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Committee is part of the International Science Council and is responsible for developing and coordinating research on Antarctica

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The pro-vice-chancellor of Research at UFRGS and professor at the Geosciences Institute, Jefferson Cardia Simões, was reelected, on Thursday, 25, to the vice presidency of Finance of the [Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research \(SCAR\)](#) of the International Science Council (ISC). The researcher has held the position since 2016 and, with the re-election, remains until 2024. Created in 1958, SCAR's mission is to initiate, develop and coordinate international scientific research in the Antarctic region (including the Southern Ocean), and on its function on the planet, in addition to preparing reports on these topics for various organizations. The election of the board took place during the Committee's Delegates Meeting, held online due to the pandemic. Holding a degree in Geology, a *latu sensu* specialization in Marine Geology at UFRGS and a PhD in Glaciology at the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), Simões is the founder of the [Polar and Climatic Center at UFRGS](#). The researcher also coordinated the implementation of Criosfera 1 (Cryosphere 1), the first Brazilian scientific module installed in the interior of the Antarctic continent, which completed [ten years of activity in January](#).



Jefferson Simões is a glaciologist and current pro-vice-chancellor of Research - Photo: CPC UFRGS Release

"Representing UFRGS in the entity shows the University's leadership in Latin American Antarctic research," says Simões. This leadership, he adds, is also evidenced by the [National Institute of Science and Technology of the Cryosphere \(INCT of Cryosphere\)](#), headquartered at UFRGS. The Cryosphere INCT integrates nine laboratories responsible for investigating topics such as glaciers, the ice sheet, sea ice and permafrost in Antarctica and the Andes.

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