



Admission Instructions to the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Program at UERJ for non-Brazilian Applicants

The Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ) is one of the largest and most prestigious universities in Brazil and Latin America. UERJ is a Brazilian public university, and therefore **does not charge any tuition/fees*** and the student has the opportunity to obtain an advanced academic degree in a University of excellence entirely for free*.

Additionally, for students with outstanding academic records, the Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering (PPG-EM) at UERJ also offers the opportunity to apply for scholarships (financial aids).

There are two PPG-EM admission periods per year, one at the beginning of the year and the other in the middle of the year. Masters and PhD courses require enrollment in subjects (mandatory and elective) and the completion of a thesis, which must be defended by the student to a committee of professors in the field. The average duration of a Master's course is 2 years and that of a PhD course is 4 years.

We are looking for motivated and bright students and we accept applicants from all over the world. We have openings for Masters, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral studies.

**A small one-time (350 BRL) application fee is charged. This value might change depending on the semester. Please refer to the official current [call for Masters and Doctorate](#) available only in Portuguese.*

Before Applying

Before the application, it is recommended, for foreign applicants to first contact the [PPG-EM coordinators and a possible advisor](#) via email expressing interest in joining the program. This initial contact is very important as the professors will guide you through the application process.

This e-mail must include the following documents:

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Research interest
- Recent photo (Passport standard 3x4 with neutral background)
- Scanned copy of Undergraduate Degree and Transcript
- Scanned copy of Master's Degree and Transcript (If applying for Doctorate)

Warning: The following procedures are just guidelines for non-Brazilian applicants.

Official procedures and required documents might change depending on the semester. Please refer to the official current [call for Masters and Doctorate](#) for the accurate requirements (available only in Portuguese).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to talk to the professor you are in contact with.

Application Process

The official application usually takes place twice a year; one in the end of the year and one in the middle of the year.

In order to apply for the PPG-EM courses, you will need the following documents:

- [Application form](#) filled up with the correct information
- Scanned copy of passport in pdf
- Curriculum Vitae in pdf
- Recent photo (Passport standard 3x4 with neutral background) in jpg
- Scanned copy of Undergraduate Degree and Transcript in pdf
- Scanned copy of Master's Degree and Transcript in pdf (If applying for Doctorate)
- Certificate of Proficiency in the English Language: TOEFL, ECCE, TAPI, etc. (Recommended). If not provided, the candidate must pass an English examination conducted by the program.

All these documents should be sent via email to ppgem@eng.uerj.br

- Additionally, two recommendation letters from professional referees are required. The template is available for download in [this link](#). This should be filled up and sent directly by each one of the referees to ppgem@eng.uerj.br

After submitting the documents, you will be informed about the next steps of the selection process. This process usually includes Curriculum Vitae evaluation and an oral presentation in person or via videoconference.

Admission Process

Before Leaving your Country

If you get selected for admission in the PPG-EM, you will receive an *Invitation Letter* to be used for the Brazilian Student Visa (VITEM IV) application process. In order to see the documents and procedures required to apply for the VITEM IV, please check with the Brazilian embassy/consulate closest to you. It must be noted that VITEM IV holders are prohibited from holding any formal job in Brazil. However, students are allowed to receive scholarships, which are financial aid stipends.

If you have a Degree from a non-Brazilian University, you will need to validate the Degree and Transcript for it to be recognized in Brazil. In order to do so, there are two alternatives:

- The country of your University's degree is a party of the [Hague Apostille Convention](#). In this case, all you have to do is to take your Degree and Transcript to an Apostille certified office in the issuing country of your Degree to stamp them. By doing so, these documents will be recognized in Brazil, (and 100+ countries of the Hague Apostille Convention) enabling you to be admitted in the PPG-EM programs.
- The country of your University's degree is not a party of the [Hague Apostille Convention](#). In this case, you will need to take your Degree and Transcript to a Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in the issuing country of your Degree to stamp them. By doing so, these documents will be recognized in Brazil, enabling you to be admitted in the PPG-EM programs.

P.S. The procedure described above should be done for undergraduate and graduate degrees/transcripts that the candidate may possess.

After arriving in Brazil

Students who have received admission offer from the program are required to be present on the registration dates (registration dates are posted on PPG-EM website) with the following documents (Original and Copy):

- Passport
- Brazilian Visa
- 2 (two) recent photos (Passport standard 3x4 with neutral background).
- Undergraduate Degree and Transcript with Consular stamp or Hague Apostille stamp.
- Master's Degree and Transcript with Consular stamp or Hague Apostille stamp (If applying for Doctorate).
- Certificate of Proficiency in the English Language (If applicable).
- Curriculum Vitae in the [Lattes Platform](#) (Create your CV in the following website: <http://lattes.cnpq.br/>)
- *Cadastro de Pessoas Físicas* (CPF) (Instructions: <https://oliveiralawyers.com/services/real-estate/acquisition/obtain-your-cpf-tax/>).
- Application fee (350 BRL) payment receipt. This value might change depending on the semester. Please refer to the official current [call for Masters and Doctorate](#) (available only in Portuguese).