

## Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

**PUC-Rio, one of the top 5 universities in Brazil, offers a great variety of opportunities to a diverse group of students.**

### **DISCOVER WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY AT PUC-Rio:**

**PRESTIGIOUS** university

**DOCTORAL/RESEARCH** institution

**COMPLETE** infrastructure

**OUTSTANDING** campus

**STRATEGIC** location

**CLASSES** in English

**PORTUGUESE** as a second language

Recognized worldwide as one of the most important doctoral research centers in the country, the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) is a private nonprofit communitarian institution, founded in 1940, with the objective of developing knowledge based on humanistic values. There are over 15,000 students who come from a variety of religious, ethnic and social backgrounds.



## PUC-Rio at a Glance

### University Distinctions

- #1. First science center in a Brazilian University
  - #1. First main frame computer installed exclusively for academic purposes in a Brazilian University
  - #1. First Portuguese as a second language course in the country
  - #1. First university to have an environmental agenda in a Brazilian University
  - #1. First Brazilian University with an international office
- Research centers on sustainable energy, race relations, human rights and migration.

***PUC-Rio praises diversity, plurality of ideas and innovation!***

A friendly, safe, green and global campus environment;

Complete infrastructure and natural beauty!

Located in a pleasant and quiet neighborhood;

Largest university library in Rio de Janeiro;

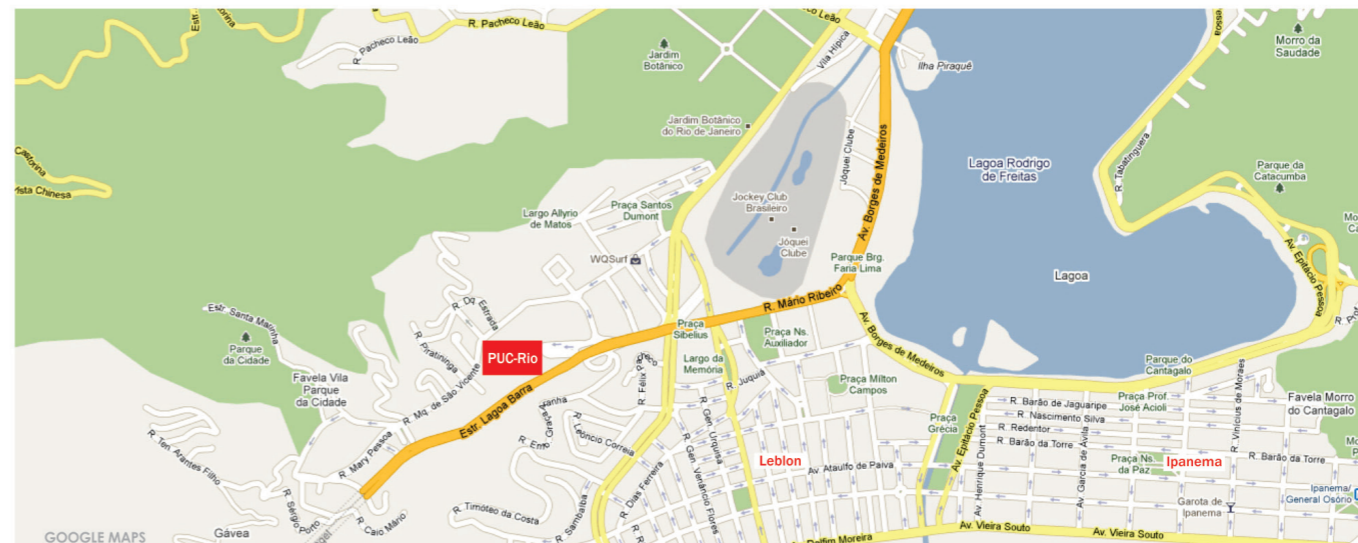
Restaurants, cafeterias, ATMs and a bookstore on campus;

University Museum (Solar Grandjean de Montigny) with art exhibitions throughout the year;

The PILOTIS, an open meeting area for political debates, cultural events and fairs;

Easy and fast access via a number of bus lines, the subway system and bike routes.

**A marvelous location – Rio de Janeiro!**



**Center for Theology and Human Sciences (CTCH):**

Arts and Design (Product Development, Digital Media, Fashion and Visual Communication), Architecture and Urbanism, Education and Teacher training, Language and Literature (Modern Languages, Literature, Linguistics, Translation, Creative Writing, Performing Arts), Philosophy, Psychology and Theology.

**Center for Social Sciences (CCS):**

Business Administration, Economics, Law, Communications (Journalism, Advertising and Cinema), Geography and Environment, History, Social Work, Social Sciences (Anthropology, Political Science and Sociology) and International Relations.

**Center for Science and Technology (CTC):**

Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering (Environmental, Chemical, Petroleum, Control and Automation, Civil, Materials Sciences and Nanotechnology, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical and Production).

**Center for Biology and Health Sciences (CCBS):**

Undergraduate course on Biological Sciences.  
Graduate courses (continued education) in the areas of medicine and dentistry.

**Interdisciplinary centers and units:**

Center for Telecommunication Studies (CETUC), Genesis Institute (Entrepreneurship Center and Trainee Program), BRICS Policy Center, Interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Studies (NIMA), Interdisciplinary Center for African Descendent Research and Heritage (NIREMA).

**All departments offer:**

Undergraduate courses: Bachelor's degree and/or Teaching degree.  
Graduate courses: Master's and Doctorate.

There are many continuing education courses available in many different areas.



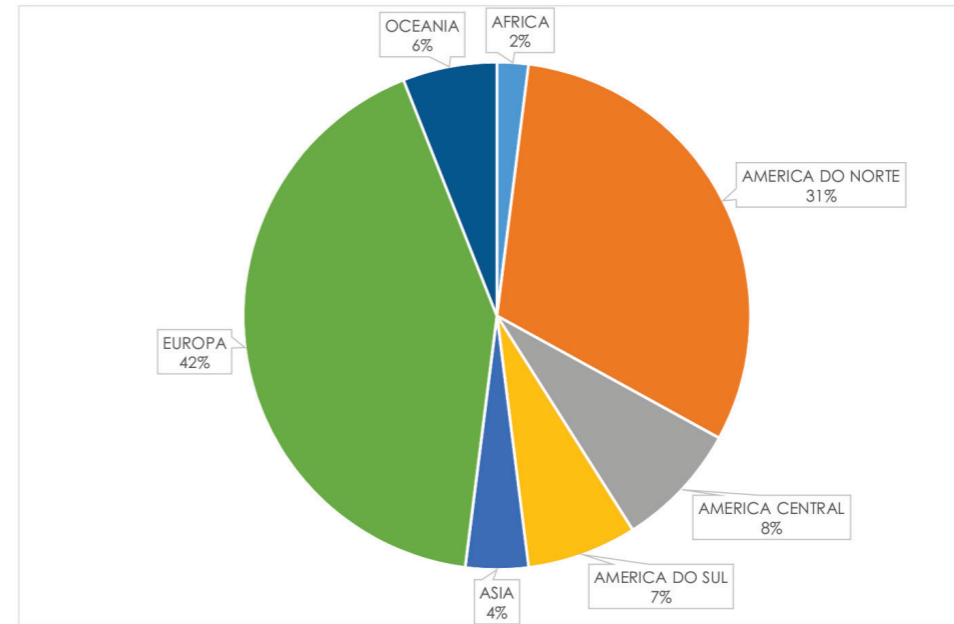
The Central Coordination for International Cooperation (CCCI) is responsible for international cooperation agreements that permit the exchange of graduate and undergraduate students, researchers and staff. It also encompasses the development of scientific publications and joint researches.

	PROGRAM	PERIOD OF STUDY	CHARACTERISTICS
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	International Student Exchange	1 or 2 semesters	credit bearing
	Double Degree	1,5 to 2 years	credit bearing + degree seeking
	Pre-term Portuguese as a Second Language course	1 month	language and culture
	Faculty-Led/Customized	flexible	on demand
	Internship & research	1 or 2 semesters	professional development
	Brazilian Seminars	1 or 2 semesters	interdisciplinary program
PUC-Rio STUDENTS	International Student Exchange	1 or 2 semesters	credit bearing
	Double Degree	1,5 to 2 years	credit bearing + degree seeking
	Short term	1 to 4 weeks	language, culture and professional development

### Main Nationalities

PUC-RIO welcomes over 1,000 international exchange students every year.

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| FRANCE         | PORTUGAL    | COLOMBIA    | URUGUAY     |
| USA            | NETHERLANDS | CANADA      | ARGENTINA   |
| UNITED KINGDOM | ITALY       | SWITZERLAND | BELGIUM     |
| GERMANY        | DENMARK     | MEXICO      | CHINA       |
| SPAIN          | NORWAY      | SOUTH KOREA | NEW ZEALAND |

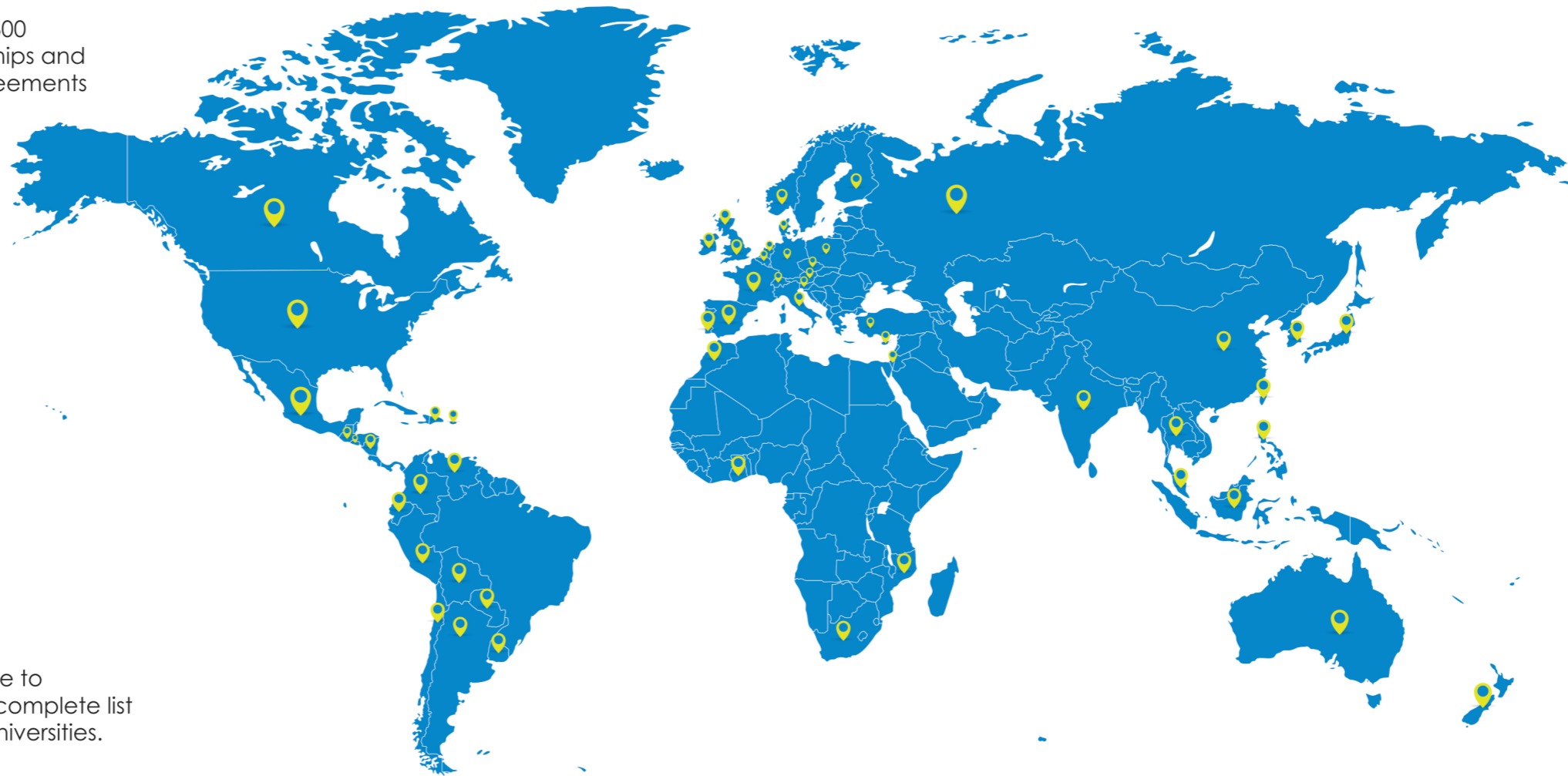


**PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**  
PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD

PUC-Rio currently has more than 300 bilateral and multilateral partnerships and more than 30 double degree agreements on every continent.



Use the code to access the complete list of Partner Universities.



Portuguese throughout the academic semester

For students that do not master Portuguese, PUC-Rio offers 5 programs with different aptitude levels:

**Level I – Beginner (A1-A2)**

90h /term; 6h / week - 6 credits

**Level II – Intermediate I (B1)**

90h /term; 6h / week - 6 credits

**Level III – Intermediate II (B2)**

90h /term; 6h / week - 6 credits

**Level IV – Advanced I (C1)**

60h / term; 4h / week - 4 credits

**Level V – Advanced II (C2)**

60h / term; 4h / week - 4 credits



Pre-Term Intensive Portuguese course

This program offers the international student the opportunity to learn, develop and experience the Brazilian language and culture before the beginning of the semester so as to be better skilled to attend regular classes.

- . Offered twice a year in January/ February or July.
- . Classes for different levels of aptitude are available.
- . The placement test can be taken online or, in some cases, on the first day of classes.

**Students are welcome to attend the pre-term intensive Portuguese course only**

## Courses in English

Although the majority of the courses are taught in Portuguese, international students have the opportunity to take classes in English. They must, however, attend the Portuguese as a Second Language course.



. Welcome and airport pick-up (on specific dates)

. Orientation week and welcome reception

. Welcome and farewell cocktail with live Brazilian music

. Online Portuguese placement test

. Tourist/cultural activities, city tour and field trips

. Assistance with the Federal Police registration (Immigration)

. Accommodation program – homestay program

. Volunteer work

. Assistance throughout the academic term - personal & academic

. Buddy Program

. Safety Plan

. First aid ambulatory

. Emergency number available 24/7

. Assistance for disabled students.

. Student Support Network (RAE\*)

\* RAE – Rede de Apoio ao Estudante – is composed of five nuclei united in a common objective: working together to provide multidisciplinary support to students, contemplating academic aspects, psychopedagogical attention, professional orientation, psychological counseling and assistance to special needs.

## TYPES OF ENROLLMENT AVAILABLE

**Exchange students:** students enrolled in institutions that have an exchange agreement with PUC-Rio.

**Independent students:** free movers and students enrolled in institutions with no formal agreements with PUC-Rio.

**Internship and research** for students

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

1st semester: from late February / early March to mid-July.

2nd semester: from early August to mid-December.

International exchange students can study at PUC-Rio for one or two semesters.

## DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - for exchange students that will begin their programs in July or August

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - for exchange students that will begin their programs in January, February or March

### Contact information:

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Programs developed on demand to attend specific needs of international institutions and organized to any length of time and class hours.

Generally composed by a mix of lectures on a diverse range of topics, technical/company visits, service learning, along with off-class cultural and social activities, such as city tours, field trips, etc.

Classes, seminars and lectures can be presented in English.

The most common programs are based on Portuguese language and Brazilian Culture; Business, Entrepreneurship and start-ups; Economics; Energy, Oil and gas industry; Environment and natural resources; Politics and Sociology; among many others.

**15 years of experience | 2,300+ Participants**

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Developed by PUC-Rio as an international “summer” school. It provides students, young scholars and international administrators with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge about Brazil.

It offers a panorama on Brazil's different aspects, ranging from culture to environmental issues, from politics to entrepreneurship.

It is a 50 hour interdisciplinary program, composed of lectures and off-class activities.

**Offered every July for the duration of 12 business days.**

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