



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN AGROECOLOGY

SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION IN THE FIRST ACADEMIC SEMESTER OF 2026

The Coordinating Committee of the Graduate Program in Agroecology (PPGAGC) at the Federal University of Viçosa (UFV), in accordance with the General Graduate Regulations of UFV, hereby announces the **Selection Notice** for admission to the Master's Program, **with entry in the first semester of 2026**.

Applicants are required to review the General Admission Notice for Graduate Programs (*stricto sensu*) at UFV, available on the website of the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (<http://www.ppg.ufv.br>) or directly through the link: <https://ppg.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Edital-Geral-da-Pos-Graduacao-2025.pdf>

1 – OBJECTIVE

The selection process aims to identify candidates who demonstrate the knowledge and aptitude required to pursue the Academic Master's Degree in Agroecology. The Program must be completed within 24 months from the date of enrollment, which will begin in the first semester of 2026, on May 3rd, 2026, as established in this notice.

2 – PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS: LOCATION, SCHEDULE, AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS

2.1. The Program offered is in Agroecology – Academic Master's level, with a single area of concentration in Agroecology, and three lines of research:

- Line 1: Management of Tropical Agroecosystems
- Line 2: Agri-food Systems of Family Farmers
- Line 3: Physical, Biogeochemical Processes and Resource Dynamics in Agroecosystems

2.2. For this selection process, 3 (three) scholarship-funded positions will be offered, which will be allocated according to the availability of academic advisors. Additionally, candidates who do not require a scholarship and have an employment relationship may also be selected.

2.3. The Program is full-time, requiring exclusive dedication from students who receive scholarships from any funding agency, or from those with an employment relationship who will continue to receive their salaries.

2.4. The administrative office of the PPGAGC is located on the 2nd floor of the Sylvio S. Brandão Building (Department of Soil), on the UFV Campus, in the city of Viçosa.

2.5. Classification in this Selection Process does not guarantee the granting of scholarships, as the PPGAGC depends on funding agencies for scholarship availability. If additional scholarships

become available, they will be awarded in accordance with the order of classification in the selection process.

3 - APPLICATIONS

3.1. Applications for admission in the first semester of 2026 must be submitted exclusively online, at the following address: <https://www.gps.ufv.br/editais/1238/>.

3.2. Considerations regarding the application system and uploading of supporting documents:

3.2.1. The system must be accessed using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome browsers.

3.2.2. All documents to be attached must be scanned in PDF format.

3.2.3. File names must clearly and succinctly describe their content and must be unique; files with duplicate names will not be accepted.

3.2.4. Documents belonging to the same category, for example, curriculum proofs, must be combined into a single file.

3.2.5. All supporting documents must be numbered sequentially using Arabic numerals, starting with number 1. These numbers should be referenced in the curriculum available on the Program's website (<https://posagroecologia.ufv.br/>) or in the online application system.

3.2.6. Files must be of sufficient quality to allow clear and accurate reading of their content.

3.2.6.1. Following the requirements of the Academic Records Office (RES), indexed documents must be legible and free of borders, as they will be directly downloaded from the GPS system to the RES systems.

3.2.7. During the application process, a payment slip (boleto) for R\$116.00 (one hundred and sixteen reais) will be generated for both Brazilian and foreign candidates. The application will only be finalized after the fee is paid.

3.2.8. Further instructions for the application are available at the website previously provided.

3.2.9. Candidates who fail to comply with items 3.2.4, 3.2.5, and 3.2.6 will be disqualified.

3.2.10. If there are any questions during this process, candidates should contact the Postgraduate Program in Agroecology Office via the address provided at the end of this notice.

4 – ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The candidate must choose one of the APPLICATION MODALITIES, as described below:

4.1.1. GENERAL COMPETITION

4.2. Only candidates who submit the required documentation within the deadlines established in the selection process calendar will have their applications approved by the Coordinating Committee.

4.3. The candidate is responsible for the truthfulness and authenticity of all documents and information provided. By applying to the selection process, the candidate acknowledges and accepts the selection criteria established by the Postgraduate Program in Agroecology at UFV, and cannot claim ignorance of these criteria.

4.4. The candidate must hold a full undergraduate degree recognized by the Ministry of Education (MEC) in an area related to Agroecology.

4.5. The definition of related areas will be the responsibility of the Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Program in Agroecology.

4.6. Foreign candidates are not eligible to compete for the Program's scholarships.

4.7. Candidates who do not require a scholarship or have an employment relationship may apply under any application modality they choose.

5 - NUMBER OF POSITIONS

5.1. Master's Program: 3 (three) positions.

5.2. Candidates who do not require a scholarship and have an employment relationship may be selected in addition to the number of positions specified above.

5.3. Only candidates who submit the required documentation within the deadlines established in the selection process calendar will have their applications approved by the Coordinating Committee.

5.4. The candidate is responsible for the truthfulness and authenticity of all submitted documents and information. Providing false information will result in applicable penalties, as established in Article 299 of the Brazilian Penal Code. Any candidate who is proven to have used false documents and/or information, or any other illicit means to participate in the selection process, will be disqualified at any time—even after enrollment at UFV.

5.5. By applying to the selection process, the candidate acknowledges and accepts the selection criteria established by the Postgraduate Program in Agroecology at UFV, and may not claim ignorance of these criteria.

6 – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

6.1. The following documents must be scanned and uploaded in PDF format at the time of online application. File names must clearly and succinctly describe their content.

Important: The system allows only one file per item. Therefore, in the case of double-sided documents or documents with multiple pages, all pages must be combined into a single file.

6.1.1. Diploma or equivalent document (a certified copy will be required at the time of enrollment, if selected).

6.1.2. Undergraduate academic transcript, explicitly indicating the grading or evaluation system used (a certified copy will be required at the time of enrollment, if selected).

6.1.3. Curriculum form obtained from the online application system: Application/Document Download. (<https://www.gps.ufv.br/editais/1238/>)

6.1.3.1 The candidate must indicate the research line of the Program they intend to pursue. The Coordinating Committee will assign an advisor to the approved candidate from among the available advisors (see item 8).

6.1.3.2 Supporting documents must be limited to those listed in the curriculum, in accordance with the provisions of item 3.2.5.

6.1.4. Work Plan form available for download in the online application system: Application/Document Download. (<https://www.gps.ufv.br/editais/1238/>)

6.1.4.1. The Work Plan must consist of a proposal including the title, justification, general objective, methodological aspects, ethical considerations, expected results, and bibliographic references.

6.1.4.2. The topic of the Work Plan is free; however, it must be aligned with the Research Line chosen by the candidate.

6.1.4.3. The Work Plan MUST NOT exceed three pages.

6.1.5. Recommendation letter form obtained through the online application system: Application/Document Download. (<https://www.gps.ufv.br/editais/1238/>)

6.1.5.1. Three letters of recommendation are required, which must be submitted by the professionals endorsing the candidate. These letters should be sent to the e-mail pos.agroecologia@ufv.br exclusively from the professional's official e-mail address.

6.1.6. Proof of payment of the application fee.

6.1.6.1. If the candidate is accepted, the original proof of payment must be presented at the time of enrollment.

6.1.7. Recent 3x4 cm color photograph, scanned with a minimum resolution of 200 dpi.

6.1.8. Birth or Marriage Certificate.

6.1.9. Identity Card.

6.1.10. CPF (Individual Taxpayer Registry)

6.1.11. Military Service Document (for male candidates).

6.1.12. Voter Registration Card.

7 – STAGES OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

7.1. The evaluation consists of three stages: the first and second are eliminatory, while the third is classificatory.

7.2. The first stage consists of submitting all the required documentation listed in item 4, within the deadline established in the schedule below. Failure to submit any required documents will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

7.3. The second stage will consist of an evaluation of the curriculum vitae, work plan, and letters of recommendation.

7.3.1. The curriculum evaluation will be based on the academic transcript, scholarships received, presentations and published works, teaching assistantships, internships, professional experience, foreign language training, specializations, and completed graduate-level (stricto sensu) courses, in accordance with the alignment to the Research Line of the Program chosen by the candidate.

7.3.2. The evaluation of the work plan will consider the following criteria:

- i) theoretical framework, adequacy of the references used, and presentation of the state of the art related to the chosen topic;
- ii) adequacy of the proposed methods, methodological procedures, analytical tools, and ethical considerations, when applicable; and
- iii) expected results and suitability of the planning of the research stages and the timeline for the proposed activities.

7.4. The third stage corresponds to the oral examination. It will be conducted only for candidates who were not eliminated in the previous stages.

7.4.1. During the oral examination, candidates may be asked questions regarding their work plan, curriculum vitae, and other topics deemed relevant by the Selection Committee, to assess their knowledge, interest, and preparedness for the proposed studies.

7.4.2. The oral examination will be conducted online via Zoom, Google Meet, or a similar platform.

7.4.3. Information regarding the platform to be used, access details, as well as the date and time scheduled for the oral examination, will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the candidate at the time of application, no later than the day before the scheduled interview.

7.4.4. It is the candidate's sole responsibility to be online at the exact scheduled time and to ensure a stable internet connection. Failure to attend will result in disqualification.

7.4.5. By applying for this selection process, the candidate automatically authorizes the recording of the oral examination, the content of which will be used solely for the evaluation of this selection process.

7.4.6. The format and necessity of the oral examination for international candidates will be determined at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

7.5. The first stage is eliminatory in the event of failure to submit all documentation required in item 4. The subsequent stages, once the minimum score thresholds are met, are classificatory and will determine the candidate's final score and ranking in the selection process.

7.5.1. The final score in the selection process will be calculated based on a weight of 70% for the evaluation of the curriculum vitae, work plan, and letters of recommendation (second stage), and 30% for the oral examination (third stage).

7.5.2. For the final composition of the scores in the second and third stages, the highest score obtained among the candidates will be scaled to the maximum values of 70 and 30 points, respectively. The remaining candidates will have their scores proportionally adjusted based on these maximum values.

7.5.3. The minimum score thresholds are set at 35.0 (thirty-five) points for the second stage (curriculum vitae, work plan, and letters of recommendation) and 24.0 (twenty-four) points for the oral examination, corresponding to 50% and 80%, respectively, of the maximum possible scores. Candidates who do not meet these minimum scores will be automatically disqualified.

7.5.4. Candidates disqualified in the second stage due to not meeting the cutoff score will not be invited to participate in the third stage of this selection process.

7.6. The candidate's final score will be the sum of the scores from the second and third stages.

7.7. Approval in this selection process for the Graduate Program in Agroecology does not imply the mandatory execution of the research project presented in the Work Plan. The final dissertation topic will be defined in agreement with the future advisor. It may or may not correspond to the one proposed in the Plan.

8 – AVAILABILITY OF VACANCIES BY RESEARCH LINE

8.1. To ensure a balanced distribution of advisees among advisors within each research line, the following vacancies will be available for the academic semester covered by this call, under the supervision of the following faculty members:

8.1.1. Management of Tropical Agroecosystems (MAT):

Available advisors: Professors [Irene Maria Cardoso](#), [Maristela Watthier](#), [Ricardo Henrique Silva Santos](#), [Rogério de Paula Lana](#), and [Waldênia de Melo Moura](#)

8.1.2. Agro-Food Systems of Family Farmers (SAA):

Available advisor: Professor [Silvia Eloiza Priore](#)

8.1.3. Physical, Biogeochemical Processes and Resource Dynamics in Agroecosystems (PRA):

Available advisors: Professors [Bruno Grossi Costa Homem](#), [Elpidio Inácio Fernandes Filho](#), [Maira Christina Marques Fonseca](#), and [Teogenes Senna de Oliveira](#).

8.2. Important: At the time of application, candidates must indicate two potential advisors within their chosen Research Line — one as their first (priority) option and the other as their second option.

8.3. As a general rule, each faculty advisor may supervise only one student. Therefore, candidates with the highest scores will be selected, in accordance with this limit per advisor. Only if available positions are not filled may a second student be assigned to the same advisor.

9 – FINAL RANKING AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1. Candidates will be ranked in descending order based on their final scores. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the candidate with the higher score in the curriculum evaluation.

9.2. Approval in the selection process does not guarantee the awarding of a scholarship by the Program.

9.3. The granting of scholarships will depend on availability.

9.4. International candidates with the prospect of receiving funding from sources external to the Program will be assessed separately.

9.5. After applying the selection process, candidates will not be allowed to add documents, change their chosen research line, or modify their scholarship request status.

9.6. Supporting documents may be rejected by the Coordinating Committee if deemed insufficient to verify the corresponding activity.

9.7. It is the candidate's responsibility to include all relevant activities in their curriculum.

9.8. Activities that are incorrectly listed or entered under an inappropriate category in the curriculum will not be considered.

9.9. The classification of journals will follow the QUALIS – CAPES ranking specific to the evaluation area Agricultural Sciences I (period 2017–2020), available at: (<https://sucupira.capes.gov.br/sucupira/public/consultas/coleta/veiculoPublicacaoQualis/listaConsultaGeralPeriodicos.jsf>).

9.10. A greater number of candidates may be called for enrollment depending on scholarship availability in the Program, or in the case of candidates with formal employment who do not require funding from the Graduate Program in Agroecology, at the sole discretion of the Coordinating Committee.

9.11. In the case of scholarship availability through advisors' individual research projects, and at the discretion of the Program Coordination, candidates approved in this selection process may be invited regardless of their final ranking, provided there is mutual agreement with the respective advisor. In such cases, faculty members not listed under item 8.1 may be assigned advisees.

9.12. It is the candidate's responsibility to regularly monitor all information related to the selection process made available on the Program's website.

9.13. Any omissions or unforeseen situations will be addressed and decided upon by the Program's Coordinating Committee.

9.14. The candidate will be disqualified and all application procedures annulled if, at any time, false information, irregularities, or plagiarism are detected in the selection process.

9.15. Submission of the application implies full acceptance of the rules and conditions outlined in this Call for Applications.

9.16. Candidates approved in the selection process and enrolled in the Program must fulfill the English language requirements, as outlined in Articles 50 and 51 of the UFV's General Graduate Regulations.

10 – APPLICATION SCHEDULE

10.1. Publication of the Call for Applications and opening of the application period: from 8:00 a.m. on September 3rd, 2025.

10.2. Application deadline: until 11:30 p.m. on October 3rd, 2025.

10.2.1. Candidates requesting an application fee waiver, as provided for in the UFV General Graduate Call (<https://ppg.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Edital-Geral-da-Pos-Graduacao-2025.pdf>) must submit their request through the website <https://www.gps.ufv.br/editais/1238/> by 11:30 p.m. on September 22nd, 2025. Approval of the fee waiver request will be announced by September 24th, 2025. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check the result of the waiver request.

10.2.2. Candidates whose fee waiver request is denied may generate the payment slip using their pre-registration number and complete the payment by the final application deadline established in this Call.

10.2.3. Appeals against the denial of the fee waiver request will not be accepted.

10.3. Deadline for confirmation of applications: ~~October 6th, 2025.~~ **October 7 th, 2025**

10.4. Announcement of preliminary results: ~~November 24th, 2025.~~ **October 29 th, 2025** From the date of publication of the preliminary results on the Program's website, candidates will have up to two (2) business days to submit appeals.

10.5. Online oral examination: ~~December 8th, 2025, at a time to be announced.~~ **November 12 th, 2025, in the afternoon period, at a time scheduled by the office.**

10.6. Final results announcement: by ~~December 15th, 2025.~~ **November 28 th, 2025** From the date of publication of the final results on the Program's website, candidates will have up to two (2) business days to submit appeals. After review of the appeals, the outcome will be published.

10.7. Enrollment: March 5th, 2026.

10.8. Classes begin: March 9th, 2026.

11 – INFORMATION

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