

# **UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE VIÇOSA**

## **SOIL SCIENCE AND PLANT NUTRITION POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM**

ADMISSION CALL 2026 I

CAPES PEC-PG

The Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) has launched a new call exclusively for international students to pursue postgraduate studies at the Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV). This call aims to foster international academic cooperation and promote research excellence in Brazil.

1. Only applications from the countries below are accepted:

a) Africa (29 countries): Angola, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, and Zambia;

b) Latin America and the Caribbean (27 countries): Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela;

c) Asia (10 countries): Bangladesh, China, South Korea, India, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria, Thailand, and East Timor; and

d) Europe (7 countries): Armenia, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, North Macedonia, Poland, and Turkey.

2. Candidates should:

- I. Apply using this [link](#).
- II. The deadline for applications is September 29th at 5 p.m. (GMT-3).
- III. The SNP will not be responsible for registrations not completed due to technical problems with information technology, communication failures, congestion of communication lines, or other factors that make data transfer impossible.

- IV. Complete the online registration form in Portuguese, Spanish, or English;
- V. Submit documentation and detailed information in the application; and;
- VI. Register in only one of the categories.

3. The candidates should fit all requirements below:

- I. Candidates can not hold Brazilian nationality, dual Brazilian nationality, or be eligible for Brazilian nationality at the time of application. Candidates must also not have a permanent residence permit for Brazil.
- II. Candidates can not reside in Brazil and should live in one of the countries listed in item 1.
- III. Candidates can not be taking a course in Brazil at the same level of study as intended.
- IV. Candidates must not be in default with CAPES or registered in any defaulter registries maintained by the Brazilian Federal Public Administration agencies;
- V. Candidates must be able to begin academic activities in March 2026.
- VI. Candidates must demonstrate completion of an undergraduate degree (and a master's degree for doctoral candidates) or equivalent level in Brazil.
- VII. Candidates must have an updated Lattes CV; candidates not yet registered on the Lattes platform must register through the link <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/cadastrar-se-no-curriculo-lattes> .
- VIII. Candidates must be registered on the ORCID platform and enter their identifier in the CAPES online registration form; candidates not yet registered on the platform must register through the link <https://orcid.org> .
- IX. Candidates must have completed an interstice, that is, have remained in their country of origin or residence for at least 2 (two) years after:
  - a) obtaining a Brazilian diploma, in the case of candidates who graduated from the PEC-G program and candidates who received a scholarship from a Brazilian funding agency to pursue an undergraduate degree in Brazil; and
  - b) have obtained a master's degree (professional or academic), in the case of candidates who have received a scholarship from a Brazilian funding agency, including former CAPES or PEC-PG scholarship holders from the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq).
- X. Candidates must not have been awarded a scholarship through the CAPES Move la America program.
- XI. Candidates must not have been awarded a Sandwich Doctorate or Full Doctorate scholarship by a federal public entity in this or another previously completed doctoral program, in the case of a doctoral application.

- XII. Candidates must not have been awarded a Sandwich Master's or Full Master's scholarship by a federal public entity in this or another previously completed master's program, in the case of a master's application.
- XIII. Candidates must not have held a doctorate, for candidates in all modalities.
- XIV. Candidates must meet the other requirements established in the CAPES PEC-PG program described here: [https://www.gov.br/capes/pt-br/centrais-de-conteudo/editais/04072025\\_Edital\\_2630513\\_SEI\\_2630221\\_Edital\\_n\\_12\\_2025.pdf](https://www.gov.br/capes/pt-br/centrais-de-conteudo/editais/04072025_Edital_2630513_SEI_2630221_Edital_n_12_2025.pdf)

4. At the time of registration, the candidate must submit the following documents:

I - **Passport** of the candidate with photo;

II - **Proof of residence abroad**, such as water and electricity bills, among other documents that verify the candidate's place of residence;

III - **ORCID ID** (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) identifier at the time of registration, to be entered directly on the registration form;

IV - **Research project** in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, covering the following mandatory items:

- a) Cover letter;
- b) Title;
- c) Introduction;
- b) General and specific objectives;
- c) Justification for conducting the training in Brazil, given the installed capacity in the country of origin or residence, clarifying the reasons for choosing the SNP;
- d) Results to be achieved and potential for their expansion;
- e) Estimated academic and scientific production goals;
- f) Description of how the knowledge acquired in Brazil will be disseminated in the country of origin or residence;
- g) Description of the importance of the research for the development of the specific field in the country of origin or residence;
- h) Work schedule, describing the activities that will be carried out during the study period, including field research, when applicable, informing the location and expected period for carrying out the activities; and
- i) Bibliographical references.

The research project should have up to 15 pages, written in Times New Roman font, size 12, and 1.5 line spacing. Paper: A4 (29.7 x 21 cm), Paper orientation: portrait, and Margins: top - 3 cm; bottom - 2 cm; right - 2 cm; left - 3 cm.

The cover letter should contain: a) the candidate's full name; b) e-mail address; c) Project title (with all main words beginning in capital letters); d) abstract (up to 200 words), in the same language as the work; e) Keywords (up to five).

V - **Declaration of employment**, if applicable, issued by the agency or institution where the candidate works, dated after August 15th, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English;

VI - A complete, updated **Lattes curriculum vitae** in Portuguese containing the following information:

- a) personal data;
- b) professional experience, including current employment status in the country of origin or residence, if applicable; and
- c) academic production.

VII - A **Memorial** ([according to this format](#)) produced by the candidate (in Portuguese, Spanish, or English), written succinctly in up to 600 (six hundred) words, presenting:

- a) the candidate's skills and motivations for pursuing the Doctorate or Master's degree; the candidate's professional development process, describing experiences in teaching, research, and outreach activities, including during their undergraduate and master's degrees, if applicable;
- b) academic and professional experience in the field of interest; and
- c) any extraordinary circumstances applicable to the applicant's background.

4. For the **Doctorate** program, in addition to the documents listed in item 4, the candidate must submit:

I - **Diplomas:**

- a) undergraduate degree, proof of completion, or proof of medical residency (for candidates in the medical field), front and back, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages; and
- b) master's degree, if applicable, or a statement from the master's program coordinator stating the probable dissertation defense date, front and back, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

II - **academic transcripts** or equivalent documents containing complete academic records or grades for the undergraduate and master's degrees, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

5. For the **Master's** program, in addition to the documents listed in item 4, the candidate must submit:

I - **undergraduate diploma**, proof of completion, or proof of medical residency (in the case of candidates in the medical field), front and back, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

II - **academic transcript** or equivalent document containing the complete mentions or grades of the undergraduate degree in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

6. Documents must be generated in PDF format without passwords and must be included when completing the application.

7. Documents made available via links or cloud storage will not be accepted. It is recommended to avoid using figures, photographs, graphs, or other elements that may increase the file size, as the CAPES system will not accept documents exceeding the 5 (five) megabyte limit.

8. In addition to the requirements listed in item 3, applicants for the Full Master's scholarship must meet the following requirements:

I - not hold a master's or doctoral degree;

II - not have been awarded a scholarship by a federal public entity for a Sandwich Master's or Full Master's program in this or any other Master's program previously completed.

9. Submission of the application will imply knowledge and definitive acceptance of the rules and conditions established in the CAPES-PEC Notice and the applicable legislation, of which the candidate may not claim ignorance or disagreement.

10. Conditional, late registration, or submissions submitted by mail, fax, or email will not be accepted.

11. For the registration process in this call, documents whose originals are in Portuguese, English, or Spanish will be accepted, as well as simple translations into Portuguese, English, or Spanish of documents whose originals are in other languages.

12. The expected start date for activities in Brazil is the first semester of 2026, with a date to be scheduled by the Federal University of Viçosa.

13. CAPES will fund scholarships transferred directly to the scholarship recipient, under the terms of CAPES Ordinance No. 1 of January 3, 2020, and CAPES Ordinance No. 33 of February 16, 2023. Subsequent changes to scholarship regulations in the country will only apply to scholarships implemented after the publication of the new regulations, except in the case of a major adjustment.

Item	Quantity*	Income (R\$)
<b>Doctorate</b>		
Monthly scholarship	Up to 48	3,100
Insurance	Up to 48	400
<b>Master`s</b>		
Monthly scholarship	Up to 24	2,100
Insurance	Up to 24	400

\* Up to the conclusion of doctare or master`s.

14. The present selection process aims to fill 6 (six) scholarships vacancies for the Master's degree and 6 (six) vacancies for the Doctorate degree for entry in the first semester of 2026 in SNP-UFV.

15. The vacancies will be distributed according to the SNP-UFV Selection Groups:

Group	Master`s	Doctorate
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I - Pedology	2	2
II - Soil Management	2	2
III - Edaphology	2	2
Total	6	6

16. The PPGSNP-UFV selection process takes place in groups related to areas of knowledge of Soil Science.

The candidate indicates in the Project one of the Selection Groups at the time of registration. Changing Groups will not be allowed after the registration is finalized.

17. The Selection Groups of SNP-UFV are listed below:

Group 1 - Pedology (Soil genesis, soil classification, pedometry, geochemistry, and mineralogy of the soil)

- \* Prof. Carlos Ernesto G. Schaefer
- \* Prof. Elpídio Inácio Fernandes Filho
- \* Prof. Isabela Cristina Filardi Vasques
- \* Prof. José João Leis Leal de Souza
- \* Prof. João Carlos Ker
- \* Prof. Márcio Rocha Francelino
- \* Prof. Maurício Paulo Ferreira Fontes

Group 2 - Soil Management (Soil physics, agroecology, soil organic matter, and soil biology)

- \* Prof. Emanuelle Mercês Barros Soares
- \* Prof. Igor Rodrigues de Assis
- \* Prof. Irene Maria Cardoso
- \* Prof. Raphael B. A. Fernandes
- \* Prof. Teógenes Senna de Oliveira

Group 3 - Edaphology (Soil chemistry, soil fertility, and plant nutrition)

- \* Prof. Edson Márcio Mattiello
- \* Prof. Hidelblandi Farias de Melo
- \* Prof. Júlio César Lima Neves
- \* Prof. Nairam Félix de Barros
- \* Prof. Rafael da Silva Teixeira

- \* Prof. Reinaldo B. Cantarutti
- \* Prof. Renildes Lúcio Ferreira Fontes
- \* Prof. Samuel Vasconcelos Valadares

18. The designation of advisors for approved candidates is the responsibility of the SNP-UFV Coordinator, based on the criteria of productivity of professors and the current number of advisees. Therefore, the mere presence in the list in item 17 does not guarantee vacancies for guidance for the program's professors and does not generate any expectation of guidance with a specific advisor on the part of the candidates in the selection process.

19. The candidates will be selected according to:

- I. the publications and activities described in the Lattes CV;
- II. the professional experience;
- III. the transcripts;
- IV. an oral exam carried out by video conference. It may be performed in Portuguese, Spanish, or English.

20. The oral argumentation will be carried out on a specific date between September 30th and October 23rd, it will last no more than 30 minutes. It will be executed before a panel formed by professors of SNP.

21. Oral exam will be conducted by Google Meet or similar applications, and it is the candidate's responsibility to provide an adequate internet connection for the oral exam. Failure to appear on the scheduled day and time will imply a zero grade in this evaluation. Candidates must adapt to the schedules, considering the Official Time of Brasília (GMT-3).

22. The candidate will receive a link for the oral exam with a minimum advance of two days. The oral exam will be recorded. By registering in the present selection process, the candidate automatically authorizes the recording of the oral argumentation, whose content will be used for the evaluation of the present selection process.

23. The oral argumentation will address the project, curriculum, technical issues of the Soil Science, and the candidate's academic-professional history.

24. CAPES will publish the result by November 14th, 2025.



25. Cronogram:

Step	Date
Registration	Until September 29th
Oral exam	Between September 30th and October 23rd
Final result	Until November 14th