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In the review published this year, FGV/EPGE scored 4.84 - the first place in Rio de Janeiro and second in the country, only behind São Paulo School of Economics (FGV/EESP). And since 2007, it has been among the top places in national ranks. "Having a solid and well-defined institution is very important to attract talented people, both students and professors. There are other important elements to a graduate school as well, such as its daily administration: stable rules, attract good students, make many interviews with schools of excellence in Rio de Janeiro," explains Cysne.

The professor highlights the incentives of the School to attract and motivate the best students. "We carry out a selection process that grants several scholarships, many financial facilities, not for all, unfortunately, but for the best ones. We offer a sort of educational credit system, in which they can pay later on". He points out that those who entered public universities must be given some advantages. "When you leave this financial variable in the background, you have more freedom to act to attract good students".

Rubens Penha Cysne also talked about the different features of the physical and academic structures of the School, which include, for example, study rooms with computers, wi-fi, educational support team, and professors who teach in both undergraduate and graduate programs (Masters, Ph.D. and Professional Master Programs). The focus, again according to Cysne, is the scientific production of the faculty. "Our professors are committed to carrying out research," he says.

Another fundamental aspect mentioned is the internationalization of FGV/EPGE. "We've just hired a Portuguese and an Argentinean professor. We are now going to the market in Philadelphia to hire more people. We will interview several professors from other countries. We are spreading information about the school to potential students from other countries," says Cysne, who talked about the long-term goals of American and German universities of excellence.

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