

Senegal ambassador visits UFRGS

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The Senegal ambassador in Brazil, Fatoumata Binetou Correa, visited UFRGS on May 24 to discuss the admission terms for Senegalese immigrants in undergraduate or graduate programs, and also about the establishment of cooperation terms for international mobility. The ambassador was received in the Noble Hall by Vice President Jane Tutikian, Executive Vice President for Graduate Studies Celso Loureiro Chaves, Executive Vice President for Undergraduate Studies Vladimir Nascimento, Coordinator to the Affirmative Actions Program Denise Jardim, and Senior International Affairs Vice-Officer Emilse Maria Martini.



The ambassador was welcomed by UFRGS' Vice President Jane Tutikian – Photo: Gustavo Diehl/UFRGS

UFRGS' Vice President and other participants introduced the University and its programs for welcoming immigrants, structured according to [Decision 366/2015](#), approved by the University Council, such as the PEC-G and the [PEC-PG programs](#), from which foreign students can get their UFRGS undergraduate or graduate

degrees with financial aid. Other forms of student exchange programs and international mobility programs were addressed.

Ambassador Fatoumata asked about UFRGS' criteria for admission and validation of certificates and diplomas issued in Senegal. She also gave a brief talk about her country's main Universities and their Areas of Excellence, such as Medicine. She also expressed Senegal's interest in cooperation research in areas connected to the Agricultural Sciences.

The Ambassador was accompanied by representatives from the Senegalese Association in Porto Alegre, Mbaye Diagne and Mor Ndiaye, and by the coordinator of the Akanni Institute, Reginete Bispo. The Akanni Institute is an organization of black women for the promotion of Human Rights.

At the end of the meeting, Tutikian stated that UFRGS is wide open to make partnerships with Senegal. Currently, around 4 thousand Senegalese immigrants live in Rio Grande do Sul.

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