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BOOK OF OPPORTUNITIES

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RS INCREASINGLY A LEADER IN INNOVATION

As you leaf through this Book of Opportunities and Investments in Innovation, you will get to know the essence of the work that drives the entire team behind Invest RS: structuring a strategy for attracting investments that will shape the future of Rio Grande do Sul.

Since we took on the challenge of creating this agency from scratch in 2024, we have worked with ambition, boldness and responsibility to turn our immense potential into reality. We understand the state's capacity and qualities. The challenge is to make them even better known both inside and outside Brazil. This book is not just a catalog. It is an invitation for more players to participate in building Rio Grande do Sul as an increasingly leading state in innovation in Brazil. It is the materialization of our strategy, aligned with the Economic, Inclusive, and Sustainable Development Plan.

At Invest RS, cooperation is a way of thinking and acting. We firmly believe that the success of a leading ecosystem like ours—with so many projects, actions, and personalities—depends on the unity of all: government, academia, private initiative, and society. Because technological advancement is a team effort. The best way to predict the future is to create it. Join us in thinking big and come invest in the most innovative state in Brazil.

Rafael Prikladnicki
President of Invest RS



WHAT IS THE BOOK?

Invest RS presents its **Book of Opportunities and Investments in Innovation**, a publication that consolidates the main opportunities available in the state's innovation ecosystem.

The goal is to **connect investors, entrepreneurs, companies, and professionals** to initiatives that drive technological development, stimulate the creation of new businesses, and strengthen the knowledge-based economy in Rio Grande do Sul, contributing to a more dynamic, transparent, and competitive innovation environment.

Organized in audience profiles, the Book presents **clear paths for investment, promotion, and training:**

For investors: opportunities in funds and innovative ventures as well as subsidies and incentives that combine potential financial returns with economic and social impact.

For entrepreneurs and companies: access to incentive programs, areas in technology parks, Institutes of Science and Technology (Instituição de Ciência e Tecnologia - ICTs), and innovation hubs, as well as support, credit, and fundraising programs for innovative businesses.

For talent: scholarships and grants in STEM and innovation careers, aimed at qualifying talent and consolidating an increasingly competitive ecosystem.

For impact and ecosystem development: social and educational investment initiatives for talent training, applied research, and youth entrepreneurship, connecting education, technology, and social impact to strengthen the state's innovation ecosystem.

More than a guide, this Book is a **tool for connecting capital, knowledge, and opportunities**, reaffirming Invest RS's commitment to **promoting an environment conducive to innovation and attracting investments that transform the state's future.**

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

»» This is a dynamic document that will be updated periodically as new investment opportunities are added.

THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO INVEST IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL



RS is Brazil's **leading state in innovation.**



Innovation is one of the state's pillars, with it being home to **24 technology parks, 160 Institutes of Science and Technology (Instituição de Ciência e Tecnologia - ICTs), 67 business incubators, and 1,472 startups.** Every year, **1,200 PhDs** graduate, and the state is the **national leader in patent registration**, with two of the best technology parks in the country. In 2025, the innovation sector received investments worth **R\$ 360 million.**



Additionally, RS is positioned in a privileged location at the **center of Mercosur.** Its borders with Argentina and Uruguay provide access to a market of **150 million inhabitants**, accounting for **70% of the continent's GDP.**



Quality of life and safety are other attractions, with Rio Grande do Sul being the **third safest state in Brazil.**



Economically, the state is **one of the strongest in the country.** As **Brazil's fifth largest economy** it accounts for **6% of the national GDP**, with broad economic diversification. In terms of human development, it has the **fifth-highest Human Development Index (HDI) in the country**, exceeding the national average.



Learn more about the advantages of investing in RS at <https://investrs.org.br/>

See more information about Rio Grande do Sul at <https://rsemdados.com.br/>

OPPORTUNITIES

This book contains:



Source: data provided by partners. Approximate values. Detailed information available upon request.

Aeromot's value was not included in the total amount of mapped investments and opportunities, as this opportunity is exclusively focused on attracting strategic partners.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS



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DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL



CONSTRUCTION OF AEROCITI - INDUSTRIAL AND AIRPORT COMPLEX, SMART AEROTROPOLIS AND AEROSPACE INNOVATION HUB IN RS.

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Aeromot is leading the development of Aero-CITI, an airport, industrial, and technological complex with international reach, designed to boost the aerospace innovation ecosystem and sustainable mobility in Brazil.</p> <p>The project includes the construction of a regional airport, a certified aircraft production line, hangars, a logistics park, corporate infrastructure, and a research and innovation hub dedicated to technological advancement and talent development in aviation.</p> <p>Aeromot is open to participation from national and international strategic partners in the industrial, technological, and infrastructure segments.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Expected start of operations: June 2026.</p>
<p>Basic information</p> <p>Aeromot S.A. is a Brazilian strategic defense (EED) and aeronautical technology company with almost six decades of experience in the civil, military, and public security sectors. Recognized for its excellence in systems integration, aeronautical certification, and customized solutions development, Aeromot is the national leader in the supply of aerial monitoring systems and one of the main suppliers of new aircraft in the country. The company is the exclusive distributor of the Austro-Canadian manufacturer Diamond Aircraft in Mercosur, consolidating its position as a benchmark in light aviation and high operational efficiency.</p>	<p>Project value</p> <p>R\$ 3 billion</p>
	<p>Target audience</p> <p>Companies in the aeronautical, aerospace, industrial, and technological sectors, as well as infrastructure and innovation players interested in high value-added projects with regional impact.</p>
	<p>Location</p> <p>Guaíba - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil - Metropolitan Region of Porto Alegre. A strategic location with privileged logistical access, close to the capital's industrial hub and the main highway and airport routes in southern Brazil.</p>

<p>Relevant Requirements or Conditions</p> <p>Partnerships may be structured through co-investment models, joint ventures, or the concession of specific areas, depending on the partner's profile and interest.</p>	<p>Additional Information</p> <p>AeroCITI was conceived as a Smart Aerotropolis, integrating airport, industrial, and technological infrastructure into an ecosystem of innovation, mobility, and sustainable development. The venture represents a new milestone for Brazilian aviation and industry, reinforcing the role of Rio Grande do Sul as a national benchmark in technology and innovation, and promoting cooperation between science, industry, government, and society.</p>
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ANTLER BRAZIL I SEED CAPITAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND, EARLY STAGE INVESTMENTS, FOCUS ON INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY



Opportunity

Antler Brasil is raising capital for its first fund in Brazil and proposes a strategic partnership with Invest RS to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul through early stage investments in technology startups with national and international scaling potential. Antler Brasil I Seed Capital Private Equity Fund is Antler's first fund in Latin America. Its goal is to democratize access to innovation by offering capital, mentoring, and global connections to founders from the beginning of their entrepreneurial journey.

The Antler model combines initial (pre-seed) investment and follow-ons up to series A with structured monitoring, technical support, and a network of more than 600 global experts. Startups supported by Antler Brasil can receive up to R\$ 10 million in capital. The partnership with Invest RS will create a permanent hub for training and investment in startups in Rio Grande do Sul, connecting local talent to Antler's international network.

Basic information

Antler is a global innovation and venture capital platform that operates from "day zero," investing before any other fund. Present in 30 technology hubs on six continents, Antler builds and finances early-stage startups (pre-seed and seed) with global ambition and a solid technological base.

It is recognized as the world's most active investor in artificial intelligence, according to Dealroom. Antler adopts a proprietary methodology to identify and support exceptional founders, combining data science, a global network, and intensive mentoring. Its residency model, already implemented in centers such as Singapore, London, New York, and São Paulo, transforms local talents into global businesses, fostering innovation ecosystems in partnership with governments, universities, and large corporations.

Value

- **Fund target size:** R\$ 200 million (equivalent to ~US\$ 40 million)
- **Antler investment per startup:** R\$ 500,000 to R\$ 2 million in the initial phase
- **Subsequent investments:** up to R\$ 10 million in rounds led by other VCs
- **Expected number of startups invested in:** 60 to 80 companies in 5 years
- **Expected return:** Target IRR of 25% to 30% p.a., 3x multiple on invested capital
- **Follow-on policy:** up to 50% of the fund's capital reserved for reinvestments
- **Management fee:** 2% p.a.
- **Performance fee:** 20% on the surplus above the hurdle (inflation rate + 6% p.a.)
- **Fund duration:** 10 years (5 years of investment + 5 years of divestment, extendable for 2 years)



Timeframe

- **Investment period:** 5 years
- **Divestment period:** 5 years
- **Total duration:** 10 years (with the possibility of extension for 2 years)
- **First Close:** 1st quarter of 2026



Globally, Antler has already raised more than US\$ 2 billion, with investments from entities such as BNDES, Vaekstfonden (Denmark), New Mexico Sovereign Fund (USA), and the Queensland Sovereign Fund (Australia).

In Brazil, the operation is led by Carolina Strobel and Marcelo Ciampolini, both partners at Antler and members of the Global Investment Committee. Antler Brasil Private Equity Fund I invests in founders from the ideation stage, offering capital, mentoring, and a global network of experts. As of July 2025, the local portfolio had 30 invested startups, covering sectors such as AI, Deep Tech, ClimateTech, and Health Tech, consolidating Antler as one of the main bridges between Brazilian talent and the global innovation frontier.

Target audience

- Institutional and public investors interested in fostering innovative and technology-based entrepreneurship.
- Entrepreneurs and researchers from Rio Grande do Sul with global ambitions and projects in technology, AI, sustainability, and applied science.
- Local companies and universities that wish to co-develop solutions with early-stage startups within the Antler platform.



Location

- Specialized Consultant: Antler Brasil Gestão de Recursos Ltda.
- Geographic focus: the entire national territory, with an emphasis on startups in Rio Grande do Sul and the South/Southeast regions.

Regional Allocation Policy - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil

Funds from local investors may be allocated entirely to companies in Rio Grande do Sul. The goal is to consolidate the state as a hub for innovation in Deep Tech, AI, and Climate Tech, connecting regional entrepreneurs to global research and investment hubs.



Other relevant requirements or conditions

- Startups, preferably with two or more full-time founders.
- Technology-based solutions with scalable and replicable models.
- Preferably aligned with UN SDGs (particularly SDGs 8, 9, and 13).
- Regulation and supervision: CVM/ANBIMA, Private Equity Fund Seed Capital structure.
- Manager and administrator: Antler Brasil and Patagonia Capital (responsible for compliance and distribution).



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R\$ 20 MILLION FOR INVESTMENT IN PRIVATE EQUITY FUNDS FOCUSED ON GAÚCHO COMPANIES (PRE-SEED AND SEED)

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Attraction of new partner private equity funds.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Active window in 2025, with selection and due diligence processes underway.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>Immediate availability of R\$ 20 million for allocation to new private equity funds.</p> <p>Contributions between R\$ 5 million and R\$ 10 million per fund.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Badesul is a development bank linked to the Government of Rio Grande do Sul. It acts as an indirect investor, contributing resources to private equity investment funds with the obligation to allocate capital to startups in the state. Since 2012, it has invested R\$ 55 million in seven funds, all focused on boosting the state's innovation ecosystem. By 2025, the goal is to expand the portfolio to 11 funds, with an additional R\$ 20 million available.</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Private equity managers with investment theses in the pre-seed and seed stages that include startups from Rio Grande do Sul in their portfolio.</p>	<p>Location</p> <p>Rio Grande do Sul. The startups invested in must be from Rio Grande do Sul, although the fund may operate nationwide.</p>
<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private equity funds must prove their investment theses and pipelines with potential for application in Rio Grande do Sul. Badesul is neutral in relation to the industry, allowing each manager to pick its sector (SaaS, hardware, Gov Tech, IoT, among others). Priority is given to funds with smart money, i.e., those that deliver strategic value beyond the capital invested, such as support in governance, connections, management, or market expansion. 	

**Additional information**

Examples of previous contributions:

- Indicator IOT 4 - R\$ 330 million (Badesul contribution: R\$ 5 million)
- Criatec 4 - R\$ 220 million (Badesul contribution: R\$ 10 million)
- Gov Tech - R\$ 100 million (Badesul contribution: R\$ 5 million)

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BIOENERGIA E FERTILIZANTES SUSTENTÁVEIS

GREEN HYDROGEN AND LOW-CARBON AMMONIA PRODUCTION HUBS

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Development of low-carbon ammonia plants across different regions, with the most advanced project located in Passo Fundo (RS). A key differentiator is that the Passo Fundo unit will operate as a factory-school integrated with the University of Passo Fundo (UPF), dedicated to workforce qualification and research development, including the offering of master's and doctoral scholarships. This partnership between the public, private, and academic sectors essentially aims to boost the project's scalability at a national level. The venture already holds a preliminary license, with installation scheduled to begin in October 2026 and operations in January 2028. It is estimated to generate 350 direct and 400 indirect jobs during the installation phase, while the operational phase expects a workforce of 14 direct and 20 indirect employees.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Passo Fundo/RS: during the year 2026.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>Passo Fundo-RS Hub:</p> <p>R\$ 70 million, of which R\$ 50 million needs to be funded by Oct/2026</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>A company with a project to generate green hydrogen using hydroelectric power to produce low-carbon ammonia for the agricultural sector in general, seeking to develop relatively small, modular factories with high scalability for projects in different areas of the state of Rio Grande do Sul and Brazil, meeting local demand for ammonia consumption and adapting to local production chains involving this substance, with an emphasis on the potential decarbonization of the nitrogen fertilizer chain and its economic, social, and environmental sustainability.</p>
	<p>Target audience</p> <p>Financial institutions, strategic partners, development agencies, banks and off-takers.</p>
	<p>Location</p> <p>Passo Fundo, RS</p>

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RAISING INVESTMENT FUNDS (PRIVATE EQUITY) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF BRDE

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Investment worth R\$ 20 million in two new private equity funds by 2026, with the aim of attracting asset managers and institutional investors interested in co-investing in startup and scale-up-focused funds in the Southern Region.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>2 new funds in 2026</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>Planned BRDE investment: R\$ 20 million by 2026 (R\$ 5 to 15 million per fund).</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Public bank that promotes innovation and economic development through credit and participation as a shareholder in investment funds. It operates strategically in the Southern Region with a focus on filling market gaps.</p>
<p>Location</p> <p>Southern Region of Brazil (RS, SC, and PR).</p>	<p>Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund managers from all over Brazil with experience in innovation private equity funds. • Institutional investors who want to co-invest with BRDE.
<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager with a track record in innovation funds. • Focus on startups and technology-based companies. • Regionalized strategy with headquarters and/or office in the Southern Region. • Ability to attract co-investors and structure an investment pipeline. 	

Link for additional information

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CONSTRUCTION OF A BIO-OIL PRODUCTION PLANT IN RS

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>The company plans to establish its first commercial bio-oil plant in Brazil in Passo Fundo (RS), in addition to enhancing its industrial biotechnology platform and product development. Installation is scheduled to begin in September 2026, with operations projected to start in January 2028.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Until December 2026.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>CAPEX of R\$ 350 million, of which R\$ 280 million is equity and R\$ 70 million is debt (ideally to be secured by December 2026).</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Headquartered in Houston (USA), Cemvita operates in the biotechnology segment, transforming CO2 into bio-inputs for the manufacture of fuels (SAF) and biofertilizers, helping to decarbonize the sector.</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Investors and strategic partnerships.</p>	
<p>Location</p> <p>Passo Fundo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>	
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**FUNDRAISING ROUND -
CTA SMART (LINK2PUMP)**



Opportunity

CTA Smart (Link2Pump) is opening a \$10 million funding round to accelerate its international expansion, especially in the United States, and boost its technological and operational growth.



Value

Value raised: **US\$ 10 million.**

Timeframe

Open round: for 6 to 8 months.

Basic player information

CTA Smart (Link2Pump) is a leading Brazilian company in automation and internal fuel supply management, with over 10 years of operation and a strong presence in Brazil and the United States. It combines IoT hardware and a SaaS platform for real-time control of tanks and fleets, monitoring over 2 billion liters/year and generating average savings of up to 20% in consumption.

Among its differentials are:

- Proprietary technology with high data accuracy and interoperability with various industrial protocols.
- Business model based on recurring contracts (SaaS + equipment sales).
- Projects with strategic clients in energy, mobility, and oil & gas.

The company is currently in the commercial scaling phase, with consolidated operations in Brazil and the US.

Target audience

The company is looking for equity investors (with the possibility of hybrid instruments such as SAFE) interested in participating in the commercial scaling phase of a company with a consolidated SaaS + IoT model, recurring revenue, and operations in two strategic markets.



**Location**

Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil

Additional information

The funds will be used for:

- International expansion: the company already has headquarters in the US and seeks to gain market share in the American market.
- Product development: acceleration of the technological roadmap and integration with global partners.
- Operational scale: expansion of production capacity and technical support structure.
- Strategic working capital to sustain accelerated growth.

Link for information

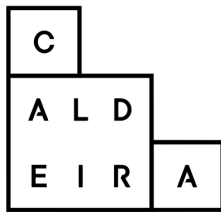
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INSTITUTO CALDEIRA

<p>Year Founded</p> <p>2019</p>	<p>City:</p> <p>Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>Caldeira is a private non-profit institute dedicated to promoting innovation, business, and education. With over 530 members in our community, we operate the most vibrant business hub in Brazil, with over 750,000 unique visitors per year, over 1,200 activities held per year, and 9 permanent innovation programs.</p> <p>We enable talented individuals to find job opportunities, having trained more than 14,000 young people online and 650 young people in person through our Geração Caldeira program. With a 90% employability rate, our in-person program has already generated approximately R\$ 10 million in direct income for employed students.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Innovation • Education 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerdau • SLC Agrícola • Agibank • Renner • Randoncorp • Vulcabrás 	
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Campus Presentation

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**Innovation Projects Presentation**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PiozVVqb8dWJtS74SAUHWqgTWbt3OZtC/view>

Every resident of Instituto Caldeira becomes part of a vibrant innovation community, connected to companies, startups, and leaders who are shaping the future of Rio Grande do Sul.

In addition to the work infrastructure, residents have access to programs, events, and strategic connections that broaden their repertoire, strengthen their businesses, and insert their companies into the state's main innovation ecosystem.





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**GOVTECH BRAZIL SEED
CAPITAL PRIVATE EQUITY FUND**



Opportunity

Opportunity for Investors: Govtech Brasil Seed Capital Private Equity Fund.

KPTL, in co-management with Cedro Capital, launched the GovTech Fund in December 2022. To date, it has reached a committed capital of R\$ 105.7 million. The Fund has 11 shareholders, 5 of which are public (AgeRio, Badesul, Goiás Fomento, Finep, and Fapesp), 4 are private (Grupo Multi/Multilaser, Positivo Tecnologia, VIPH Informática, and Kimak Ind. Máquinas), in addition to the two managers (KPTL Investimentos and Cedro Capital).

The Fund invests in technology-based companies that develop innovative solutions aimed at modernizing and digitally transforming public services, government activities and public policies. These companies are contracted directly by public entities or offer their solutions through private business models in the seed stage.



Value

- Target fund size: **R\$ 200 million**
- Minimum check for investors: **R\$ 2 million**
- Allocation per company: between **R\$ 2 million and R\$ 10 million**
- Estimated number of assets: between 20 and 30 companies
- Follow-on: up to 25% of total capital

Timeframe

- Investment period: **5 years (with the possibility of a 2-year extension)**
- Divestment period: **5 years**
- Total duration: **10 years (with the possibility of extension to 12 years)**

Basic information

KPTL is a management company with a successful track record in the venture capital industry, specializing in driving innovative businesses. It has evaluated around 13,000 investment opportunities throughout its history, made more than 136 investments, and carried out more than 50 divestments. It has robust, constantly updated processes and tools, and has trained dozens of professionals in the Brazilian VC market.

Throughout its history, it has established itself as a bridge between technology-based entrepreneurs and large national and international corporations seeking innovation as a lever for competitiveness and transformation. This positioning translates into strategic divestments, with acquisitions of its investees by companies such as Hexagon, Koppert Biological Systems, Givaudan, Ebix, TOTVS, Softplan, Locaweb, Stoller do Brasil, DGF Investimentos, SMS Group, and Bancorbrás, in addition to multiple cases of Management Buyouts (MBOs). Our shareholders include BRDE, Badesul, Positivo, Multi, BNDES, Finep, BRB, local development agencies and family offices.

More specifically in Rio Grande do Sul, KPTL has already invested R\$ 27.8 million in companies in the state and expects to make further investments through Govtech private equity fund. Currently, the companies invested in the state are:



Alright: a technology company operating in the digital media value chain, it develops media technologies focused on increasing publishers' revenue and delivering better results for brands. The company is located in the city of Porto Alegre (RS).

Augen: offers IoT solutions for analysis, treatment, and management of sanitation in water treatment plants and artesian wells. The company is located in the city of Rio Grande (RS).

AKR Sistemas: develops systems that provide the means to efficiently monitor and evaluate movements and processing times in the various production phases of a business. Through the use of innovative equipment and a qualified technical team, the company has the expertise to develop specific solutions, operating in a wide variety of segments, adding value and optimizing the customer's production processes. The company is located in the city of Caxias do Sul (RS).

Cowmed: develops solutions for real-time, high-precision monitoring of the behavior and reproductive cycle of dairy cattle. The company is located in the city of Santa Maria (RS).

Instor: is an innovative company focused on developing robotic solutions applied to the Mining, O&G, Health, Logistics, and Agriculture sectors. The company is located in the city of Viamão (RS).

Lamiecco: develops and produces laminated coatings from recycled PET plastic for furniture, construction and other industries. The company is located in the city of Montauri (RS).

Prediza: develops artificial intelligence and IoT solutions for agriculture. A pioneer in AI, data science, and IoT for mapping and predicting risk scenarios that impact agricultural production. The company simplifies and optimizes decision-making for agricultural planning and management. The company is located in the city of Caxias do Sul (RS).

All of these companies are open to new investment opportunities or commercial partnerships.



To date, FIP GovTech has invested R\$ 21.4 million in six companies.

- **Augen (RS):** technologies for water treatment and quality control.
- **Prosas (MG):** platform for managing public and private sociocultural projects and tenders.
- **Colab (SP):** platform for citizen relations with public authorities.
- **StartGi (SP):** CRM platform for government sales management.
- **I4sea (BA):** climate risk mitigation solutions for the infrastructure sector.
- **GRTS Digital (BA):** platform for managing labor and union agreements.

In its prospecting activities, the Fund has already identified more than 1,100 GovTech companies. With extensive investment opportunities mapped out, there is a seventh company in the final stages of negotiation and an eighth company in the due diligence phase.

The Fund has already promoted its first exit in the form of a put option from Augen Engenharia to Biosolvit, to be exercised in the first quarter of 2028.



Target audience

Public and private institutional investors, companies benefiting from the Information Technology Law, family offices and qualified investors interested in fostering the GovTech ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul.

Location

Investments in GovTechs located throughout Brazil. Headquartered in São Paulo, it is committed to Badesul, a shareholder of the Fund, and has a Regional Allocation Policy.

Regional Allocation Policy - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil

If it is in the interest of investors, the managers may commit to allocating all funds raised from investors in Rio Grande do Sul to companies in the state.

The Fund has this commitment with Badesul, which is a shareholder of the Fund, having already committed a significant portion of the commitment to Augen Engenharia, headquartered in Rio Grande (RS).



Other relevant requirements or conditions

- Focus on B2B2G companies
- Prospective companies must demonstrate the ability to exploit a large addressable market, have sustainable competitive advantages over time, and present recurring revenue and a scalable model.
- Hurdle: inflation rate + 4% p.a.
- Management fee: 2.5% p.a.



- Performance fee: 20% on the surplus above the hurdle.
- Investees must commit to adhering to the Integrity Program, as well as participating in the assessment of AES metrics and impact investment performance developed by the Fund.
- Administrator: Banco Daycoval

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PRADOTECH

**Year Founded:**

2022

City:

Gravataí - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil

Description

PradoTech is a strategic innovation hub located in Gravataí (RS), just 12 minutes from Porto Alegre and opposite the General Motors Industrial Complex, one of the largest automotive plants in the country. Located along the road to the coast of Rio Grande do Sul, the space has privileged logistics. As part of the Prado Bairro Cidade planned neighborhood, PradoTech is in a region with mixed-use zones, allowing for the development of residential, commercial, and industrial ventures in the same smart urban network—a truly fertile ground for businesses of all sizes.

Gravataí is experiencing a unique moment of growth, driven by its Municipal Innovation Law, which offers incentives and legal certainty for investments in science, technology, and regional development. More than just a technology park, PradoTech is part of a complete ecosystem of education, development, and business. Next to the headquarters, Colégio Sinodal Prado is heavily involved in educational robotics and maker culture, training talent from an early age. Adding even more strength to the territory, construction is already underway on ITEC - Instituto de Tecnologia e Computação (Institute of Technology and Computing), which will connect youth, applied research, skilled labor, and the cutting-edge technology job market.

The result is a vibrant ecosystem with a real capacity to train talent, accelerate companies, attract investment, and generate solutions that are born in Gravataí but are ready for the world.

Areas of Specialization

We currently have the Casa das Startups (Startup House), but we are open to any specialty in the field of innovation and technology.

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Anchor companies

- SINODAL
- ITEC

**Areas Available for Investment****Phase 1**

- Block 2: 2,979.32 m² - R\$ 2,000.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 5,958,640.00
- Block 2: 4,038.90 m² - R\$ 1,800.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 7,270,020.00
- Block 3: 2,562.20 m² - R\$ 1,600.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 4,099,520.00
- Block 4: 2,812.83 m² - R\$ 1,600.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 4,500,528.00
- Block 6: 4,761.50 m² - R\$ 1,600.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 7,618,400.00

Phase 2

- Block F: 10,000.00 m² - R\$ 800.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 8,000,000.00
- Block E: 5,000.00 m² - R\$ 600.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 3,000,000.00

Phase 3

- 1 Plot: 100,000.00 m² - R\$ 150.00/m² - Total price: R\$ 15,000,000.00

Currently, in addition to companies and commercial buildings, there is great interest in attracting a quality supermarket to Prado.





Opportunity

The Sul Ventures Fund is currently seeking new investors. It already has R\$ 55 million in committed capital from institutional and private investors from the southern region, comprising mainly family offices and entrepreneurs. Over the next 12 months, the fund manager seeks to raise R\$ 45 million to reach the fund's target of R\$ 100 million.

The fund, with a 10-year term, aims to achieve above-market returns, targeting IPCA + 20% per year, in line with the manager's previous funds.



Basic information

Primus Ventures is an asset management company focused entirely on investments in technology companies/startups. It is based in Florianópolis (SC), with a local presence in Porto Alegre (RS) within Instituto Caldeira. Its partners are experienced professionals in the Brazilian VC/PE market, who together have almost 50 years of investment experience and have participated in hundreds of investment operations in innovative startups.

The company's main activity is investing in early-stage startups, in the pre-seed and seed stages, operating exclusively in the three states of the southern region of Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, and Paraná). With a unique track record in the region, Primus Ventures launched the Sul Ventures Fund in 2025, which is expected to hold up to R\$ 100 million in capital in about 20 startups, with about one-third of the Fund (about R\$ 30 million, in 5 to 7 startups) expected to be invested in startups in RS. The Fund already has the participation of institutional investors from the region (BRDE and Badesul), in addition to private investors.

Value

The Fund will have a total of **R\$ 100 million, R\$ 55 million of which has already been raised.**

The minimum sum for investors is R\$ 1 million.

Target audience

Institutional Investors: Investment funds, Brazilian and international development agencies, trade associations, pension funds and RPPS (Brazilian special welfare policy).

Private Investors: Family Offices, entrepreneurs and Executives who seek not only financial returns but also closer ties with the innovation ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul and the surrounding region.

Timeframe

The fund will be open for investments until the end of the third quarter of 2026.

**Location**

Primus Ventures operates throughout the southern region, with a permanent physical presence in Rio Grande do Sul. As it is the only fund that invests exclusively in the southern region, RS will naturally be a relevant part of the investment strategy and portfolio makeup. By regulation, the manager is required to invest at least R\$ 20 million in RS, but we believe that this amount should be exceeded, reaching around 1/3 of the Fund.

**Link for information**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rKmHtouEQJ_rHFzTVoQluAwwnjYnnR4t/view

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Opportunity

Opportunity for investors with the Quartzo VC6 Venture Capital Fund. Quartzo Capital is raising the Quartzo VC6 fund, a venture capital vehicle with a target capital of US\$ 100 million for investing in B2B Tech & AI Enable startups in Series A and B stages, with national and international scaling potential.

The fund was created with the objective of boosting companies with experienced founders, proprietary technology, and a focus on efficiency, sustainability, and energy transition, with special attention to businesses originating in Rio Grande do Sul.

Basic information

Quartzo Capital was formed by the merger of TM3 Capital and Invisto in 2025. With more than R\$ 1.2 billion under management, 90 investments made, and 22 exits, the manager operates in the areas of Venture Capital, Asset Management, Real Estate, and Corporate Finance, supporting technology companies with capital, strategy, and governance.

Timeframe

- Investment period: **5 years**
- Divestment period: **5 years**
- Total duration: **10 years (with the possibility of a 2-year extension)**
- First Close: **1st quarter of 2026**



Value

- Target fund size: **US\$ 100 million**
- Minimum check for investors: **US\$ 5 million**
- Allocation per company: **US\$500,000 to US\$10 million**
- Estimated number of assets: **up to 10 companies**
- Follow-on: **up to 25% of total capital**
- Return target: **IRR of 30% p.a. and target multiple of 3x**

Target audience

Qualified investors, local entrepreneurs, family offices, and institutional investors interested in exposure to the venture capital market with a focus on technology-based companies from Rio Grande do Sul.



Location

Asset manager: Brazil, headquartered in the South and operating nationwide.

Geographic focus: companies throughout Brazil, with an emphasis on Rio Grande do Sul.

Expected fundraising: approximately US\$ 20 million in RS, equivalent to about 20% of the fund's net worth allocated to the region.

Application of funds: funds raised from investors in RS will be fully invested in companies in the state.

Local investors: contributions from investors who wish to invest specifically in Rio Grande do Sul will be directed to regional opportunities.

Allocation flexibility: if additional good opportunities arise in the state, the manager may increase the allocation beyond the initially planned proportion.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

- Preferential investments in startups with two or more full-time founders.
- Focus on B2B companies with recurring revenue and a scalable model.
- Hurdle: inflation rate + 6% p.a.
- Management fee: 2% p.a.
- Performance fee: 20% on the surplus above the hurdle.
- Regulation: CVM / ANBIMA - Brazil.
- Manager: Quartzo Invest Ltda.



Additional information

Quartzo has a history of investing in companies such as Asaas, Housi, Docket, OmniChat, CTA Smart, and Darwin Seguros.

Link for information

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DATA CENTERS

SCALA AI CITY - SOUTH AMERICA'S LARGEST DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Opportunity

Scala AI City represents the largest and most innovative digital infrastructure project in South America, a true data center city designed to drive the new era of Artificial Intelligence.

The project uses FutureProof design, which will support 150+ kW racks per cabinet, enabling it to handle AI-intensive workloads such as large-scale model training and high-density computing applications. The complex will be interconnected to the SPOPA01 data center and, in the future, to the Malbec submarine cable, connecting Porto Alegre, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires to create a strategic, low-latency digital route in the Southern Cone.

More than just a data center, Scala AI City is a hub for clean energy, innovation, and connectivity, consolidating Brazil as a global leader in AI infrastructure.

Value

Estimated initial investment:

R\$ 3 billion (approximately US\$ 500 million) in the first phase. This amount represents one of the largest private investments in digital infrastructure in the Southern Cone, reinforcing Scala's commitment to technological expansion and sustainable economic development in Brazil.

Timeframe

The Memorandum of Understanding signed on September 11, 2024 marked the beginning of the first phase of the project's implementation cycle as part of a multi-year execution and expansion schedule.

Basic information

Specializing in the design, construction, and operation of large-scale digital infrastructure, Scala Data Centers is the leading hyperscale and sustainable data center platform in Latin America. With a consolidated presence in strategic markets, such as Campus Tamboré (SP), the largest in Latin America, and SPOPA01 (RS), Scala combines cutting-edge engineering, 100% renewable energy, and FutureProof solutions to accelerate digital transformation and the adoption of Artificial Intelligence throughout the region

Target audience

The opportunity is aimed at hyperscalers, cloud providers, Artificial Intelligence companies and global technology organizations that require high-density and low-latency sustainable infrastructure for advanced workloads.

<p>Location Eldorado do Sul (Metropolitan Region of Porto Alegre) - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p> <p>Rationale for investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic location; • Abundant supply of electricity and capacity for expansion; • Mild climate, ideal for operational and energy efficiency; • Real estate availability for multiple phases of growth; • Connectivity infrastructure with low-latency regional and international routes. <p>The region was selected to host the largest data center campus in the Southern Cone, with the potential to transform Rio Grande do Sul into a continental hub for digital infrastructure and technological innovation.</p>	<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <p>Scala AI City was designed to the highest ESG standards, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of 100% renewable energy and long-term contracts (green PPAs); • International certifications (LEED, ISO 14001, ISO 50001); • Local hiring and training policies, stimulating the creation of skilled jobs and positive regional socio-economic impact.
<p>Link to information https://scaladatacenters.com/</p>	<p>Additional information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs created: more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs in the first phase; • Planned capacity: up to 4.75 GW; • Guaranteed clean energy: unprecedented concession for sustainable energy supply has already been approved, enabling the largest AI
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OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH ELEVA: THE LARGEST NETWORK OF STARTUP INCUBATORS AND IMPACT BUSINESSES IN BRAZIL

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Sponsorship in Eleva units already in operation or raising capital in Rio Grande do Sul.</p> <p>Eleva is a network of startup incubators and impact businesses that aims to become the largest incubator network in Brazil.</p> <p>Each Eleva unit makes two calls for startups per year, incubating up to five businesses per call, for a period of two years.</p> <p>Total capacity: 15 to 20 simultaneous businesses per unit.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A permanent program in each territory. • Semiannual calls for startups and 2-year incubation per class. • Maintainer quota: annual fee of R\$ 125,000, guaranteeing free access to incubatees.
<p>Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Eleva unit: minimum of R\$ 500,000 per year of funding. • Single maintenance fees: R\$ 125,000 per year. 	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Semente Negócios is an accelerator for startups and impact businesses that designs and operates incubation, acceleration, and open innovation programs in partnership with companies, institutes, foundations and governments. It works both in the execution of customized programs for large organizations and in the creation of its own programs financed by sponsorships and private social investments, always with a local presence in each territory.</p> <p>With over 14 years of experience and a portfolio of clients such as Randon, Sicredi, Atitus Educação, Florense, NSC, Senac, and Arcelor Mittal, Semente has supported more than 8,500 businesses in Brazil, which together have raised over R\$ 1 billion in investments. Its unique selling point is connecting each startup to the most appropriate source of capital, from public notices to investment funds, strengthening innovation ecosystems across the country.</p>
<p>Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies seeking to position themselves in innovation in Rio Grande do Sul and access regional startups. • Institutes and foundations that wish to promote income and job creation. • Investors interested in qualified deal flow from startups and impact businesses. <p>In operation</p> <p>Porto Alegre: raising R\$ 250,000 Passo Fundo: raising R\$ 125,000</p> <p>Mobilizing capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caxias do Sul: R\$ 500,000 • Novo Hamburgo: R\$ 500,000 • Pelotas: R\$ 500,000 • Santa Maria: R\$ 500,000 	



Location

- In operation: Porto Alegre and Passo Fundo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil
- Launch scheduled for March 2025: Caxias do Sul and Novo Hamburgo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil
- Launch scheduled for March 2026 (possible early launch): Pelotas and Santa Maria - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil

Other relevant requirements or conditions

Considerations for maintainers:

- Seat on the incubator's advisory board
- Logo on communication materials, events, and reports
- Participation in workshops and events
- Access to the registered business database
- Mention and acknowledgment in impact reports
- Possibility of mentoring incubatees
- Publication of up to three pieces of content per year on Eleva's networks
- "Impact Placement": up to 2-page article in the annual report
- Exclusive media coverage and logo on social media
- Other benefits upon request



Additional information

Benefits for free incubatees:

- Specialized consulting and mentoring
- Business and soft skills training
- Networking and connections with investors and large companies
- Support in fundraising (with a 10% success rate)
- Physical space and benefits in software and services
- National connections with ecosystems

Operating units

Eleva Porto Alegre - Instituto Caldeira | Focus: impact businesses

- 5 businesses incubated since September
- Supporters: Coalizão pelo Impacto, Instituto Helda Gerda, Atitus Educação



Eleva Passo Fundo - Instituto Aliança Empresarial | Focus: agnostic

- 7 businesses incubated since October
- Supporters: Totvs, Sicredi, Atitus Educação, Aliança Empresarial



In capital mobilization

- Eleva Caxias do Sul - Uniftec | Agnostic | Attracting supporters
- Eleva Novo Hamburgo - CIT | Agnostic | Recruiting sponsors

Expansion until 2027 Pelotas and Santa Maria (possibility of early expansion depending on sponsors).	 Link for information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://elevaincubadora.com.br/• https://sementenegocios.com.br/
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silicium

EXPANSION IN THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL - FOCUSED ON R&D FOR THE DESIGN OF SEMICONDUCTORS APPLIED TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)



<p>Opportunity Description</p> <p>ICT Silicium aims to strengthen talent development and advance semiconductor design solutions, supported by Chipus and Beontag. The initiative is seeking investment partners to support its expansion in Rio Grande do Sul.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Through 2030.</p>
<p>Project Value</p> <p>Seeking approximately US\$ 60M in investment to expand ICT Silicium's physical infrastructure in Rio Grande do Sul, with opportunities for equity participation in the venture.</p>	<p>Player Information</p> <p>ICT Silicium was established to support the Research and Development (R&D) activities of established companies in the semiconductor sector, such as Chipus and Beontag. Operations began in 2025, and by 2026 the institute will have dedicated physical infrastructure for semiconductor design. ICT Silicium currently has a team of seven employees and two postdoctoral researchers conducting studies in semiconductors applied to IoT and Artificial Intelligence (AI).</p>
<p>Location</p> <p>Currently based at Sapiens Park in Florianópolis (Santa Catarina), ICT Silicium plans to establish physical infrastructure in Rio Grande do Sul as part of its expansion strategy, consolidating its operational footprint in the state.</p>	<p>Target</p> <p>Investors and strategic partners.</p>
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<p>Opportunity</p> <p>South Summit Brazil 2026 offers partnership opportunities for companies that want to strengthen their position in the innovation ecosystem, connect with startups, investors, and global corporate leaders, and associate their brands with one of the world's leading entrepreneurship and technology platforms. Partner companies can choose from different partnership formats, which include institutional visibility, exhibition spaces, naming rights and participation in exclusive content and events.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Partnership opportunities are available from October until the date of the event. Special conditions for closing within the year 2025.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>Partnership quotas offer proportional benefits in various formats, including booth size, brand presence in official communications, institutional visibility, online and offline brand exposure, number of tickets, among other benefits. In addition, exclusive special assets are available, such as naming rights for spaces at the event, masterclasses, customized side events, and other strategic engagement opportunities.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>South Summit Brazil is a global entrepreneurship and innovation platform that brings together startups, companies, investors, and universities to generate business and promote connections. The event, which began in Madrid in 2012, also takes place in Brazil and has become a meeting point for the innovation ecosystem in Latin America.</p> <p>Target audience</p> <p>Companies from different sectors that want to strengthen their brand in the innovation ecosystem, connect with startups and investors and take a leading role in technology and new businesses.</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Cais Mauá, Av. Mauá, 1050, Historic Center, 90010-110, Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>



Other relevant requirements or conditions

- **High-level networking with corporations, startups, and investors:** brings together business leaders, startups, and investors in an environment conducive to strategic connections and high-impact partnerships.
- **Cutting-edge content: technology, innovation, sustainability, and impact:** features debates and lectures with national and international experts on the main trends shaping the future of business.
- **International platform: visibility and global connections:** is part of a global innovation network, expanding visibility and access to international ecosystems and markets.
- **Brand recognition and connection with the innovation ecosystem:** strengthens the institutional positioning of brands and organizations as agents of transformation and leaders in innovation and sustainability.
- **Real business, structured matchmaking and strategic networking:** generates concrete business opportunities through qualified connections between companies, startups and investors.
- **Ecosystem in motion, impact before, during and after the event:** promotes continuous impact, stimulating the development of the innovation ecosystem before, during, and after the event.

Link for information

<https://www.southsummit.io/form-partner-with-us-2/>



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PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH, TRAINING AND RETENTION OF STEM TALENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEEP TECH

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Investment in training, applied research, and business development in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science in Brazil.</p>	<p>Value</p> <p>R\$ 100 million</p>
	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Until the end of 2027</p>
<p>Basic information</p> <p>Tecnopuc and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul's Center for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (PUCRS-IA) have joined forces for an integrated strategy of teaching, research, and applied innovation, focusing on the development of AI and Data Science solutions for scientific, social, and industrial challenges.</p> <p>The center operates in an interdisciplinary manner, connecting researchers from different fields, companies and the government to drive technological advancement in the country, following the pillars of the Brazilian Artificial Intelligence Plan (PBIA).</p>	<p>Target audience</p> <p>Companies, investment funds and organizations wishing to invest in training, applied research and business development in AI and data science in Brazil.</p>
	<p>Location</p> <p>Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil. Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS).</p>
<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with the pillars of the Brazilian Artificial Intelligence Plan (PBIA); • Willingness to co-fund R&D&I (Research, Development and Innovation) projects; • Participation in project monitoring and governance committees; • Commitment to training and retaining national talent in AI and data science; • Deep tech development 	<p>Link for information</p> <p>www.tecnopuc.pucrs.br www.pucrs.br/ciacd</p>
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<p>Opportunity</p> <p>The company plans to set up four semiconductor packaging plants over the next ten years. The strategic plan involves seeking credit, technological partnerships, and expanding access to new markets.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Tellescom Semicondutores is an electronic equipment company, specializing in semiconductor packaging. It has an office in São Paulo, operations in Manaus and is in the process of setting up a new semiconductor packaging plant in Rio Grande do Sul.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>The company is seeking a total of US\$ 170 million over ten years.</p>	
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Financial institutions and investors, government and international strategic partners focused on technological collaboration and opening new markets.</p>	<p>Location</p> <p>The company is in negotiations for land in the metropolitan region of Porto Alegre, specifically in an area located in the municipality of Cachoeirinha.</p>


Additional information

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Opportunity

Opportunity for Investors: two funds with an open round for investing in startups.

Ventiuur is seeking participants for two angel investor groups. These are startup acceleration vehicles with a capital target of R\$20 million for investing in pre-seed and seed stage startups with national and international scaling potential.

The funds are meant for boosting companies with experienced founders, proprietary technology, and a focus on efficiency, sustainability and energy transition, with a focus on businesses originating in Rio Grande do Sul.

Value

Two investor groups with fundraising goals of R\$ 10 million each.

Amount already raised: Approximately R\$ 5 million in each fund.

Minimum investment amount: R\$ 100,000, with flexibility for specific cases aiming to expand smart money.

Allocation per company:

- Venture Open Startups - R\$300,000 to R\$500,000 in early-stage startups.
- Global Startup Investors - R\$500,000 to R\$1 million in rounds of up to R\$2.5 million, in a co-investment format.

Estimated number of invested assets:

- Venture Open Startups - 30 startups
- Global Startup Investors - 15 startups
- Return target: Multiple targets of 10x the amount invested.

Basic information

Ventiuur was voted the best accelerator in Brazil by ANPROTEC in 2024. It has accelerated more than 3,000 businesses, and is accredited in the TECNOVA III program in 18 states.







With more than R\$ 40 million under management, 102 investments made, 8 exits, and 76 active businesses in its portfolio, the asset management works to accelerate startups, supporting technology companies with capital, management, strategy, and governance. Ventiuur has historically invested in companies such as Devorando, Saipos, Trashin, PixForce, Digifarmz, Deskfy, Mutuus and Biosens.

With a consolidated presence in Brazil, Ventiuur seeks to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul, fostering startups with national and international expansion potential.

Timeframe

- 2 open SCPs (*Sociedades em Conta de Participação* - Brazilian form of silent partnership).
- Fundraising deadline: March 2026.



<p>Target audience</p> <p>Individual investors, especially family offices and institutional partners seeking exposure to the startup investment market, with a special focus on innovative technology companies.</p> <p>Investors specifically interested in investing in RS may have their contributions directed to local opportunities, subject to minimum subscription and investment amounts.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerator: Brazil (headquartered in the South and operating nationwide) • Geographic focus of the opportunity: companies from all over Brazil, with an emphasis on Rio Grande do Sul.
<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments preferably in startups with two or more full-time founders. • Focus on companies with recurring revenue and a scalable model, more focused on B2B. • The group of investors is part of the decision-making process. It is a priority that the investment theses fit the group's analysis and discussions and that investors can support them with their intellectual capital. 	
<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Link for information</p> <p>https://ventiur.net/</p>	
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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM WOW'S
RIO GRANDE DO SUL
STARTUP PORTFOLIO.**

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Connect startups from Rio Grande do Sul invested in by WOW to corporate clients (small businesses, middle market, and enterprise) and potential investors interested in new investment rounds. Eighteen featured startups from the RS portfolio, ready to start business (partnerships/proofs of concept) and attract investment.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Starting with the launch of the Book of Opportunities (October 2025).</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>WOW has already invested R\$ 8 million directly in 57 startups founded in Rio Grande do Sul, which have a combined market cap of over R\$ 250 million.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>WOW is the largest startup accelerator in Brazil. It has already invested in 182 startups across the country, with support from a network of 450 angel investors. It invests up to R\$ 500,000 per startup and offers an acceleration program focused on product-market fit, helping founders validate and scale their businesses from the early stages. WOW has helped build major exits, such as Squid (acquired by Locaweb), Movidesk (acquired by Zenvia) and AnotAI (acquired by iFood), which totaled more than R\$ 1 billion in market cap at the time of their acquisitions.</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>For companies seeking B2B technology solutions in sales, operations, finance, data and customer service; and for investors and venture capital funds interested in validated startups with scaling potential.</p>	<p>Location</p> <p>Headquarters at Instituto Caldeira (Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil) and Cubo Itaú (São Paulo - São Paulo / Brazil). Participating startups are located across Porto Alegre, Canoas, Caxias do Sul, Garibaldi, Gramado, Pelotas, Três de Maio, Tucunduva, and Horizontina, all in RS.</p>



Additional information

Founded in 2013 in Porto Alegre, WOW has its origins in Rio Grande do Sul, but has operated across the country since its inception, investing in startups from all regions of Brazil. Today, it has a community of more than 450 investors, 45% of which about are from Rio Grande do Sul. Throughout its history, WOW has invested in 182 startups, almost a third (32%) of which originated in Rio Grande do Sul. Among the main portfolio exit cases are AnotAI (Rio Grande), Dietbox (Porto Alegre), and TownSq (Porto Alegre).



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ACCESS TO ACCELERATION AND FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR STARTUPS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL (PRE-SEED AND SEED):

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Connection with acceleration programs and funding calls.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Recurring calls throughout 2025, according to the schedule of each partner program.</p>
<p>Value</p> <p>The programs are launched through calls for proposals, and each edition has its own investment value. Opportunity values vary for every call for proposals.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest Match (Instituto Caldeira) • Fine Hub (Tecnopuc) • Tecnova and Centelha grants (in partnership with Fapergs and Sebrae, Reginp, and Finep) 	<p>Basic information</p> <p>Badesul is a financial development institution linked to the Government of Rio Grande do Sul. It holds a strategic role in boosting the state's innovation ecosystem. In addition to investing in private equity funds, Badesul supports programs and grants that connect startups to investors, accelerators, and funding resources.</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Startups with a CNPJ (Corporate Taxpayer ID) in RS, in the early stages (pre-seed and seed), focusing on sectors such as digital B2B, IoT, and GovTech.</p>	<p>Location</p> <p>Innovation ecosystems in Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, such as Instituto Caldeira and Tecnopuc.</p>



<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Startups must be formally established and aligned with the programs' focuses (innovation, technology, and scalability).• Each program has its own selection criteria and specific timeline.	<p>Link for information</p> <p>https://badesul.com.br</p>
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BRDEBANCO REGIONAL
DE DESENVOLVIMENTO
DO EXTREMO SUL**ACCESS TO CREDIT PROGRAMS
FOCUSED ON INNOVATION
PRESENTED BY BOLD COMPANIES.****Opportunity**

Financing for companies that have innovation projects, including the development of new products, processes or services, as well as the improvement of existing ones. Possible financing for the modernization of company facilities, the acquisition of software and technological services, expenses with raw materials and consumables, expenses with own staff, travel and training and consulting services, among other fixed investments.

**Basic information**

The Regional Development Bank of the Far South (BRDE) was founded on June 15, 1961, by the governments of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, and Paraná, with a clear purpose: to make southern Brazil prosper. Since then, BRDE has been a strategic partner in regional development, supporting and financing projects that drive competitiveness, innovation, and sustainable growth for enterprises of all sizes.

Value

Financing of up to **R\$ 15 million per project**, in the case of Finep resources, and up to R\$ 50 million per project, in the case of resources from the BNDES Mais Inovação program. Larger projects or ones involving the establishment of companies must be analyzed on a case-by-case basis, according to the sources of funds available at BRDE.

**Target audience**

Companies with innovation projects and operations in the Southern

Location

Investments can be made in the three states of the Southern Region (Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and Paraná).

Timeframe

Recurring and ongoing programs and financing, depending on credit analysis and availability of funds.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

- The company must be formally registered;
- Tax certificates must be up to date;
- Guarantees consisting of partner approval, mortgages, sale of purchased equipment, guarantee funds, letters of guarantee. Others upon request.



Link for information

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BRDEBANCO REGIONAL
DE DESENVOLVIMENTO
DO EXTREMO SUL**ACCESS TO ACCELERATION
AND FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR
STARTUPS (PRE-SEED AND SEED)****Opportunity**

BRDE Labs acceleration program, which supports the acceleration of startups focused on innovation, markets and real connections. Startups receive acceleration, exposure to investors and potential corporate clients at no cost to participate.

Timeframe

Recurring and ongoing programs, with two classes per year in Rio Grande do Sul.

Value

Opportunity to raise between **R\$ 500,000 and R\$ 10 million** via BRDE partner funds, in addition to potential contracts with client companies.

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Target audience

Startups in the early stages of investment or gaining traction, with innovative solutions applicable to large companies and strategic sectors in the Southern Region.

Location

Programs carried out in the three states of the Southern Region (currently, two cycles per year in Rio Grande do Sul, in partnership with Feevale University and Tecnopuc-RS).

Link for further information

<https://www.brdelabs.com.br/>

**Other relevant requirements
or conditions**

- The company must be formally established;
- Have an innovative and validated solution for the market;
- Participate in the selection process conducted by the contracted accelerator;
- There is no cost to participate.

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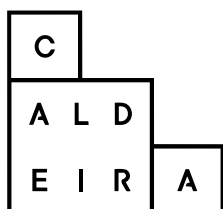
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INSTITUTO CALDEIRA STARTUP PROGRAMS

Opportunity

Instituto Caldeira supports 150 entrepreneurs every year through four main programs that accompany the entrepreneurial journey from zero to hero:

Program: Kickstart

Focus: Ideation, transforming ideas into viable projects;

Duration: 4 months;

Audience: Early-stage entrepreneurs;

Highlights: Practical workshops and group mentoring;

Program: Caldeira MVP

Focus: Product validation, transforming ideas into MVP;

Duration: 4 months;

Audience: Startups in the validation phase;

Highlights: Agile methodologies, mentoring, and ecosystem connection;

Program: Ebulição

Focus: Acceleration; structuring and scaling businesses;

Duration: 4 months;

Audience: Startups in growth phase;

Highlights: Diagnosis, individual and group mentoring, workshops, and connection with investors;

Program: Conecta Caldeira

Focus: Open innovation, connecting startups to the challenges of large companies;

Duration: 3 to 4 months;

Audience: Startups with validated products;

Highlights: +700 startups mapped, +160 connections, and 44 challenges launched;

Caldeira also continuously offers content and events, e.g.:

Caldeira Pitch: weekly startup presentations

Caldeira Talks: debates with experts and ecosystem leaders

Caldeira MasterClasses and Missions: immersions in global innovation ecosystems

Concrete results:

- +150 entrepreneurs supported every year.
- +700 startups connected.
- +160 corporate and startup connections generated per year.
- +R\$10 million in opportunities fostered in the ecosystem.

Value

Free programs, with estimated benefits of up to **R\$ 20,000.00 per startup in mentoring**, training, connections, and visibility.

Description

Instituto Caldeira is a private, non-profit institute dedicated to promoting business, innovation and education. It has over 530 member companies, corporations, startups and other organizations and more than 40 national and international partnerships.

Target audience

Entrepreneurs and startups in the early and growth stages, especially early stage (ideation to traction). Desired profile: founders with a vision for growth, open to mentoring, and willing to participate in training and networking cycles.

Location


Instituto Caldeira - Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil. Hybrid formats - in-person and online.

<p>Duration</p> <p>Each cycle varies between 4 and 6 months, depending on the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caldeira MVP: 2 editions per year. Each edition lasts 4 months. • Ebulição: 2 editions per year. Each edition lasts 4 months. • Kickstart: 2 editions per year. Each edition lasts 4 months. • Invest Match: 1 edition per year. 4 months in duration. • Conecta Caldeira: 4 cycles per year. Each cycle lasts around 3 to 4 months. <p>The dates of each program vary according to the Instituto Caldeira calendar.</p>	<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All programs are free of charge, subject to selection • The founder or partner must actively participate in the activities • Selection criteria based on innovation potential, maturity, and entrepreneurial profile • Priority access for startups from Rio Grande do Sul and entrepreneurs from the Caldeira ecosystem
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<p>Year Founded 2004</p>	<p>City Campo Bom, Novo Hamburgo, and Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>Feevale Techpark was created with the aim of generating synergy between university, public authorities, and technology-based companies, strengthening the development of innovative businesses. Located in the Rio dos Sinos Valley and Metropolitan Region, the park offers modern facilities, technical support and acceleration and incubation programs to foster entrepreneurship, innovation, and knowledge exchange between different sectors.</p> <p>With a presence in three strategic cities, Campo Bom, Novo Hamburgo, and Porto Alegre, Feevale Techpark operates in the sectors of information and communication technology, creative industry, materials and nanotechnology, healthcare, biotechnology, environmental sciences, and renewable energy. The park stands out for integrating academia with the productive sector, creating a collaborative and innovative environment. It currently has 117 resident companies and 14 incubated companies, strengthening the region's innovation ecosystem.</p>	
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<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dublauto • Toth • Wirklich • Hanisch Medical 	
<p>Area available for lease</p> <p>New development spanning over 10 ha (lot acquisition) • 100 m² available in Campo Bom • coworking space in Novo Hamburgo • over 100 m² in Porto Alegre.</p>	<p>Price per m² available for lease</p> <p>Campo Bom and Novo Hamburgo: R\$ 50.00/m² • Porto Alegre: R\$ 105.00/m².</p>
<p>Other benefits and notes</p> <p>Direct proximity to Feevale University. Acceleration and incubation programs. Open innovation initiatives that promote connections between companies, startups, and research centers.</p>	





HCPATEC - HCPA HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION PARK

<p>Established</p> <p>2023 (official opening in March 2026)</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>HCPATec - the Health Technology and Innovation Park of the Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre (HCPA) is a health innovation ecosystem located in southern Brazil, within a high-complexity university hospital.</p> <p>Integrated with a nationally renowned healthcare, teaching and research institution, HCPATec offers companies and startups a unique opportunity to develop, validate and scale solutions in a real healthcare environment, directly connected to the SUS (Brazilian Unified Health System) and thousands of patients and professionals.</p> <p>In September 2025, HCPA was recognized by IntelLat as the best public hospital in Latin America.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Sciences • Human Health • Unified Health System (SUS) 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <p>Park under construction.</p>	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>Park under construction.</p>
	<p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>Park under construction.</p>
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Other benefits and notes

Companies within HCPATec will have access to a physical area within the Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre, with:




- Coworking spaces, meeting rooms and event areas.
- Opportunities for interaction and development in open innovation.
- A Business Incubator (Starts-HCPA) already in operation, with intrapreneurship, pre-incubation and incubation programs.
- An area for prototyping and product development, with engineers specializing in healthcare equipment.



The park stands out as a unique space for deep tech in healthcare, with a strong social, scientific and technological impact as well as extensive capacity for clinical trials and technological validation.





IFRS TECNOPARQUE

<p>Established</p> <p>2025</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Viamão - Rio Grande do Sul / Braazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>IFRS TecnoParque, the Science and Technology Park of the Federal Institute of Rio Grande do Sul, was created in March 2025 and is located in Viamão, at 7000 Tapir Rocha Highway. The space was acquired from PUCRS and currently houses 14 resident companies, in addition to the IFRS Viamão Campus. Soon, it will also host departments of the Viamão City Hall, including the Mayor’s Office, reinforcing its role as a center for integration between government, academia and the productive sector.</p> <p>The park’s mission is to promote sustainable, technological, and social development, with a focus on sustainability, entrepreneurship, technology, social and economic inclusion, public governance and the creative economy. With extensive infrastructure and strong links with the 19 IFRS campuses, TecnoParque stands out for offering laboratories, reference centers and innovation hubs as well as housing Tecna – Polo de Audiovisual do RS, with its large studios.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability • Entrepreneurship • Technology • Social and Economic Inclusion • Public Governance • Creative Economy 	
 <p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instor • Sourtec • DH Med • Jomon • BControl • InSaúde • Masper • Qualistatus • Tecna • Casa de Cinema 	
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<p>Area (m²) available for lease 5,000 m²</p>	<p>Price per m² available for lease R\$ 10.00 to R\$ 30.00/m²</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Other benefits and notes</p> <p>Total area of 15.7 hectares and 34,900 m² of built area • 438 m² hall (capacity for up to 600 people) • Auditorium with 120 seats • Meeting rooms (7 and 30 seats) • Events room, lounge, and game room • Cafeteria and covered lobby for large events • Area for testing and experiments • Connections with 19 IFRS campuses • Network of laboratories, research groups and reference centers • Innovation Hub for Agroecology, Bio-inputs, and Climate Resilience • Tecna - Polo de Audiovisual do RS, with ample studios.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	







**INOVATEC UFSM
TECHNOLOGY PARK**

<p>Established</p> <p>2022</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Santa Maria - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>InovaTec UFSM Technology Park is an innovation ecosystem that connects university, businesses and society to transform knowledge into economic and social impact. Focusing on agrotechnology, food and bioproducts, sustainability, IoT, automation and digital solutions, the park offers state-of-the-art infrastructure for incubating and accelerating startups, attracting innovative companies and strengthening regional entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Based in Santa Maria, InovaTec has established itself as a driver of regional and national development, promoting skilled jobs, talent retention, and strengthening the productive sector, especially in agribusiness. Its activities increase territorial competitiveness, attract investment, and foster a culture of innovation and sustainability, positioning the region as a benchmark in southern Brazil and contributing high value-added technologies to the country.</p>	
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<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Commerce • Fox IoT • Bioagreen • G2W Systems • AGCO • Sebrae-RS 	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>100% of spaces currently occupied.</p> <hr/> <p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 30.00/m² (for residents of internal notices).</p>

Other benefits and notes

InovaTec UFSM offers access to laboratories, coworking spaces, innovation hubs and specialized technical support, bringing together university, businesses, government and society in a collaborative environment. It offers incubation, acceleration, mentoring and entrepreneurship incentive programs as well as visibility, networking, and access to investments. The park has a strong presence in innovation in agriculture, bio-inputs and sustainability, with a direct impact on regional development. It also allows companies to join even without physical occupancy, ensuring flexibility and continuous integration into the innovation ecosystem.



<p>Established</p> <p>2017</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Rio Grande - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>Oceantec, the Science and Technology Park of the Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG), aims to boost new technology-based economies and promote sustainable development in the region, with a focus on innovative entrepreneurship. Since its inauguration in 2017, it has been home to companies in the marine economy, information technology, automation, engineering, industry, commerce, services and renewable energy sectors, strengthening the integration between the university and the market.</p> <p>With a broad and diversified structure, Oceantec is located within the FURG campus. It offers complete infrastructure and specialized services, connecting companies to innovation centers such as the Embrapii ITEC-FURG unit, which specializes in Robotics, Automation and AI; and over 400 open laboratories (OpenLabs). Its INNOVATIO Incubator promotes applied research, technology transfer and entrepreneurial training and new technology-based businesses.</p>	
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Anchor Companies

- Refinaria Rio-Grandense
- Augen
- APL Marítimo do RS

Area (m²) available for lease

700 m² in private rooms • 1 ha for containers • 3 ha for private buildings.

Price per m² available for lease

R\$ 30.00/m² (with the possibility of amortization in the case of own buildings).



Other benefits and notes

Oceantec offers complete infrastructure, with 24-hour security, fiber optic cabling, cleaning, lighting, garbage collection and maintenance of common areas. It offers coworking, prototyping spaces, mentoring and entrepreneurship workshops (design thinking, canvas, strategic planning, marketing, and sales) as well as teaching and research activities in innovation. The park is an environment of cooperation between university, businesses and government, promoting networking, talent development and the growth of startups and SMEs. It has consolidating itself as a strategic hub for innovation in southern Brazil.





PAMPA TEC

<p>Established</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Alegrete - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>PampaTec, the Science and Technology Park of the Federal University of the Pampas (Unipampa), located on its Alegrete Campus, is a research, development and technological innovation environment focused on the creation and consolidation of technology-based businesses. The park fosters regional entrepreneurship by incubating startups, supporting technology transfer and partnering with companies seeking innovative solutions for different productive sectors.</p> <p>Operating in strategic areas such as semiconductors, electronics, information technology, rural technology and renewable energy, PampaTec contributes directly to strengthening the innovation ecosystem of the pampas biome, connecting academic research to the market and driving sustainable development in the region.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semiconductors • Electronics • Information technology • Rural technology • Renewable energy 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reufy Health Management • ERP Sales • EGD Energy 	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>250 m²</p> <p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 13.00/m²</p>
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Other benefits and notes

PampaTec offers infrastructure for business incubation, research support laboratories and collaborative spaces focused on innovation. The park acts as a bridge between universities and the productive sector, stimulating the creation of technological solutions applied to agribusiness and energy sustainability, consolidating itself as a reference in innovation in the Pampa biome.



<p>Established</p> <p>2016</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Pelotas - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>Pelotas Parque Tecnológico, officially founded in 2016 and managed by Tecnosul - Parque Científico e Tecnológico, is a non-profit civil association with a scientific, technological, educational and cultural focus that became an Institute of Science and Technology (ICT) in 2023. The park is administered by a Board of Directors (Consad), elected every three years, and operates on three strategic fronts: information and communication technology, health technology and biotechnology, and the creative industry.</p> <p>Currently, Pelotas Parque is home to 65 companies, 25 of which are located in their own areas, seven in coworking spaces, 22 incubated and 10 pre-incubated, in addition to 25 partner institutions and companies. Noteworthy are the incubators Conectar (Universidade Federal de Pelotas - UFPel), CIEMSUL (Catholic University of Pelotas - UCPel), and UniSenac, focused on junior companies. The space offers coworking, a dining area for 55 people, an auditorium for 230 people, three meeting and training rooms, parking for 75 vehicles and a FabLab focused on education and innovation. The ecosystem generates 285 direct jobs and 700 indirect jobs, consolidating Pelotas as one of the emerging</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative economy • Information technology • Healthcare 	
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Anchor Companies

- Vetorial
- Cigam
- Lifemed
- Sygnal Brasil
- Fácil Consulta

Area (m²) available for lease

330 m²

Price per m² available for lease

Between R\$ 70.00 and R\$ 100.00



Other benefits and notes

Tecnosul offers complete and modern infrastructure, with parking, a cafeteria, an auditorium for events, training and meeting rooms as well as a podcast studio and laboratories focused on the development of games and videos. The environment favors collaboration, innovation and integration between university, businesses and government, consolidating Pelotas Parque Tecnológico as a strategic space for sustainable growth in the region.



<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Access to subsidies, grants and incentive programs for startups, companies and innovation environments, with a focus on R&D, business structuring and the promotion of technology parks.</p>	<p>Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Talents Grant: R\$ 14.4 million (115 startups). • Doutor Empreendedor: R\$ 12,651,450.00 (50 startups). • Scientist in Industry Program: R\$ 3,000,000.00 (16 projects). • Tecnova Program: R\$ 29.10 million (Tecnova 3) (50 projects). • Innovation Environments Grant (2025): R\$ 20 million (18 environments supported). • New Innovation Environments Grant (2025): R\$ 7 million. • CRIEC Grant: R\$ 30 million (69 proposals).
<p>Basic information</p> <p>The Rio Grande do Sul State Secretariat for Innovation, Science, and Technology (Sict) is the government body responsible for formulating and implementing public policies aimed at scientific, technological and innovative development in the state. Sict promotes strategic actions in partnership with universities, companies and innovation ecosystems, fostering the creation of new businesses, talents and economic and social impact. As co-creator of this Book of Opportunities in Innovation in RS, Sict compiles the main programs, grants and incentives available to investors, entrepreneurs, companies and professionals, strengthening Rio Grande do Sul's position as a national reference in innovation and technology.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Calls for proposals opening in 2025.</p> <p>Target audience</p> <p>Startups, technology-based companies, entrepreneurial PhDs, innovation hubs, incubators and science and technology parks.</p>
<p>Location</p> <p>Throughout the state of Rio Grande do Sul, with a focus on technology parks, incubators and innovation hubs.</p>	<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <p>Each grant has specific eligibility criteria, such as company maturity, area of activity, links with ICTs and technical capacity to execute the projects.</p>



Additional information

The opportunities are in line with the State Policy for Science, Technology, and Innovation (PECTI 2025-2030), which defines priority areas such as agribusiness, health, semiconductors, renewable energy, industry 4.0 and mobility.

Link for information

<https://sict.rs.gov.br/upload/arquivos/202412/12100046-politica-estadual-de-ciencia-tecnologia-e-inovacao-do-rs.pdf>

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**GREEN HYDROGEN (H2V) AND
BIOGAS RS ENVIRONMENTAL
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS****Opportunity**

The Secretariat of Infrastructure and Environment (Sema) is running two funding calls focused on energy transition and the sustainable use of resources:

- **Green Hydrogen (H2V) Grant:** Public Call No. 01/2025 for the selection of innovative projects that contribute to the viability of the production, transmission, storage and use of green hydrogen in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.
- **Biogas RS Grant:** aimed at promoting the biodigester chain in the state and encouraging the production of biogas from waste and manure as an example of the circular economy.

**Basic information**

Sema is the government body responsible for formulating, executing and monitoring public policies related to the environment, water resources, energy and infrastructure in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. It works to promote sustainable development, energy transition and the viability of innovative projects focused on decarbonization and the green economy.

**Target audience**

Companies, research institutions, startups and consortia that develop technologies, products or services focused on the production and sustainable use of clean energy, especially in the green hydrogen and biogas segments.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

- The H2V Grant requires a minimum financial contribution of 30%.
- The Biogás RS Grant is subject to confirmation of its validity for new projects.
- Badesul is the financial operator responsible for analyzing and monitoring proposals.

**Location**

Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, with project execution and monitoring by Sema in partnership with Badesul, the financial operator of the initiatives.

Value

- H2V Grant: subsidy of up to R\$ 30 million per project, totaling **R\$ 102.4 million**. Requires a minimum contribution of 30% from the applicant.
- Biogás RS Grant: total investment of **R\$ 19 million**.

Timeframe

- **H2V Grant:** launched in 2025, it is currently in the financial analysis of proposals phase, which is being conducted by Badesul. Results are expected to be announced by October 30 2025. For more information, access the call for proposals: <https://diariooficial.rs.gov.br/materia?id=1279297>
- **Biogas RS Grant:** latest edition published in 2024, with 16 projects selected (timeframe to be confirmed).

**Name of player**

Rio Grande do Sul State Secretariat for the Environment and Infrastructure (Sema)

Additional information

- Sixteen proposals were submitted for the the H2V grant, 11 of which are moving on to the financial analysis stage.
- For the Biogás RS grant, 6 project development companies were registered (2022 tender) and 16 projects were selected (2024 tender).
- The biogas projects aim to promote the state's biodigester chain, reduce rural environmental liabilities and generate economic value from the transformation of waste into energy, in line with the principles of circular economy and sustainability.

Link for information

<https://www.sema.rs.gov.br/inicial>

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Opportunity

SENAI Innovation Institutes are EMBRAPII-accredited units that operate on different technological fronts, promoting applied research and the development of advanced solutions for industry. The Polymers Unit operates in the areas of polymer processing and development of advanced and bio-based materials as well as solutions focused on circularity in polymers. The Sensing Systems Unit, meanwhile, develops software systems with artificial intelligence, automation and robotics, sensor integration, computer systems for sensing, and computer vision technologies.



Basic information

The SENAI-RS network of Technology and Innovation Institutes is a key player in the applied research and technological development ecosystem of Rio Grande do Sul's industry. With state-of-the-art laboratory infrastructure and highly qualified teams, the network transforms industrial challenges into innovative solutions, promoting gains in productivity, sustainability, and competitiveness. Working in partnership with companies of all sizes, startups and research centers, SENAI-RS connects science, technology and the market, positioning Rio Grande do Sul as a strategic hub for investments in innovation and high-performance industry.

Value

The value of the investment varies according to the level of complexity and scope of the proposed project.

Timeframe

Continuous, with projects available for contracting at any time of the year.



Target audience

Industrial companies of all sizes interested in developing R&D projects.

Location

Headquartered in São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, SENAI-RS Innovation Institutes operate nationally and internationally.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

Companies participating in cooperation projects must have an industrial CNAE (National Classification of Economic Activities) and an active CNPJ (Corporate Taxpayer ID).



Link for information

<https://www.senairs.org.br/institutos>



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CENTER FOR EMBEDDED DEVICES AND RESEARCH IN DIGITAL AGRICULTURE (CEDRA)

<p>Opportunity</p> <p>CEDRA is an EMBRAPPII Competence Center dedicated to the development of embedded technologies applied to digital agriculture, with the purpose of driving technological innovation in the Brazilian agro-industrial sector. Acting as a strategic link between universities, research centers, companies and technology-based startups, CEDRA promotes open innovation and talent development, with a focus on embedded systems, metrological reliability and anticipation of new technological routes. This integrated approach creates a collaborative ecosystem that accelerates the development of cutting-edge technologies, constantly seeks the next market disruption and consolidates Rio Grande do Sul as a hub for investment, innovation and cutting-edge technology.</p>	<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Continuous, with open enrollment throughout the year. Companies can join CEDRA at any time.</p>
<p></p> <p>Target audience</p> <p>Companies of all sizes seeking innovation, greater competitiveness and access to advanced technological solutions as well as connections with startup ecosystems and training and capacity-building opportunities for their technical and executive teams.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>The SENAI-RS Network of Technology and Innovation Institutes is the driving force behind the applied research and technological development ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul. With cutting-edge laboratory infrastructure and highly qualified teams, the network transforms industrial challenges into innovative solutions, promoting gains in productivity, sustainability and competitiveness. Working in partnership with companies of all sizes, startups and research centers, SENAI-RS connects science, technology and the market, positioning Rio Grande do Sul as a strategic hub for investments in innovation and high-performance industry.</p>
<p>Other relevant requirements or conditions</p> <p>Companies interested in participating in an open innovation environment and contributing to cutting-edge research with the potential to impact the future.</p>	<p>Value</p> <p>Investment values vary according to type of membership and desired level of benefits, starting at R\$ 12,000.</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Headquartered in São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, CEDRA operates in programs and partnerships with national and international.</p> <p></p> <p>Link for information</p> <p>https://cedratech.com.br/</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>CEDRA Institutional Email: cedratech@fiergs.org.br</p>

Opportunity

The South Summit Brazil Startup Competition welcomes startups from around the world, from any sector and at any stage of development. All startups undergo a selection process conducted by a committee of renowned experts and potential investors. The 50 finalists present their pitches at the event to a select audience of investors and companies seeking innovation. Projects will be selected based on criteria such as proposal innovativeness, feasibility, scalability, team and interest to potential investors. Winners gain visibility and media exposure, facilitating access to investors before, during and after South Summit Brazil.



Target audience

Startups from any country, sector and stage of development, from early stage to growth stage.

Location

Cais Mauá, Av. Mauá, 1050, Historic Center, 90010-110, Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil



Basic information

South Summit Brazil is a global entrepreneurship and innovation platform that brings together startups, companies, investors and universities to generate business and promote connections. The event, which began in Madrid in 2012, also takes place in Brazil and has become a meeting point for the innovation ecosystem in Latin America.



Timeframe

- 1. Deadline for project submission:** Begins July 14, 2025, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on December 22, 2025.
- 2. Announcement of first pre-selection results:** End of January 2026.
- 3. Evaluation of the 50 pre-selected startups:** Second selection with announcement of those selected in the second week of February 2026.
- 4. South Summit Brazil event:** March 25-27, 2026, in Porto Alegre.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

1. Applications must be submitted via an online registration form available on the South Summit Brazil website and all mandatory sections must be completed in English.
2. The competition is open to all early stage and more established ("Growth") projects.
3. Participants must be entrepreneurs of legal age, whether individuals or legal entities, regardless of nationality.
4. There are no territorial restrictions on participation, meaning that both local and international startups can participate.
5. Those responsible for the selected projects must agree to participate in South Summit Brazil on the designated dates.
6. Applications must be submitted in English.

Additional information

Benefits:

1. **Pitch:** Stage presentation to international investors, media and leading corporations in innovation.
2. **Connection:** Connect with over 900 investors with more than US\$ 215 billion under management.
3. **Demo booth:** Access to a demo booth at the event at a discounted price.
4. **Fund Book:** Access to information on investors participating in the event.
5. **Corp Book:** Access to information on the corporations participating in the event.
6. **1:1 meetings:** Matchmaking service for meetings with investors and large corporations.
7. **Training program:** Training during the month of March, including pitch training and fundraising.
8. **Tickets:** Two free tickets to South Summit Brazil.

<https://www.southsummit.io/pt/brazil/startup-competition/>



Link for information

https://www.competition.southsummit.io/calls/south_summit_brazil_porto_alegre_2026

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TECNOAGRO - AGRIBUSINESS AND AGROENERGY TECHNOLOGY PARK ASSOCIATION

<p>Established</p> <p>2021</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Passo Fundo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>TecnoAgro is the agribusiness and agroenergy vertical at UPF Parque. It is located in Passo Fundo, a highly relevant agribusiness hub in southern Brazil. Our current headquarters is integrated into the University of Passo Fundo campus, in Module III of UPF Parque.</p> <p>Currently, Module III of UPF Parque is undergoing a transformation to become the Tecno-Agro Module, a hub dedicated to companies and businesses in the agriculture and agroenergy sectors. The new structure is expected to be completed between April and May 2026. The project includes the integration of land linked to “Passo Fundo Valley”, where, in partnership with UPF Parque, member companies will also be able to set up their innovation and research and development (R&D) departments. Our members have the benefit of access to spaces for rent and events at UPF Parque, allowing for an immediate physical connection with the academic and technological ecosystem.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agroindustry • Bio-inputs • Connectivity • Winter crops • Renewable energy • Agricultural machinery and implements • Robotics and automation 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&8 • Fertisysten • UPF • Sicredi • Senai • CDL • Emater • Stara • Vértice • Embrapa • Kuhn • Butiá • Acisa • Totvs • Coprel • PMPF • Sementes Butiá • J2M • Sebrae 	
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Area Available for Lease (m²)

Under the partnership with UPF Parque, areas are provided if any member wishes to be physically connected. Module 3 of UPF Parque is undergoing a transformation to house the Tecnoagro space, with completion expected in April/May 2026. This also includes the land linked to the Passo Fundo Valley Project. The Passo Fundo Valley Project will expand UPF Parque by 10 hectares, with a new 2,917.52 m² building and around 17 lots for innovative companies. The initiative aims to attract investment, talent and innovation capacity, focusing on regional agribusiness and digital health vocations. The terms of occupancy, including the use of land on a loan basis and percentages of revenue, will be defined by legal instrument.

Price per m², Association

- Startups: R\$ 350.00 (after a 1-year grace period)
- Other companies: R\$ 1,000.00 (monthly membership fee)

**Other benefits and notes**

TecnoAgro offers a robust ecosystem of open innovation, connecting academia, industry and startups for the co-creation and validation of technologies applied to agribusiness. Member companies have access to financial resources and funding opportunities, UPF research infrastructure and specialized laboratories.

The park also promotes technical and scientific training, strategic networking between companies and institutions in the sector, as well as high visibility in the agricultural market through events, projects and technological validation. In short, TecnoAgro is a collaborative and dynamic environment that accelerates innovation and sustainable development in Brazilian agribusiness.



<p>Established</p> <p>2003</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>																		
<p>Description</p> <p>Tecnopuc is PUCRS' Science and Technology Park, recognized as one of the largest innovation ecosystems in Latin America. Its mission is to generate and transform knowledge into innovative businesses with economic, social and environmental impact, connecting talent, companies and universities on a global level. The park is home to more than 320 organizations, from startups to multinationals, bringing together 6,500 people and connecting to more than 150 innovation environments around the world, making it a true hub of technology and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>With a focus on science, technology and collaboration, Tecnopuc operates in strategic areas such as ICT, life sciences, energy and the environment, and the creative industry. In addition to modern infrastructure, it offers open innovation programs, startup acceleration, access to academic talent and international partnerships, strengthening the innovation ecosystem in Rio Grande do Sul and Brazil.</p>																			
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<p>Area (m²) available for lease 5.000 m²</p>	<p>Price per m² available for lease Average of R\$ 100.00/m²</p>
<p>Other benefits and notes</p> <p>Complete infrastructure, open innovation and acceleration programs, international connections, access to PUCRS researchers and technology centers as well as networking opportunities and global innovation events.</p>	



<p>Established</p> <p>2005</p>	<p>City</p> <p>São Leopoldo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>The São Leopoldo Technology Park - Tecnosinos, anchored by Unisinos, is one of Brazil's leading innovation ecosystems. With more than two decades' experience, it brings together technology-based companies, startups, research centers and universities in a collaborative environment focused on knowledge generation and innovative business development. It is recognized nationally and internationally by the IASP (International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation), by Anprotec, and as Innovation Champion 2025 in the special category of Technology Parks by Grupo Amanhã and IXL-Center.</p> <p>Located in an area of over 100,000 m², Tecnosinos is home to 110 national and international companies in the sectors of information technology, semiconductors, automation and engineering, communication and digital convergence, health technologies, renewable energies, and socio-environmental technologies. With annual revenues exceeding R\$ 2.5 billion and more than 120 intellectual property registrations, the park maintains a partnership with Unitec, its incubator, to train talent and stimulate new businesses. Present in six countries, it has companies from Brazil, Germany, South Korea and India, in addition to maintaining cooperation agreements with more than ten countries.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automation and engineering • Communication and digital convergence • Renewable energy and socio-environmental technologies • Information Technology • Health technologies 	
<p>Contact</p> <p>Silvio Bitencourt da Silva</p> <p>☎ +55 51 99865-9182</p> <p>✉ sibitencourt@unisinos.br</p> <p>🌐 https://www.linkedin.com/in/silvio-bitencourt-da-silva-850b8128/?originalSubdomain=br</p>	

<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAP Labs Latin America • HT Micron Semiconductors • HCLTech 	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>4,000 m² with rooms ranging from 25 m² to 75 m², in addition to options in Unisinos buildings that facilitate integration with the academic and research environment.</p>
	<p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 55.00/m² (rooms) R\$ 40.00/m² (on-site incubation)</p>
<p>Other benefits and notes</p> <p>Setting up at Tecnosinos means being part of a dynamic ecosystem of innovation and collaboration, combining modern infrastructure, security and quality of life. The park offers green areas, trails, social spaces and complete facilities, such as restaurants, a drugstore, a bank branch, a post office and gyms, ensuring well-being and convenience in everyday life. It also has security monitoring and access control, as well as maker workshops and prototyping laboratories that enable the agile development of technological solutions.</p> <p>Its proximity to Unisinos ensures direct access to researchers, research centers and qualified talent, while the integrated environment between startups and multinationals fosters networking, strategic partnerships and collaborative projects. In short, Tecnosinos offers a complete and inspiring environment where technology, nature and knowledge come together to drive innovation and sustainable growth.</p>	





**TECNOUCS - SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY PARK OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CAXIAS DO SUL**

<p>Established</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Caxias do Sul - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>TecnoUCS, the Science, Technology and Innovation Park of the University of Caxias do Sul (UCS), functions as the epicenter of the innovation ecosystem of the Serra Gaúcha region, acting as a bridge that integrates the academic environment, the productive sector, government and society. It is anchored in the expertise of UCS, which is recognized by the INPI (National Institute for Intellectual Property) as the leading private university in patent filings in Brazil. The park fosters research and applied development in strategic areas such as advanced materials, biotechnology, software development and digital transformation in industry. In this collaborative environment, startups and established companies have direct access to researchers and state-of-the-art laboratories to transform scientific knowledge into technological solutions and new business models, directly impacting the development of a region with approximately 1.5 million inhabitants and 49 municipalities.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanotechnology • Biotechnology • Digital transformation in industry • Information Technology 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcopolo • Randon • Bertolini • Ford 	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>3.500 m²</p> <p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 90,00/m²</p>
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Companies section

TecnoUCS coordinates a complete innovation ecosystem, promoting synergy between the business sector and the university by providing privileged access to researchers, technology centers and modern infrastructure that includes laboratories, coworking spaces and shared services. The park offers a robust portfolio of technical and scientific support, materialized in specialized consulting, laboratory testing, R&D project development and technology transfer while catalyzing strategic connections between startups, corporations, government and investors.

To boost the growth of resident companies, incubation and acceleration programs are available as well as access to funding opportunities and institutional partnerships that increase companies' visibility and competitiveness. The effectiveness of this model is validated by the management of more than R\$ 40 million in funding for innovation projects and by the support of a consolidated network of more than 160 partner companies.





TECNOUNISC

<p>Established</p> <p>2014</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Santa Cruz do Sul - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>Unisc Regional Science and Technology Park's (Tecnounisc) mission is to foster entrepreneurship, innovation and technological development in the Rio Pardo Valley region. Located in the center of the University of Santa Cruz do Sul (Unisc), the park offers private spaces and laboratory infrastructure for Research, Development, and Innovation (RD&I) projects, stimulating the creation of new products, processes and services. Its ecosystem is composed of several partner companies and institutions, strengthening collaboration between academia, the market and society.</p> <p>TecnoUnisc focuses on ESG, oleochemistry, biotechnology, environmental technology, ICTs and industrial processes. The park is currently expanding, with the construction of a 6,500 m² innovation hub, intended for the installation of companies, laboratories, and sustainability projects. It stands out for its strategic location in Santa Cruz do Sul, a city that favors regional integration and logistical access to the state's main routes.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG • Oil chemistry • Biotechnology • Environmental technology • ICT • Industrial processes 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afubra • BAT • Coprel • Corteva • Excelsior • Imply • Sacyr • JTI • Sicredi • Mercur • Tekann • MeuResíduo • Universal Leaf • Owntec 	
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<p>Area Available for Lease (m²) 6,500 m² (under construction - Innovation Hub)</p>	<p>Price per m² R\$ 60.51</p> <p>Note: the new building will adopt a new pricing model, which is currently being defined. The above value serves as reference as the current price per m².</p>
<p>Other benefits and notes</p> <p>Tecnounisc offers a collaborative environment, technical and scientific support, connections with leading companies and research institutions, as well as modern infrastructure for RD&I. The new innovation hub will expand the park's capacity to attract companies and projects with a sustainable impact, consolidating Santa Cruz do Sul as a benchmark for innovation and ESG in Rio Grande do Sul.</p>	
<p>Website</p> <p>https://www.unisc.br/pt/inovacao-inicio/die-quem-somos-tecno</p>	
<p>Informational material</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i1s_I7WuDxawiLyaPsR7aJqnBng7x_dr/view</p>	









<p>Established</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Santo Ângelo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>TecnoURI Missões, located on the URI Santo Ângelo campus, is the main innovation hub in the Missões region. The park brings together educational institutions, companies, government agencies and civil society organizations, promoting synergy and knowledge exchange for the development of technological and social solutions that drive regional growth.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <p>TecnoURI Missões is based on the Center for Technology and Innovation in Smart Cities - LAB-Missões, which is dedicated to Research, Development, and Innovation (R&D+I) with a focus on Smart Cities. It advises on and implements technological projects, fostering the creation and attraction of new businesses and the development of startups in the areas of mobility, accessibility, environment, health, safety, education, economy, energy, governance, entrepreneurship and new businesses, among others.</p>	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <p>Fundimisa S.A.</p>	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>900 m²</p> <p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 65.00/m²</p>
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Other benefits and notes

TecnoURI Missões has modern laboratories and a team of qualified researchers, professors and students that drive its regional innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. The park is home to the URINOVA Technology-Based Business Incubator, which fosters innovative entrepreneurship, supporting the establishment and consolidation of startups while promoting knowledge transfer between the university and the market. It also integrates the Núcleo de Inovação e Transferência de Tecnologia (Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer, NITT), which is responsible for managing URI's innovation policy and strengthening the relationship between the university, the community and the public and private sectors.

Additionally, TecnoURI Missões hosts the Regional Development Council COREDE Missões, a forum established by Law No. 10,283/1994 to coordinate public policies and the state government's Popular Consultation. TecnoURI is also home to the Missões Technological Modernization Hub, which is coordinated by URI and holds activities in engineering, energy, environment, industrial informatics, agricultural diversification, and industrial quality. Thus, the park constitutes a complete innovation ecosystem, prepared to serve the public and private sectors and promote sustainable and technological development in the Missões region.



Established 2014	 City Lajeado - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil
Description <p>The Taquari Valley Science and Technology Park is an environment for innovation, an initiative of Univates that has the support of public and private entities. It offers individuals and companies, both national and international, knowledge and infrastructure for Research, Development, and Innovation (RD&I), mainly in the areas of food technology, environmental and energy technologies, and health and wellness technologies. It supports entrepreneurs in the different stages of their business, from ideation and validation to traction and internationalization.</p>	
Areas of Specialization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Food • Health 	
 Anchor Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Nutrients • Medical San • Syntalgae • STW 	Area Available for Lease (m²) Areas for construction (to be negotiated) and lease (100m ²) Price per m² for Lease Average of R\$ 60.00 
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Other benefits and notes

Interaction with technical, undergraduate and graduate courses for program and research development, workforce recruitment. Access to the institution's infrastructure, qualified networking with more than 200 companies that are part of its ecosystem, in addition to connection with a robust municipal and regional ecosystem.



<p>Established</p> <p>2022</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Santa Maria - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>ITEC Parque UFN is the science and technology park of the Franciscan University (UFN) in Santa Maria (RS). Its mission is to drive innovation, technology transfer and sustainable development in the central region of the state, connecting university, business and government in the same ecosystem. With modern infrastructure, the park offers advanced laboratories, coworking spaces and support programs for startups and technological projects. It acts as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, promoting business acceleration, intellectual property protection and the development of solutions with economic, social, and environmental impact.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <p>ITEC Parque UFN operates in strategic areas that combine science, technology, and innovation, with an emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanoscience and Nanotechnology: development of new materials, nanocatalysts, sensors, and advanced solutions for health, the environment, and industry. • Artificial Intelligence and Decision Support Systems (MCDA/IA): creation of digital tools for multi-criteria analysis, organizational sustainability, digital transformation and strategic management. • Health and Medical Technologies: innovation in devices, care processes and digital solutions applied to human health. • Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management: support for the creation and acceleration of startups, spin-offs and technology businesses. • Sustainability and Circular Economy: development of technologies and business models focused on waste reuse, positive environmental impact and new sustainable materials. • Education and Scientific Culture: promotion of a culture of innovation and popularization of science through spaces such as Praça da Ciência (Science Square) and community actions. 	



Other benefits and notes

ITEC Parque UFN offers an integrated environment that connects companies, startups and researchers to advanced resources and strategic networks. It has state-of-the-art laboratories, mentoring and acceleration programs, support in intellectual property and technology transfer as well as access to funding opportunities and institutional partnerships.

As part of a dynamic innovation ecosystem, the park works with the government, companies and civil society, maintaining connections with national and international initiatives that expand business and cooperation opportunities. It also promotes entrepreneurial education and the popularization of science, reinforcing its social role and training highly qualified talent.

Anchor Companies

- <https://www.arbosananaturalcare.com.br/>
- <https://www.arbosananaturalcare.com.br/>
- <https://contdigital.com.br/>

Area Available for Lease (m²)

1.500 m²

Price per m² for Lease

R\$ 50.00/m²



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<p>Established</p> <p>2013</p>	 <p>City</p> <p>Passo Fundo - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>The UPF Science and Technology Park is an innovation ecosystem that connects academic research at the University of Passo Fundo (UPF) with startups and large companies, boosting the creation of new businesses and technological solutions. It acts as a driving force for regional development, strengthening skills in science, technology and innovation while promoting synergy between universities, companies, government and society.</p> <p>Focusing on the region's vocations (agribusiness, health, education and services), the park offers collaborative innovation environments that stimulate the creation and development of projects aligned with local and sectoral demands.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incubadora de Negócios Apollo • Programa Conexão (Open Innovation) • Titãs da Inovação • UPF Master • Capta Valley • Selo UPF Parque 	
<p>Anchor Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stara S.A. • Calaletti • SLC • Grupo Foto Sul 	 <p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>270 m²</p>  <p>Price per m² for Lease</p> <p>R\$ 35.70/m² + 35% condominium</p>
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Other benefits and notes



UPF Parque offers complete infrastructure, including coworking spaces, laboratories and event spaces as well as incubation and acceleration programs with specialized mentoring. Participating companies enjoy exclusive conditions through the UPF Parque Seal, TecnoAgro, strategic connections with investors and access to a regional innovation network. This set of benefits creates an ideal environment for transforming ideas into innovative and competitive businesses.





UFRGS SCIENCE PARK

<p>Established</p> <p>2011</p>	<p>City</p> <p>Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil</p>
<p>Description</p> <p>The UFRGS Science Park is the central hub of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul's (UFRGS) innovation ecosystem. It was founded to connect the university to society through partnerships with companies, business incubation, and entrepreneurial training. With a decentralized model, the park integrates UFRGS's sectoral incubators, distributed across the institution's five campuses, and connects researchers, laboratories and companies in R&D and applied innovation projects.</p> <p>The park houses four main centers: Hestia (engineering and digital manufacturing), with a FabLab and coworking; IECBiot (biotechnology), with microbiology and cell biology laboratories; CEI (Information Technology), focused on software and hardware; and ITACA (food and agribusiness), with infrastructure for agri-food research.</p>	
<p>Areas of Specialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering and digital manufacturing • Biotechnology • Information Technology • Food and agribusiness 	
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<p>Anchor Companies</p> <p>No anchor companies at this time. Call for non-resident memberships currently in the final planning stage.</p>	<p>Area Available for Lease (m²)</p> <p>Open positions for incubation of new projects (residents and non-residents). Each quarterly cycle offers about 10 positions, with 25 m² modules.</p>
	
<p>Price per m²</p> <p>R\$ 24.00/m² for incubation.</p>	
<p>Other Benefits</p> <p>The park offers full access to UFRGS infrastructure, including laboratories, security, cleaning and technical support. Incubated companies receive personalized mentoring, connections to university research projects and active insertion into the innovation ecosystem, enhancing the technological development and competitiveness of the solutions created.</p>	
	



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OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Opportunity

Access to a full-time, residential four-year undergraduate degree in Computer Science and a complete academic experience—including housing, meals, and academic, financial, and socio-emotional support. The selection process will be holistic, considering each candidate's potential, motivation and life context. An invitation to educators and professionals who wish to work in a comprehensive learning environment, with space for pedagogical innovation, applied research, and personal and intellectual development. An opportunity for long-term strategic partnerships. The institute was designed to be collaborative from its inception—a space where education, technology and social impact go hand in hand, and where new partners help expand the project's reach and sustainability.

Value

The first 60 ITEC students, whose academic year will begin in the first quarter of 2027, will receive full scholarships. From then on, the institute will offer full and partial scholarships, awarded based on each student's needs - ensuring that they have everything they need to thrive. For faculty and researchers, it is an opportunity to participate in the creation of a unique institution in the country, with state-of-the-art infrastructure and the possibility of improving their own practices, learning from interdisciplinary experience and growing alongside the project. For strategic partners, the value lies in being part of a philanthropic and sustainable initiative with a direct impact on talent development and technological advancement in Brazil.

Basic player information

ITEC - Instituto de Tecnologia e Computação (Institute of Technology and Computing) is a philanthropic, non-profit initiative created to complement and transform Brazil's education and technology ecosystem. The initiative aims to train leaders capable of creating the next generation of technology for Brazil. The institute focuses on undergraduate degrees in Computer Science, with a model that combines academic excellence, immersive campus residence teaching and a commitment to democratizing access to education through social inclusion.

Conceived by technology entrepreneur and philanthropist Cristiano Franco, the institute's first founders and financiers also include entrepreneurs and Brazilian internet pioneers Marcelo Lacerda and Sérgio Pretto as well as the Behring Foundation and the Telles Foundation, both with a history of transformative investments in education.

The pedagogical proposal was developed to train technology creators capable of positioning Brazil at the forefront of global innovation. The ITEC curriculum was designed by Giselle Reis, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar and an expert in computational logic, under the guidance of an academic council made up of internationally renowned figures: Maria Klawe, former president of Harvey Mudd College (USA) and a global icon of excellence and diversity in STEM, and Luis Lamb, an expert in artificial intelligence.

The founders' have invested R\$ 400 million in the project. Construction is underway in Gravataí, in the metropolitan region of Porto Alegre (RS), and is expected to finish in the second half of 2026. The first class, comprising 60 students, all with full scholarships, will begin classes in March 2027.

Timeframe

The selection process for the first class of students will take place in 2026, and classes will begin in 2027, coinciding with the campus opening in Gravataí (RS).

The hiring of faculty will begin in 2025 and should finish in the first half of the following year. Interested parties can visit the website:

<https://www.itec.org.br/pt/#careers>

Dialogue with strategic partners is ongoing and accompanies all phases of the project, strengthening its academic, institutional and social foundation. Designed for the long term, ITEC was created as a perennial project, with new classes each year and continuous expansion of its impact.

**Location**

ITEC is being built in Gravataí - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, in the metropolitan region of Porto Alegre.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

ITEC was founded on the belief that Brazil can be at the forefront of thinking and creation in computing and technology, becoming a global reference and destination.

By combining academic excellence, inclusion and total immersion, the institute aims to train professionals capable of developing innovative solutions, undertaking projects with purpose and leading with ethical and social responsibility.

More than an educational institution, ITEC is a movement for transformation, designed for the long term. It is a philanthropic and sustainable project that brings together some of the leading names in Brazilian technology, education and philanthropy with a commitment to training the next generation of scientists and creators who will shape the country's future.

Target audience

Young talents from all over Brazil who are curious, creative and interested in technology. Faculty, researchers and prominent industry professionals interested in joining the ITEC faculty. Institutions and individuals interested in joining the initiative as strategic partners in philanthropy with long-term visions.

**Link for information**

www.itec.org.br

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<p>Opportunity</p> <p>Scholarships, courses and programs aimed at training professionals in careers in innovation, technology and semiconductors, as well as encouraging teaching and retaining young talent in RS.</p>	<p>Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semiconductor Packaging Course: R\$ 1,998,000.00 (30 students - UNISINOS). • FAPERGS TechFuturo Semiconductors: R\$ 6,000,000.00 (6 projects - UFSM, UFRGS, PUCRS, UNISINOS). • RS Talents: R\$ 21,600,000.00 (400 students at community and public universities). • Professor of Tomorrow: R\$ 115,200,000.00 (1,500 students - multiple universities).
<p>Timeframe</p> <p>Editais lançados em 2025, com novos cursos previstos para 2026.</p>	<p>Basic information</p> <p>The Rio Grande do Sul State Secretariat for Innovation, Science and Technology (Sict) is the government body responsible for formulating and implementing public policies aimed at scientific, technological and innovative development in the state.</p> <p>Sict promotes strategic actions in partnership with universities, companies and innovation ecosystems, fostering the creation of new businesses, the qualification of talent and the generation of economic and social impact.</p> <p>As co-creator of the Book of Opportunities in Innovation in RS, Sict brings together the main programs, grants and incentives available to investors, entrepreneurs, companies and professionals, strengthening Rio Grande do Sul's position as a national reference in innovation and technology.</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Students, recent graduates, professionals and researchers interested in STEM careers, innovation and university teaching.</p>	
<p>Location</p> <p>At public and community universities in Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil.</p>	

Other relevant requirements or conditions Some programs require active enrollment at universities in Rio Grande do Sul or a minimum degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate). Maximum age of 30 for the Talent Pool.	Additional information: The Talent Pool aims to attract young people from Brazil and abroad to RS, offering future opportunities for scholarships and professional development, in accordance with Decree No. 58,007/2025.
	
Link for information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RS Talentos - https://www.sict.rs.gov.br/rs-talentos• Professor do Amanhã - https://www.sict.rs.gov.br/professor-do-amanha• Talent Pool form - https://pt.surveymonkey.com/r/QFCB7RC	
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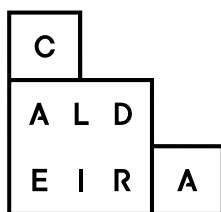
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GERAÇÃO CALDEIRA 2026

Opportunity

Geração Caldeira is a free training and employability program aimed at young talents from public schools. The course offers four learning tracks: marketing and design, commercial management, Java programming and AI and data, with certifications from major companies such as IBM, Microsoft, Oracle and NVIDIA.

The journey is divided into two phases:

- **Phase 1:** Fully online, lasting 1.5 months, through the Alura platform, with free and flexible access.
- **Phase 2:** In-person at Instituto Caldeira, with classes in the afternoon (1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

The 200 young finalists will receive R\$ 5,000.00 scholarships and participate in an immersion program with mentors, practical activities and connections to the job market. The program has a 90% employability rate and has already impacted more than 650 young professionals, generating approximately R\$ 10 million in income.

Young people selected from outside the state can apply for a student housing scholarship.

Target audience

Young people from public schools, aged 16 to 24, from all over Brazil. We are looking for entrepreneurial spirits, a willingness to learn and curious and professionally ambitious profiles.

Other relevant requirements or conditions

- Free access to the Alura platform.
- Internet connection is required; for programming tracks, the use of your own computer is recommended.
- Selection based on cultural fit, entrepreneurial profile, and performance in the online assessment stages.
- Spots are limited to 200 participants in the final phase.

Value

A R\$ 5.000.00 scholarship for the 200 students selected for the in-person final stage, which takes place in July.

Description

Instituto Caldeira is an innovation hub located in Porto Alegre (RS) that connects companies, startups, universities and talents to boost the new economy ecosystem. The Geração Caldeira program is an institute initiative with the goal of training and employing young talent in the technology and innovation market.

Timeframe

January 2026 to December 2026. Registration opens in January, and the selection process takes place in July.

Location

Instituto Caldeira - Porto Alegre (RS), with the possibility of online participation in the first phase.

Link for information

<https://www.geracaocaldeira.org/>

fundo amanhã

INVESTOR ATTRACTION - FUNDO AMANHÃ (UFRGS ENDOWMENT)

Opportunity

To invest in Fundo Amanhã, the UFRGS (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul) endowment and be part of a network of donors committed to education, innovation and the future of the country. It is a social impact investment that strengthens teaching, research and extension programs, ensuring financial sustainability and a permanent legacy for the university. Investors become co-protagonists in the training of talent and the development of strategic projects that connect academia to the market and society.



Value

- Minimum value: R\$ 5,000 (category “Supporting Donor,” with formal recognition).
- Average value: R\$ 47,327.00
- Fundo Amanhã has already raised R\$ 3.5 million as of September 2025 and aims to reach R\$ 8.6 million by 2027, allocating R\$ 7 million to projects and programs that impact the UFRGS community.

Timeframe

Fundraising is continuous and permanent, typical of endowment funds. Current impact goals cover the period 2025–2027, with the following projections:

- Training 4,000 talents by 2027.
- Reducing student dropout rates and increasing employability.
- Prepare 3,000 students for the job market.
- Foster high-impact research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Basic information

Fundo Amanhã is the endowment fund of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), created by the university’s former students and partners with the purpose of ensuring the perpetuity and strengthening of the academic community. It raises funds from individuals and legal entities and invests them in high-impact programs and projects in the areas of teaching, research and academic extension.

In the last three years, the Fund has benefited 1,924 people, awarded 326 scholarships and financial aid packages; and in 2024, expanded its reach 41 financial and 118 non-financial new scholarships, reinforcing its commitment to training talent and strengthening the academic community.



Other relevant requirements or conditions

Investments can be made in progressive installments according to the partner's support capacity. The partnership may include institutional visibility and involvement in program activities.



Other relevant requirements or conditions

There are no formal restrictions on participation. Brazilian and foreign individuals and legal entities may contribute. Fundo Amanhã offers different donation categories, depending on the amount contributed, and ensures transparency and governance through annual reports and board meetings.

All donations are formalized and registered for institutional recognition and tax benefits, in accordance with current legislation.



Target audience

Fundo Amanhã seeks donors committed to the development of education and UFRGS, including:

- University alumni, motivated by a sense of giving back.
- Companies founded or managed by former UFRGS students.
- Individuals and legal entities who wish to make a social impact investment and contribute to the perpetuity of public universities.

Estimate of vacancies and/or number of scholarships for Fundo Amanhã's qualification programs in the coming year:

Adopt a Student Program - 10
 Amanhã Agro Program - 12
 Bootcamp Program - 40
 Career Xperience Program - 20
 Conquistar Program - 20
 Pertencer Program - 15
 Total = 117



Location

Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil, working directly with the academic and business community linked to UFRGS.



Additional information

Fundo Amanhã is a pioneering initiative among Brazilian federal universities. It is structured according to best practices in governance, transparency and endowment management. Confirmed supporters and donors include Frederico Gerdau Johannpeter, Instituto Franco, William Ling, Norton Lara, Luis Fernando Staub, Maurício Barbosa, Mathias Renner, Pedro Englert, Rafael Indicatti, João Tavares, Eduardo Schultz, Vila Nova Partners, Instituto Vakinha, among others.



Link for information

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eVSmsuMJcxbSkAABMrLI00LhTzvz_n72/view?usp=sharing

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Opportunity

Fundo Centenário offers social investment opportunities through its support for two main programs: the Staying Power Scholarship Program, which assists students in vulnerable situations, and the Project Grant, which supports teaching, research and extension programs, financing innovative initiatives developed by the UFRGS School of Engineering's academic community.



Value

Funding target of R\$ 2 million, to be raised by the end of 2026.

The fund has no minimum entry price. Contributions range may from R\$ 50 to R\$ 100 per month for individual donors, and reach tens or hundreds of thousands for corporate donations. The long-term goal is to reach R\$ 20 million in assets, which will generate approximately R\$ 1 million per year in direct support for projects.



Timeframe

Fundraising target of R\$ 2 million by the end of 2026. Programs are carried out annually. The Scholarship Program selection process takes place once a year. The Project Grant is also annual, with initiatives running until the end of 2025.



Basic information

Fundo Centenário is the endowment of the UFRGS School of Engineering. Created to ensure a perpetual source of funding for teaching, research, extension and innovation projects, the fund operates on a long-term investment model, whereby most funds are saved and the income is invested in strategic projects. It already has more than 445 donors and has exceeded R\$ 3 million in assets under management.

In 2024, the Fund allocated R\$ 65,000 to winning projects and has already awarded 44 retention scholarships to students.



**Location**

The School of Engineering at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) - Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul / Brazil.

Target audience

Aimed at social investors, alumni, companies and institutions interested in contributing to the strengthening of public education by supporting students and innovative initiatives at the UFRGS School of Engineering.

**Other relevant requirements or conditions**

- The fund follows the endowment model, ensuring the perpetuity of resources.
- All income is used to finance strategic projects and student scholarships.
- Donors and partners may participate in interactions with scholarship recipients, contributing with mentoring and networking.

Support is exclusively for initiatives and students with a proven connection to the UFRGS School of Engineering. The Scholarship Program focuses on students in vulnerable situations, and the Projects Grant is open to the academic community in general. Supported projects undergo technical evaluation and monitoring through results reports.

**Additional information**

Governance includes a board and honorary members, including names such as Jorge and Klaus Gerdau Johannpeter, José Galló, Instituto Helda Gerdau, Lojas Quero Quero, Dana Indústrias, Dufrio and Maiojama, among others.

2024 Annual Report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZZvoAylCrE6eiAl2Zo9ByNXzvHD4zHzY/view>

Link for information

<https://fundocentenario.com.br>

2025 Presentation

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Membro da JA Brasil

ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL (PROGRAMS: MINIEMPRESA & JA STARTUP)

Opportunity

Investment partnership for the expansion of the Mini Empresa (Mini Company) and JA Startup programs, which challenge young people to create innovative solutions and scalable businesses, connecting entrepreneurial education and the startup ecosystem.

Timeframe

Until December 2026

Basic information

Junior Achievement RS is the local office of the oldest and largest organization focused on entrepreneurial education for young people in the world. It promotes programs that encourage innovation, leadership and critical thinking among young people aged 14 to 29, working in partnership with schools, universities and businesses. Junior Achievement RS is headquartered at Tecnopuc, in Porto Alegre.

Value

Starting at R\$ 15,000.00 (equivalent to sponsoring 50 students). Reference values (exact sums vary according to the number of students supported):

- **1,000 students: R\$ 300,000.00**
- **2,500 students: R\$ 637,500.00**
- **5,000 students: R\$ 1,050,000.00**

The fundraising goal is R\$ 1.05 million, equivalent to sponsoring 5,000 students. This amount represents the maximum fundraising goal for the project in Rio Grande do Sul, which can be achieved in a dispersed manner, through contributions from different partners and investors throughout the fundraising period or through a single payment.

Target audience

Companies, investors and institutions that wish to support the development of young entrepreneurs and promote entrepreneurial and financial education for young people in Rio Grande do Sul.

**Location**

Rio Grande do Sul, with in-person activities in schools, which can be replicated in Brazil's 19 other states (JA already has offices in 20 state capitals).

**Other relevant requirements or conditions**

The investment can be made in progressive quotas according to the partner's support capacity. The partnership may include institutional visibility and involvement in program activities.

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