for projects to be conducted at INI, whether the applicant is internal or external to INI (available for download from SIEF). Note: applicants whose projects will be conducted outside INI are exempt from submitting this document.
- n. **Research project cover sheet**, signed by the applicant and supervisor (available for download from SIEF).
- o. **Research project, submitted as a single PDF file and prepared in the format prescribed by the INI Research Coordination Office** (see Appendix 4). Failure to submit the project by the application deadline will result in elimination from the selection process, with no right of appeal.

7.3 Applicants with undergraduate and/or master's diplomas obtained outside

- a. Undergraduate diplomas obtained outside Brazil must be legalized under the Hague Apostille Convention if obtained in a country that is a party to that Convention. For information on the Convention, see National Council of Justice Resolution No. 228 of June 22, 2016, which regulates application within the Judiciary of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, concluded at The Hague on October 5, 1961 (Apostille Convention).
- b. The list of State Parties may be consulted on the National Council of Justice website ([Conselho Nacional de Justiça](#)). If an undergraduate diploma was obtained in a non-party country, it must be legalized by a representative of the Brazilian embassy in the country where the studies were completed, bear the signature of the responsible authority, and contain the embassy seal. A sworn translation of these documents is required, except for diplomas issued by institutions in Portuguese-speaking countries.

7.4 Applications from foreign nationals who are not participating under agreements or cooperation arrangements administered by funding agencies

- a. The selection process, prerequisites and application documents for foreign applicants who are not participating under agreements or cooperation arrangements administered by funding agencies are the same as for Brazilian nationals. In addition, successful foreign applicants must submit the enrollment documents.

- b. For further information, foreign applicants should consult the Manual for Foreign Students at <https://pesquisaclinica.ini.fiocruz.br/foreign-students>.

8 RESEARCH PROJECT

- The location where the project will be conducted must be specified on the submission form.
- The doctoral project must use A4 paper; Arial or Times New Roman, 12 pt; 1.5 line spacing; top and left margins of 3.0 cm; bottom and right margins of 2.0 cm; and a first-line paragraph indent of 1.25 cm. It may not exceed 10 pages, including bibliographic references. The following pages will not be counted: cover sheet, table of contents, abstract, annexes and appendices. All other items will be counted. The abstract may not exceed one page.
- Under “Expected results,” explain how the results may contribute to understanding or solving the problem and identify at least two intended future publications in scientific journals with a Journal Impact Factor (JIF) percentile of 75% or higher.
- In the schedule, set the research duration between 24 and 48 months, according to the project's needs.
- Bibliographic references must follow one of the citation systems in the ABNT Group Standards (numeric or author-date). The Fiocruz Manual for Standardization of Academic Works and the template are available in Fiocruz's ARCA Institutional Repository.
- Applicants whose projects do not follow the prescribed format, fail to include all items in the detailed research-project outline, or exceed the page limit will lose points in the project assessment.
- Failure to submit the project by the deadline will result in elimination from the selection process, with no right of appeal.

9 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

To be exempted from the English-language examination, applicants may submit a legible PDF copy (front and back, where applicable) of one of the following documents, whose authenticity and truthfulness can be verified:

- i. TOEFL iBT, minimum score 57 (within its three-year validity period);
- ii. TOEFL ITP, minimum score 460 (within its three-year validity period);

- iii. IELTS, minimum score 5.0 (within its three-year validity period);
- iv. Michigan certificates (ECCE, MTELP or ECP);
- v. Cambridge certificates (FCE, CAE or CPE); or
- vi. Duolingo English Test, minimum score 90.

The following applicants will also be exempt:

- a. Applicants approved in an English-language examination in an INI Graduate Program in Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases selection process held in or after 2024. The applicant must submit a scanned PDF statement identifying the year in which they passed the selection process.
- b. Applicants who prove that, within the last 10 years (on or after 2016), they resided in an English-speaking country for more than 12 months and obtained a formal academic certificate there (secondary-school, technical-school, undergraduate or graduate diploma).
- c. Applicants who completed a master's degree within the last five years (2021-2026) are exempt from presenting evidence of English proficiency. Applicants who completed a master's degree more than five years ago and do not submit proof of English proficiency must take the English-language proficiency examination.

In cases of exemption, the applicant must request exemption from the examination in SIEF.

- a. Applicant with English proficiency: submission of the proficiency certificate is mandatory, and the authenticity and truthfulness of the information will be verified.
- b. Applicant who took an English examination at INI: the justification field must state the Program, course and year of the examination, and an identification document must be attached.
 - All other applicants must take the English-language proficiency examination remotely and synchronously.
 - Applicants who score below 5 (five) on the English examination will be eliminated from the selection process, with no right of appeal. All other applicants will be deemed qualified; the examination score will not be used for ranking purposes.
 - The English examination will not be reviewed.

10 APPLICATION APPROVAL

An application will be approved when it complies with the rules of this Call. After application

approval, documents may not be replaced or added. An application will not be approved in the following circumstances:

- failure to meet the application prerequisites; or
- failure to submit the documents required for application.

Failure to submit the research project with the application will result in elimination from the selection process, with no right of appeal. Applicants are solely responsible for monitoring publication of the approved-applications list.

11 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will comprise three stages.

- In a ranking stage, the result determines the applicant's ranking.
- When a stage is both eliminatory and ranking, the applicant must attain a minimum score to avoid elimination.
- Once the minimum score has been attained, the result will be used for ranking.
- At every stage, Brazilian applicants must present the original of an official photo identification document, and foreign applicants must present their passport, in order to take the examinations.

11.1 Stage 1 - English-language examination (eliminatory)

Date and time: November 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Brasília time.

Applicants arriving more than 10 minutes after the examination begins will not be admitted.

Location: Remote.

- Platform instructions and the access link for this stage will be published in SIEF. Applicants are responsible for accessing this information.
- Minimum passing score: 5.00 points.
- The examination assesses comprehension of written English-language texts.
- The examination is mandatory unless the applicant provides evidence of having taken one of the qualifying examinations accepted for exemption under this Call.
- The examination lasts no more than three hours.
- Consultation of texts and use of electronic resources (translator, tablet, etc.) and mobile phones are prohibited. Only printed dictionaries may be consulted. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in elimination from the selection process.
- The examination will not be reviewed.

11.2 Stage 2 - Documentary assessment (ranking)

Basis: Documents submitted by the applicant through the SIEF Platform.

The documentary assessment will comprise an assessment of the Lattes CV, the scoring form, which the applicant must complete, and supporting documents for the items scored (form available in SIEF).

The Lattes CV will be assessed on the basis of the information recorded in the CV, the mandatory Lattes CV Scoring Form completed by the applicant, and the corresponding supporting documents for the scored items. The following conditions apply:

- only items duly recorded in the Lattes CV, reported on the Scoring Form and accompanied by the corresponding supporting documents will be considered for scoring;
- items recorded in the Lattes CV but not duly supported by evidence will not be considered;
- supporting documents concerning items not recorded in the Lattes CV will not be considered;
- items recorded in the Lattes CV and supported by documents, but not reported on the Lattes CV Scoring Form, will not be considered; and
- the applicant must complete the form, strictly observing the criteria and documentation established in this Call.

For scoring purposes, bibliographic output consisting of scientific articles, books, book chapters and works presented/published at conferences produced within the period established in this Call, namely the last five years (2021-2026), will be considered.

Applicants who disagree with the result may file a reasoned appeal on the date established in the schedule (Appendix 2), using the appropriate completed and signed form (available for download from SIEF).

- The grounds must objectively and clearly identify the challenged item or score and present arguments supporting the request for review.
- Appeals filed after the deadline or lacking grounds relevant to the challenged score will not be considered.

11.3 11.3 Stage 3 - Project assessment and applicant interview (eliminary and ranking)

Dates and times: November 16-18 and 23-25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: INI/Fiocruz Education Pavilion.

Minimum passing score: 6.0 points.

The interview consists of a formal oral presentation of the project, lasting no more than 15 minutes and using audiovisual resources (for example, PowerPoint), to the members of the Graduate Selection Committee, without the supervisor being present. Failure to use audiovisual resources may affect the applicant's final score in this stage. During questioning, the committee members will ask about aspects of the research project and the applicant's theoretical and practical knowledge, motivation and availability, in order to establish the project's feasibility.

- i. Applicants whose projects fall outside the scope of clinical research or do not align with the Graduate Program in Clinical Research's research areas will be eliminated and will not be interviewed.
- ii. Interviews will be conducted in person. Exceptionally, applicants residing outside the State of Rio de Janeiro may be interviewed remotely by video call, upon proof of residence, through Zoom or an equivalent platform. Platform instructions and the access link for this stage will be published in SIEF; applicants are responsible for accessing the information.
- iii. An applicant who is not present at the scheduled interview time, either in person or in the waiting room of the designated platform, will be eliminated after a 10-minute grace period. At the end of this stage, the Graduate Selection Committee will score the interviews and research projects.
- iv. An applicant who fails to obtain the minimum score for each specific item in the interview or research project, and/or whose score is below 6 (six), will be eliminated from the selection process.
- v. The selection-process results will be published in SIEF.
- vi. An applicant whose final assessment score is below 6 (six) will be eliminated.

12 APPEALS

An appeal is an instrument or procedure used to request that a decision be changed.

- The result of each stage will be published on the SIEF Platform website on the date indicated in the schedule (Appendix 2). Applicants wishing to request review of a score obtained at any stage, or of the result of the Racial Hetero-Identification Interview or Biopsychosocial Assessment, must complete the appeal form on the SIEF Platform website during the period specified in the schedule (Appendix 2).
- Appeals will not be accepted by email, by any means other than SIEF, or after the deadline. Under no circumstances will a request for reconsideration of the Selection

Committee's decision on an appeal be accepted.

13 FINAL RANKING

The final score will be the sum of the scores from the following stages, after application of their respective weights, divided by five:

- Lattes CV assessment: weight 1
- Research project: weight 2
- Applicant interview: weight 2

When necessary, the following tie-breaking criteria will be applied sequentially until the tie is resolved: (1) research project score; (2) interview score; (3) Lattes CV score; and (4) age, with preference given to the older applicant.

Applicants for affirmative-action openings (Black, Indigenous, Quilombola, transgender and persons with disabilities) will compete simultaneously for general-admission openings according to their ranking in the selection process under this Call. Openings will be filled on the basis of approval and ranking, taking into account the following:

1. If an applicant who self-identifies as Black, Indigenous, Quilombola, transgender or a person with a disability is approved within the number of openings offered for general admission, that applicant will not count toward the number of affirmative-action openings.
2. If an applicant approved for an affirmative-action opening withdraws, the opening will be filled by the next-ranked applicant competing for the same opening.
3. If openings reserved for affirmative-action applicants are not filled, they will be reassigned to general admission.

After publication of the final result of each stage, no further appeal of any kind will be permitted. Under no circumstances will a request for reconsideration of the Selection Committee's decision on an appeal be accepted.

14 ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2027.

Enrollment for the opening under the Fiocruz-Pasteur Network agreement for the training of foreign doctoral students will occur in a period different from the regular openings, in May 2027 (see Appendix 2).

Location: SIEF Platform.

14.1 Required documents

- a. Enrollment form (available for download from SIEF).
- b. Legible undergraduate diploma, front and back.
- c. Legible master's diploma, front and back.*

*Applicants who do not yet have a master's diploma must submit the defense record and a statement of course completion, scanned in PDF, stating the date on which the defense took place. The statement must be issued by the applicant's higher education institution on letterhead, duly stamped and signed. Its date may be no more than 12 months before publication of this Call.

- d. Legible final undergraduate transcript, front and back.
- e. Legible final master's transcript, front and back.
- f. CPF individual taxpayer registration document, front and back. Waived if the CPF number appears on the identification card.
- g. Recent 3 × 4 cm photograph, front-facing, with a white background, as one file.
- h. Marriage certificate or annotation, if the applicant's name differs from the name on the undergraduate diploma and identification document submitted.
- i. Statement of Commitment to the course, completed and signed (available for download from SIEF).
- j. Declaration of Truthfulness of Information and Authenticity of Documents Submitted (available for download from SIEF).
- k. Voter registration card or certificate of electoral compliance.
- l. Military-service certificate for men aged 18 to 45.
- m. Professional council registration.
- n. INSS registration (eSocial form).
- o. Up-to-date vaccination record.
- p. Confidentiality Agreement (available for download from SIEF).

14.2 Documents required from foreign applicants

Enrollment of foreign applicants selected for the doctoral course must comply with the guidance of the Office of the Vice President for Global Health and International Relations of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (VPSGRI/Fiocruz), the rules and guidance available on the INI/Fiocruz Graduate Program webpage (<https://pesquisaclinica.ini.fiocruz.br/>), and current Brazilian migration law, especially Law No. 13,445 of May 24, 2017 (Migration Law), Decree No. 9,199 of November 20, 2017, and Interministerial Ordinance No. 7 of March 13, 2018. Every selected foreign applicant must register on Fiocruz's Foreign Nationals Portal/Foreign

Nationals Information System (SIE) (<https://sie.fiocruz.br/portalsie>), pursuant to Fiocruz Presidency Ordinance No. 918 of October 21, 2022.

In addition to the items listed in section 14.1 above, except items k, l, m and n, selected foreign applicants must submit the following documents:

- a. A valid passport or, in cases provided for in international agreements to which Brazil is a party, a valid official identity document accepted for entry into Brazilian territory.
- b. A document proving regular migration status in Brazil, corresponding to the applicant's migration status, such as a temporary visa for study, a residence permit for study purposes, a residence permit under the Mercosur Residence Agreement, or another residence category that permits study in Brazil.
- c. National Migration Registration Card (CRNM) or, if the document is still being processed, the application/registration receipt issued by the Federal Police.
- d. Proof of registration status in the Individual Taxpayer Registry (CPF), if the applicant already has a CPF or when registration is required to implement a scholarship, open a bank account or complete another administrative procedure in Brazil.
- e. Identity card issued by the country of origin, for students from Mercosur countries.
- f. Proof of health insurance valid throughout the study period.
- g. Proof of award of a scholarship by the funding agency, for scholarship recipients. Applicants who have not received a scholarship must submit a statement confirming the availability of funds for their maintenance in Brazil when such proof is required by their migration category.
- h. Receipt/proof of completion of registration in Fiocruz's Foreign Nationals Portal/Foreign Nationals Information System (SIE).

15 SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ACCOMMODATION

- This Call does not guarantee the award of scholarships to successful applicants.
- The Graduate Program has a limited number of scholarships. Awards are subject to scholarship availability and to the criteria established by the respective funding agencies and other funding sources.
- Scholarships will be allocated in accordance with current institutional guidance and guidelines, especially the document "CGE/VPEIC Guidelines for Graduate Programs' Compliance with CAPES Ordinance No. 133," and according to the applicants' overall ranking, regardless of admission category (general admission or affirmative action).
- Scholarships are not guaranteed to all students, even if they are approved and ranked

in the selection process.

- Scholarships not used in a given admission category may be redistributed among the other categories, subject to eligibility criteria and the rules of the respective funding agency or funding source.
- In the event of a tie or when it is necessary to determine the order of scholarship awards, the overall ranking will be followed in accordance with current institutional guidance.
- Subject to available resources and criteria established in a specific call, Fiocruz may offer retention assistance to students in situations of social vulnerability.
- Fiocruz does not provide student accommodation.

16 DATA PROTECTION

- Processing of applicants' personal data during the selection process will comply with the Brazilian General Data Protection Law (LGPD) and other applicable rules.
- Fiocruz will be responsible for the use and protection of applicants' personal data and will use this information to conduct the selection process, comply with legal requirements, ensure security and prevent fraud.
- Documents submitted by applicants will be treated as documents containing personal data and protected in accordance with the LGPD.
- Academic information made publicly available by the applicant on platforms such as the Lattes Platform and ORCID may be consulted during the selection process when necessary.
- Information on Fiocruz's data-protection policy is available at <https://portal.fiocruz.br/lei-geral-de-protecao-de-dados-pessoais-lgpd>.
- Fiocruz will adopt security measures to protect applicants' personal data against improper access, loss, alteration or unauthorized disclosure.
- Personal data will be retained only for the period necessary for the selection process and will be deleted when no longer needed, unless retention is required by law.

17 DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To obtain the degree of Doctor, in addition to meeting the minimum duration of two (2) years and maximum duration of four (4) years, the student must: (a) complete the required number of credits; (b) pass the thesis defense; (c) have submitted at least one (1) article; and (d) submit the required academic documents and the definitive version of the final work, observing the

procedures, formats and deadlines established by the Graduate Program.

Sole paragraph: Award of the doctoral degree and the resulting qualification are conditional upon full compliance with the requirements set forth in this section, including submission of the academic documents and the definitive version of the thesis, under the terms established by the Program.

18 FINAL PROVISIONS

I. By participating in this selection process, applicants declare that they have read and agree to all rules and conditions established in this Call. Challenges based on lack of knowledge of the rules will not be accepted.

II. The course is free of charge, and no enrollment or tuition fees will be charged.

III. There will be no make-up session for any stage under this Call.

IV. Under the General Regulations for Stricto Sensu Graduate Education of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, simultaneous enrollment in lato sensu and/or stricto sensu graduate courses is prohibited. Exceptionally, students completing a specialization course may hold dual enrollment for no more than 90 days.

V. Applicants are responsible for the documents and information submitted at any stage of the selection process, application or enrollment.

VI. Applicants are solely responsible for monitoring publication of all official acts, calls and notices relating to this Call, which will be published in full on the Graduate Program website and the SIEF Platform.

VII. If any false information is identified in an application, the applicant will be eliminated from the selection process or, if already enrolled and attending the course, may be dismissed from the Program.

VIII. Compliance with all deadlines for application, document submission and enrollment is mandatory. Failure to meet any deadline will result in elimination from the selection process.

IX. The selection committee is responsible for scheduling the date and time of the oral examinations

APPENDIX 1 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING THROUGH THE FIOCRUZ INTEGRATED EDUCATION SYSTEM (SIEF)

To access the application form, applicants must create an account through Fiocruz Single Sign-On by following the steps below:

1. Go to <https://acesso.fiocruz.br/meu-acesso/>
2. Click “Crie sua conta” (“Create your account”).
3. Select one of the following options: Brazilian, foreign national without a CPF, or foreign national with a CPF.
4. Enter your personal details, read the terms of use, and check the box “Li e estou de acordo com os termos de uso” (“I have read and agree to the terms of use”).
5. Select “Não sou um robô” (“I am not a robot”) and then click “Avançar” (“Next”).
6. Confirm that your email address is correct and click “Avançar” (“Next”) to activate your account.
7. Check your email inbox for the access code. Enter the code received by email in the “código de 06 dígitos” (“six-digit code”) field and click “Verificar” (“Verify”).
8. A confirmation message will appear: “Sua conta foi criada com sucesso” (“Your account has been successfully created”). Click “Autenticar” (“Sign in”).
9. After registering, or if you already have a Fiocruz Single Sign-On account, select “Serviços Fiocruz” (“Fiocruz Services”) from the menu on the left. Click “Ensino” (“Education”) and then “Chamadas Públicas Abertas” (“Open Calls”).
10. Under “Nível” (“Level”), select “Doutorado Acadêmico” (“Academic Doctorate”) and click “Filtrar” (“Filter”).
11. Select “Doutorado Acadêmico em Pesquisa Clínica em Doenças Infecciosas 2027” (“2027 Academic Doctorate in Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases”).
12. On the next page, click “Inscrever-se” (“Apply”).
13. Complete all mandatory fields in the application form, clicking “Próximo” (“Next”) on each page. Under “Formação” (“Education”), enter your undergraduate degree information.
14. If there are openings reserved under affirmative action, the applicant must select the relevant option when applying.
15. Add the mandatory documents and click “Próximo” (“Next”).
16. Add the appendix files as applicable, noting that some are mandatory, and click

“Próximo” (“Next”).

17. The applicant must then verify the information and confirm that all documents were uploaded. Click “Confirmar” (“Confirm”) to complete the application. Applicants may return to this page and edit the documents until the final day of the application period.

18. After completing all stages, applicants may save the application receipt by clicking “Gerar PDF” (“Generate PDF”). Note: if you logged out or the session ended, return to (<https://acesso.fiocruz.br/meuacesso/servicos-fiocruz/ensino/minhas-inscricoes>) and click “Editar inscrição” (“Edit application”).

19. Applicants experiencing difficulty using the application system should consult the help available in SIEF or contact the Program Office at selecao.strictosensu@ini.fiocruz.br

APPENDIX 2 - SCHEDULE

Stsge	Dates
Publication of the Call	September 14, 2026
Applications	October 13-18, 2026
Application approval result	October 26, 2026
Appeal against application approval result	October 27, 2026
Result of appeal against application approval	October 29, 2026
English-language examination	November 3, 2026
English-language examination result	November 5, 2026
Publication of selection interview, hetero-identification interview and biopsychosocial committee assessment times	November 9, 2026
Selection interviews	November 16-18 and 23-25, 2026
Hetero-identification interviews (Black, Brown and transgender applicants)	November 16-18 and 23-25, 2026
Biopsychosocial committee interviews (only for applicants who declare a disability)	November 16-18 and 23-25, 2026
CV scoring result	November 16, 2026
Appeal against CV score	November 17, 2026
Result of hetero-identification interview (Black, Brown and transgender applicants) and biopsychosocial committee assessment	November 27, 2026
Appeal against hetero-identification interview result (Black, Brown and transgender applicants)	November 30, 2026
Result of appeal concerning verification of status as a Black or Brown person	December 1, 2026
Result of appeal against CV score	December 4, 2026
Publication of final result	December 4, 2026
Enrollment in the Program (regular openings)	January 26, 2027
Enrollment in the Program (Fiocruz/Pasteur Network Agreement opening)	May 2027

APPENDIX 3 - LIST OF FACULTY MEMBERS IN THE 2027 ACADEMIC DOCTORATE PROGRAM

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Research lines

1. Health Technology Assessment.
2. Parasitic diseases in humans and animals: immunology, taxonomy, eco-epidemiology, control technologies, diagnosis, clinical aspects and treatment, focusing on parasites of the genera Leishmania, Toxoplasma, Trypanosoma and Plasmodium.
3. Viral hepatitis, STIs, HIV/AIDS, and related coinfections and complications.
4. Comprehensive care in infectious diseases.
5. Fungal infections in humans and animals: eco-epidemiology, clinical aspects, pathogenesis, immunology, diagnosis and treatment.
6. Pathogenesis, clinical aspects and epidemiology of viral diseases.
7. Infections in critically ill patients: immunopathogenesis, therapeutics, quality and organization.
8. Tuberculosis and HIV.

APPENDIX 4 - DETAILED RESEARCH PROJECT OUTLINE

No.	Items to be included in the project
1	Table of contents.
2	Numbered pages.
3	Project title: must enable the reader to anticipate the project's contents.
4	Name of the lead researcher: names of the supervisor and student.
5	Project abstract: a single paragraph, up to one page, containing the principal question, its relevance, the project's objectives, how they will be achieved, and the expected results.
6.	Introduction: inform or update the reader about the subject. Provide sufficient background for a non-specialist reader to understand the rationale, objectives and methods.
7.	Rationale: direct relevant information toward the question addressed, gaps in knowledge and existing disagreements. The final paragraphs should lead to the need for the present study.
8.	General objective: state what the project intends to achieve; it may resemble the title. The infinitive verb is the key element and must be precise.
9.	Specific objective(s): secondary objectives or details of intermediate stages of the main objective.
10.	Methodology Study design. Study population: - study population; - justification for the inclusion of vulnerable groups, if applicable; - sample-selection strategy/recruitment plan; - inclusion and exclusion criteria; and - criteria for suspending or terminating the study or withdrawing volunteers. Materials, procedures and techniques: - describe, or cite references for, the procedures and techniques to be used; - define exposures/predictors, interventions and outcomes; - procedures for collecting biological samples, records and data from humans and/or animals; and - project period or duration. - Note: Projects using a qualitative approach must include a "Theoretical and Methodological Framework" item.

	4. Analysis plan: explain how data will be collected and stored and which analytical methods are planned, including estimates of frequency or association measures to address each objective; and sample-size calculation.
10.1	Foreign cooperation If not applicable, enter “N/A.” - State the name, qualifications and role in the project of the foreign individual or legal entity. - State whether human biological samples will be sent abroad. If so, include a justification in the project. - Include the approval document issued by an ethics committee in the country of origin, or a justification for its absence.
10.2	Storage of biological samples If not applicable, enter “N/A.” Provide a justification regarding the need and opportunity for future uses: - Does the Informed Consent Form authorize sample storage? - Identify the persons responsible for custody of the material and for authorizing its use, and state the expected storage period for biological samples.
10.3	Intellectual property If not applicable, enter “N/A.” State whether a patent or other intellectual-property application is expected.
11.	Expected results -Explain how the results may contribute to understanding or solving the problem. - The doctoral project is expected to result in at least two publications in a scientific journal with a Journal Impact Factor (JIF) percentile of 75% or higher. State the topic of each article and the intended scientific journal.
12.	Ethical considerations with an Informed Consent Form or Commitment Form - Measures to protect confidentiality. - Describe every risk and assess its likelihood and severity. - Describe measures to protect against or minimize any potential risk. - Measures to ensure necessary care in the event of harm. - Infrastructure required for the research and to resolve any resulting problems. - Projects involving human participants will be submitted to the INI Research Ethics Committee (CEP/INI). In such cases, attach the Informed Consent Form or, if obtaining consent is impossible, the Commitment Form. - Projects involving animals will be submitted to the Fiocruz Ethics Committee on the Use of Laboratory Animals (CEUA/Fiocruz).
13.	Schedule Indicate the expected project start date. The schedule must show the project implementation plan over time

	(24 months). Deverá permitir a visualização do plano de execução do projeto ao longo do tempo (24 meses)
14.	Budget Identify funding sources and the impact on INI's Annual Plan. Detail the sources and allocation of funds by expenditure category (current and capital expenditure).
15.	Team Provide each team member's name, qualifications, role in the project and institutional assignment/place of work.
16.	Bibliographic references - ABNT numeric or author-date system Bibliographic references must follow one of the citation systems in the ABNT Group Standards (numeric or author-date), available in the Fiocruz Manual for Standardization of Academic Works and the template.
17.	Lattes CV link Provide the lead researcher's Lattes CV link.