

INSTITUTO DE CIÊNCIAS BIOMÉDICAS - UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO

Opening Notice for the Microbiology Knowledge Exam - 2nd Semester/2025

The Coordinator of the Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Microbiology (CCP-BMM) of the Biomedical Sciences Institute at the University of São Paulo hereby announces that registrations are open for the Microbiology Knowledge Exam related to the Selection Process for admission to the Graduate Program in Microbiology for both Master's and Doctorate degrees.

1. REGISTRATION

1.1 Registrations must be completed between **October 27 and October 31, 2025**, by submitting the required documents mentioned in **section 1.2** of this notice.

The documentation must be included in the registration form, without fail, by **October 31, 2025, at 5:00 PM** (Brasília time, Brazil).

1.2 Interested individuals must compulsorily submit the following documents:

1.2.1 Filled out online registration form, available at the following address: <https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/etapas-do-processo-seletivo/>

1.2.2 The fee in the amount of R\$ 75.00 (seventy-five Brazilian reais) must be paid through a bank slip, which will be sent to the candidate via email after registration. Individuals with low income, enrolled in CadÚnico, unemployed, or blood or bone marrow donors may be exempt from paying the selection process registration fee (Laws nº 12.147/2005 and nº 12.782/07). Please send the low-income self-declaration form (example at <https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/wp-content/uploads/sites/951/2023/07/AUTODECLARACAO-DE-BAIXA-RENDIA.docx>), proof of registration in CadÚnico or proof of blood and bone marrow donation.

1.2.3 A clear and simple copy of the following documents:

- a) General Register (RG) for Brazilian citizens, or National Foreigner Registry (RNE) or National Immigration Registry (RNM), or passport for foreigners (**DOCUMENT WITH PHOTO**).
- b) Cadastro de Pessoas Físicas (**CPF**) (Mandatory and only for Brazilians).
- c) **DEGREE CERTIFICATE OR COMPLETION STATEMENT AND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT**. Those who do not yet have a degree certificate or completion statement (with graduation date) at this time must present it at the time of enrollment.
- d) **SIGNED LETTER OF INTENT FOR GUIDANCE** by the accredited advisor in the program (example at link <https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/etapas-do-processo-seletivo/>). Access the list of advisors (<https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/orientadores/>).

The CCP-BMM will not accept applications without filling out the form from item 1.2.1 and sending ALL the documents requested in items 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 above by email.

Example of how to save a zip file containing all documents: **BMM_DOCUMENTOS_JOÃO SAMPAIO RIBEIRO** (All documents must be in a single **PDF** file.).

1.3 The confirmation of registration will be sent to the candidate via email within 48 hours upon the submission of all documents required in item 1.2.

2. EXAM IN MICROBIOLOGY

2.1 The admission selection process for the Microbiology Graduate Program will consist of a Written Exam to be held on **17th November, 2025 (Monday) at 9:00 a.m.** (Brasília time, Brazil), lasting for **3 hours**.

2.2 The test will be held IN PERSON at the address: Department of Microbiology, Institute of Biomedical Sciences (USP), Av. Prof. Lineu Prestes, 1374 - Edifício ICB II – Bloco Anexo – amphitheater 2, Zip Code: 05508-000, Butantã, São Paulo/SP, Brazil

2.3 In order for the test questions to be available in English, the candidate must indicate this at the time of registration.

2.4 Exceptionally, upon prior consultation and approval of the Graduate Committee, the written test may be administered remotely, on the same date and time, and with the same duration as the test administered by the Program at the Department of Microbiology (ICB-USP), in compliance with the following criteria: a) The test must be supervised by a professor from a local University, previously contacted, and available to carry out this activity. b) The request to take the test remotely must be forwarded by the professor responsible for supervising the test to the Graduate Committee between **November 3rd, 2025 and November 7th, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.** c) Once completed, the test must be sent immediately to the Graduate Committee for correction.

2.5 The test must be answered in Portuguese or English.

2.6 Candidates with any medical condition may request a special test **one month in advance**. The candidate's health condition must be certified by a medical report, which must be submitted together with a letter requesting the selection process and sent together with the other registration documents.

2.7 The candidate may be disqualified if there is evidence of fraud at any stage of the selection process.

3. THE PROGRAM CONTENT FOR EXAM

3.1 Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, and Microbial Genetics. Basic and Biomedical Aspects of Bacteriology, Mycology, and Virology.

3.2 Recommended Bibliography: "Brock Biology of Microorganisms."

4. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

4.1 The results of the Microbiology Knowledge Exam will be disclosed starting from **12th December 2025**.

4.2 Candidates for the Master's program who score equal to or above 6.0, and candidates for the Doctorate/Direct Doctorate program who score equal to or above 7.0, will be considered eligible, will receive a certificate of approval in the Microbiology Knowledge Exam, and may enroll in the Microbiology Graduate Program.

4.3 For the ranking order in the selection process at any level of the course (Master's, Doctorate, or Direct Doctorate), the candidate's performance in the knowledge exam and socio-economic and ethnic-racial aspects will be taken into consideration. Therefore, a bonus system in the Microbiology Knowledge Exam score will be applied to obtain the final score in the selection process.

4.4 The bonus system involves awarding a percentage bonus to the Microbiology Knowledge Exam score obtained by the candidate according to their socio-economic and ethnic-racial characteristics as established in the Table below:

Socioeconomic and ethnic-racial aspects	Bonus (Percentage %)
Ensino fundamental I – 100 % público	3
Ensino fundamental II – 100 % público	3
Ensino médio – 100 % público	4
Ensino superior privado com bolsa (da faculdade ou dos programas assistenciais Prouni/Fies) ou Ensino superior público (que realizou todas as etapas de ensino anterior em escola pública e entrou na faculdade por meio de cotas)	5
Black, Mixed-race, Indigenous, and Transgender and refugee	5

4.5 Candidates classified who benefit from the bonus system must submit the supporting documents immediately after the disclosure of the selection process results. The required documents include: elementary and middle school transcripts, high school transcript, proof of scholarship receipt (as per the table) and/or proof of admission to higher education through quotas. A self-declaration will be accepted for Black, Mixed-race, Indigenous, and Transgender individuals (examples at the link <https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/wp-content/uploads/sites/951/2023/07/Autodeclaracao-de-IDENTIDADE-etnico-racial-pretopardo-e-indigena.docx>). For refugees, the accepted document will be the refugee certificate issued by the federal government. **All documents must be in a single PDF file and sent by email as explained in item 1.2.**

4.6 In case of proven fraud in the Microbiology Knowledge Exam and any false declaration of data provided in the registration form, it will result in the candidate's elimination from the selection process in question, as well as the penalties provided by law, as stipulated by Article 299 of the Brazilian Penal Code (Decreto-Lei nº 2.848/1940).

4.7 The results of the Microbiology Knowledge Exam are valid for 4 (four) years for enrollment purposes and for 6 (six) months for ranking in the list of institutional scholarships in the Microbiology Program (CAPES and CNPq).

4.8 The candidate's ranking will be considered for the distribution of available institutional scholarships from CAPES/CNPq (according to the criteria established by CCP-BMM for scholarship distribution).

5. POSTGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

The eligible candidate can enroll in the postgraduate program in the Master's, Direct Doctorate, and Doctorate with Master's courses. The documentation required for enrollment can be found in the current regulations available on the website of the Microbiology Graduate Program (<https://posbmm.icb.usp.br/normas/>). For enrollment, it will be required that the qualifications (undergraduate and master's degrees) are recognized by USP. If the entrant obtained these qualifications abroad, therefore, the diplomas must be apostilled.