



Guidelines for Living in RIO DE JANEIRO

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1. Where to live in Rio de Janeiro?

This is a decision that can significantly influence a graduate student's academic experience and quality of life during their studies. The city brings together neighborhoods with very distinct characteristics in terms of mobility, infrastructure, safety, commercial options, availability of services, and cost of housing. For this reason, it is recommended that each student carefully evaluate factors such as commuting time to Fiocruz, the availability of public transportation, the available budget, and the desired lifestyle before deciding where to live.

This guide presents general information on ways to find housing and how to get around the city. The goal is to provide guidance for a more informed choice that is compatible with the needs of each student or group of students.

2. For short-term stays

If you will only be staying for a short time, platforms such as Airbnb and Booking.com are recommended. These platforms offer a wide range of accommodations, from budget options to luxury stays.

Airbnb: Offers a variety of rental options, including entire apartments and private rooms.

Booking.com: Useful for finding hotels, hostels, and guesthouses.

3. For medium- and long-term stays

There are well-known websites and apps that offer rental listings for apartments and houses. Some examples:

Quinto Andar: Specializes in rental properties without the need for a guarantor, simplifying the rental process.

Zap Imóveis: Specializes in real estate rental listings.

OLX: A classified ads platform for finding various rental properties listed by owners and real estate agents.

WebQuarto: Makes it easier to find shared accommodations, ideal for students and young professionals.

Uliving: Full-service student residences. For those looking to rent a studio in Rio de Janeiro, with coliving options.

Rentola: Student housing for rent, in different sizes and locations.

4. Getting around Rio de Janeiro

Moovit: An app that provides complete information on public transportation, including bus and subway schedules, real-time arrivals, and route planning.

Jaé: The Rio de Janeiro city government's digital ticketing and urban mobility app-based system. It allows fares to be paid using a physical card or a QR code through the mobile app, integrating municipal buses, BRT, VLT (light rail), licensed vans, "cabritinhos" (shared vans), and the MetrôRio subway.

Riocard: For state and metropolitan transportation, as well as for the train system.

Uber: An app-based ride-sharing service, convenient for getting around the city.

99: A common app-based ride-sharing service in Rio de Janeiro.

5. Neighborhoods near Fiocruz

Bonsucesso	Méier	Centro	Ilha do Governador
Higienópolis	Del Castilho	Lapa	Estácio
Benfica	Cachambi	Bairro de Fátima	Rio Comprido
Caju	Vila Isabel	Porto Maravilha	Catumbi
Maria da Graça	Maracanã	Tijuca	Glória



6. To help you decide

Rio de Janeiro is a metropolis marked by great social and territorial diversity. The city is home to urban communities of significant historical and cultural wealth, but some areas may experience instability related to public safety. For this reason, it is recommended that newly arrived students carefully research the neighborhood carefully before choosing

housing, and seek up-to-date information about the surrounding area, access to public transportation, and commuting conditions.

If you are coming from another state or country to pursue a master's or doctoral degree, contact the Student Support Center before moving. The team can provide guidance on neighborhoods, accommodation options, and other practical aspects that will facilitate your arrival and adaptation to the city.

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