

UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO
Chemistry Institute
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Program

Enrollment for the 1st Semester of 2026

Announcement

The Coordinator of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Program at the Institute of Chemistry, University of São Paulo, Professor Deborah Schechtman, hereby announces that applications will be open from October 13 to November 1, 2025, for the Selection Examination for admission to the Master's, Doctorate, and Direct Doctorate programs, with enrollment scheduled for the first semester of 2026.

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the website <http://www.iq.usp.br/posgraduacao/sistema/> by November 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (Brasília time).

Additional information may be obtained via e-mail (ccpbq@iq.usp.br) or in person at the Graduate Office, Institute of Chemistry – USP (Av. Professor Lineu Prestes, 748, Block 06 Upper Level, Room 667).

1. General Information

- The Selection Examination will be held in person on November 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Brasília time), at the Institute of Chemistry – USP (Av. Prof. Lineu Prestes, 748, Block 06).
- In addition to São Paulo, the exam may also be administered in other cities, provided there is sufficient candidate interest and a suitable testing location is available. Candidates must indicate this request to the Secretariat at the time of application.
- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

2. Important Notice to Master's Applicants

Information about the graduate program can be found at <https://www.iq.usp.br/portaliqusp/?q=pt-br/pos/bioquimica/regulamentos-normas-roteiros-e-formularios>

3. Application

- Application period: October 13–November 1, 2025 (until 11:59 p.m.)
- Submission: Exclusively via <http://www.iq.usp.br/posgraduacao/sistema/>
- Application fee: Exempt

Required documents (to be uploaded to the system):

- a) Copy of Identity Card;
- b) Copy of CPF (Individual Taxpayer Registry);
- c) Copy of Voter Registration Card and proof of electoral compliance;
- d) Copy of Military Service Certificate (for male applicants);
- e) Copy of Birth or Marriage Certificate;
- f) Recent passport-size photo (3x4 cm).

Note: Foreign applicants are exempt from items (b), (c), and (d).

4. Documents Required for Enrollment

Documents may be uploaded to the system or presented in person at the time of enrollment, accompanied by the originals for verification.

4.1. Master's and Direct Doctorate

- g) Undergraduate academic transcript;
- h) Undergraduate diploma (front and back) or Certificate of Completion indicating graduation date;
- i) Advisor's acceptance letter.

4.2. Doctorate (for applicants holding a Master's degree)

In addition to items (g), (h), and (i):

- j) Master's academic transcript;
- k) Master's diploma or Certificate of Completion approved by the Graduate Committee (CPG);
- l) Printed copy of the Master's thesis submitted to the Secretariat (do not upload to the system);
- m) Copy of the CAPES evaluation report for the completed Master's program.

Enrollment will not be processed if documentation is incomplete.

5. Alternative Admission Route – GRE

As an alternative to the Selection Examination, applicants may submit results from the GRE (Graduate Record Examination – General Test).

- Minimum required scores: 60th percentile or higher in both the Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing sections.
- GRE scores are valid for three (3) years from the date of the exam.

6. Selection Examination

- The exam will consist of a written test assessing general knowledge in Biochemistry.
- Candidates must achieve a minimum score of 5.0 (out of 10) to qualify.

- The exam syllabus is available at: <http://www.iq.usp.br/portaliqusp/?q=pt-br/pos/bioquimica/topicos-do-exame-de-ingresso>

7. Available Positions

- Master's: 10 positions
- Doctorate: 90 positions

For both levels, 30% of the positions are reserved for candidates who self-declare as Black, Brown, or Indigenous (PPI) at the time of application. If these positions are not filled, they will be reassigned to other qualified candidates according to their exam ranking.

8. Results

- The results will be published on the Program's website and may also be requested by e-mail (ccpbq@iq.usp.br).
- Candidates may request a review of their exam within 10 business days following the publication of results.

9. Validity of Approval

Approval in the Selection Examination (or GRE) will remain valid for three (3) years from the date of the examination.