

UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE VIÇOSA

PROGRAMA DE PÓS-GRADUAÇÃO EM SOLOS E NUTRIÇÃO DE PLANTAS

CALL 03/2025 SNP-UFV

ADMISSION PROCESS TO MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL 2026 FIRST SEMESTER

The Graduate Program in Soils and Plant Nutrition at the Federal University of Viçosa (SNP-UFV) announces the opening of the Master's and Doctoral programs for the first semester of 2026 (2026-I).

Candidates will be selected by the SNP-UFV Coordinating Committee, subject to approval by the Graduate Council of the UFV Provost's Office for Research and Graduate Studies.

This selection process follows the rules outlined in the General Call for Applications for UFV Stricto Sensu Graduate Programs. The document is available at:
<http://www.ppg.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/EDITAL-GERAL.pdf>

It is the sole responsibility of candidates to verify the information related to this selection process, which is published in the UFV General Announcement (previous paragraph) and on the website of the Graduate Program in Soils and Plant Nutrition at the Federal University of Viçosa (<http://www.possolos.ufv.br>).

Admission will be in accordance with the UFV Graduate Calendar, available on the Student Registry website (www.res.ufv.br).

1. VACANCIES

1.1 This selection process aims to fill 4 (four) Master's and 7 (seven) Doctoral positions.

1.2 The positions will be distributed according to the SNP-UFV Selection Groups:

	Positions	
	Master's	Doctoral
Group 1	1	2
Group 2	1	2
Group 3	1	2
Special positions ^a	1	1
Total	4	7

(a) According to Resolução 08/2019 CEPE-UFV
(<http://www.soc.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/08-2019-CEPE-A%C3%A7%C3%B5es-Afirmativas-P%C3%B3s.pdf>).

1.3 Candidates for vacancies reserved for Black (Black), Indigenous, and people with disabilities must indicate the SNP-UFV Selection Group in which they intend to apply. Vacancies reserved for UFV's Affirmative Action Policies will be exclusive to Brazilian and naturalized foreign candidates. All procedures for registration in this selection process for candidates who choose to access vacancies via UFV's Affirmative Policies, as well as the requirements, documents and other requirements for eventual subsequent enrollment in the Program, are contained in Resolution 08/2019 of CEPE-UFV (<http://www.soc.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/08-2019-CEPE-A%C3%A7%C3%B5es-Afirmativas-P%C3%B3s.pdf>) and in the General Notice for Registration in Stricto Sensu Graduate Programs of UFV (<http://www.ppg.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/EDITAL-GERAL.pdf>), and it is the sole responsibility of the candidates to read and fully observe them. The selection of candidates for reserved positions will follow the provisions of Article 8 of the Resolution above, and the candidate will be assigned to the Selection Group chosen at the time of registration.

1.4 All master's and doctoral candidates must be professionals holding a diploma or having completed an undergraduate degree (for a Master's degree) or a Master's degree (for a doctoral degree).

1.5 Approval in this selection process does not constitute a priori guarantee, promise, or commitment of enrollment or the awarding of scholarships now or in the future.

1.6 Delays in the start of scholarship receipt may occur depending on approval by funding agencies. As scholarships are released, they will be distributed to enrolled students based on the highest overall final grade (GFG). A larger number of applicants may be invited to enroll, depending on the availability of scholarships in the Program, or due to the selection of candidates with employment relationships who do not rely on SNP-UFV scholarships, as well as scholarships from projects funded by faculty advisors, at the discretion of the Program Coordination, provided they achieve the minimum score for classification.

1.7 Applicants who indicate "Own Funding" in the Funding Source tab of the registration system must submit a letter of acceptance from a faculty advisor at SNP, as a requirement for enrollment, according to the template available on the program website. Each faculty member may provide a maximum of one letter for a candidate who indicates "Own Funding," with a limit of two letters per group.

1.8 The selection of substitutes due to withdrawals of approved candidates or the offering of new scholarships is the exclusive prerogative of the SNP-UFV Coordination, and this decision is not subject to appeal and does not constitute any obligation previously assumed. In this selection process, the requirements of CEPE-UFV Resolution 08/2019 for reserved spots will be followed.

1.9 Failure to appear on the day of registration or failure to provide required documents will result in the loss of your spot in this selection process. The SNP and UFV are not responsible for any delays in the completion of undergraduate and master's programs. Approval in this selection process does not guarantee future spots in subsequent semesters.

2. GROUPS

2.1 The SNP-UFV selection process is conducted through groups related to the areas of

knowledge of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition.

2.2 Applicants must choose one of the Selection Groups when registering. Changing groups will not be permitted after registration is complete.

The SNP-UFV Selection Groups are comprised of the following professors:

Group 1 - Pedology (Soil genesis, Soil classification, Pedometry, Geochemistry, and Soil mineralogy)

Prof. Carlos Ernesto Gonçalves Reynaud Schaefer
Prof. Elpídio Inácio Fernandes Filho
Profa. Isabela Cristina Filardi Vasques
Prof. José João Lelis Leal de Souza
Prof. João Carlos Ker
Prof. Márcio Rocha Francelino
Prof. Maurício Paulo Ferreira Fontes

Grupo 2 - Soil management (Soil physics, Agroecology, Soil organic matter)

Profa. Emanuelle Mercês Barros Soares
Prof. Igor Rodrigues de Assis
Profa. Irene Maria Cardoso
Prof. Raphael Bragança Alves Fernandes
Prof. Teógenes Senna de Oliveira

Grupo 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

2.3 The SNP-UFV Coordinating Committee is responsible for assigning advisors to successful candidates, based on faculty productivity and the current number of advisees. Presence on the list in item 2.3 does not guarantee advisor positions for the Program's faculty and does not generate any expectation of specific advisor placements for candidates in the selection process. The CVs of the advisors are available on the SNP-UFV website (<https://possolos.ufv.br/orientadores-2/>) and on the CNPq Lattes Platform (<http://lattes.cnpq.br/>).

3. ENROLLMENTS

3.1 The application period for the selection process will be from September 1st to October 13th, 2025.

3.2 The entire application process will be completed online through the "GPS System –

Graduate Registration," according to the guidelines available at: <https://adm.gps.ufv.br/administracao/processos-seletivos/1152/>

3.3 Enrollment will be completed only after the entire electronic process has been completed and all requested documents have been submitted.

3.4 Candidates applying for positions through UFV's Affirmative Action Policies must enter the required supporting documents into the application system and submit their application to the Self-Declaration Validation Committee for Black, Mixed Race, or Indigenous Candidates for heteroidentification, in the case of self-declared Black and Mixed Race candidates, and for verification of supporting documentation, in the case of Indigenous candidates. Candidates with disabilities must submit a medical report attesting to the type and degree of their disability, with an express reference to the corresponding International Classification of Diseases (ICD) code, and the exams that prove their disability. Further information can be found in CEPE-UFV Resolutions 10/2018 and 8/2019 and in the UFV General Notice (<http://www.ppg.ufv.br/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/EDITAL-GERAL.pdf>).

3.5 It is the candidate's sole responsibility to monitor their registration through the system and to adhere to all recommendations contained in the link indicated in item 3.2.

3.6 The SNP-UFV is not responsible for registration failures due to any technical reason, computer or communication failure, communication line congestion, or any other factors that prevent or hinder data transfer for the candidate's registration.

3.7 The SNP-UFV accepts applications for its selection process from foreign candidates who hold scholarships from funding agencies in their countries, international sources, and/or agreements, or private companies. In these cases, candidates must submit their applications directly to the SNP-UFV Coordination. After individual review of the applications, and based on the availability of advisors, the candidate's curriculum vitae, and the suitability of the work proposal, these candidates may be accepted through a simplified and expedited process.

3.8 Foreign candidates interested in pursuing a postgraduate degree and applying for a Brazilian scholarship at the SNP-UFV must participate in this selection process by applying for a scholarship through the general competition. In all cases, foreign candidates are not eligible to apply for positions reserved for UFV's Affirmative Action Policies.

3.9 The SNP-UFV does not impose a limit on the total number of scholarships available to foreign candidates and will make available those designated for the general competition.

4. DOCUMENTATION

4.1 When registering online, the candidate must attach the personal and academic documents required by UFV.

4.2 In addition to the documents mentioned in the previous item, SNP-UFV requires the following documents to be included in the registration system:

4.2.1 Curriculum vitae specific to SNP-UFV.

4.2.2 Proof of activities described in the curriculum.

4.2.3 Work plan.

4.2.4 Documents listed in item 3.4, if applicable.

4.2.5 Letter of acceptance from the advisor for candidates who choose "Own Resources"

in the Funding Source tab of the registration system, subject to the limits outlined in item 1.10.

4.2.6 All files related to the documentation to be entered into the "GPS System – Graduate Registration," indicated or discussed in items 4.1 and 4.2, must be previously converted to PDF format.

4.3 It is the candidate's sole responsibility to verify the integrity of the documentation attached to the "GPS System – Graduate Registration." Incomplete or illegible documents and corrupted files uploaded to the system will be disregarded in the selection process. Specifically for the video pitch, the candidate should contact the Secretariat by email at snp@ufv.br if they do not receive a confirmation email.

4.4 Documents other than those listed in item 4.2 may be required from candidates for vacancies reserved for Black, Indigenous, and people with disabilities, to verify their declared status.

4.5 The candidate must have a full-time higher education course for the Master's degree, and a Master's degree for the Doctorate, both from institutions and courses recognized by the Ministry of Education or similar bodies in the countries of the foreign candidates.

5. CURRICULUM VITAE

5.1 During the application process, under "Documents to Submit," under "Curriculum Vitae," you must attach your specific SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae. This Curriculum Vitae is available for download in two files (Master's or Doctorate) under "Selection Process" on possolos.ufv.br, titled "Curriculum Vitae SNP_Mestrado_2026_I" and "Curriculum Vitae SNP_Doutorado_2026_I."

5.2 The curriculum vitae must be completed in Word or another text editing file, respecting the structure of the provided file. You may only increase the number of rows in the tables. Once completed, the document must be saved in PDF format and then attached to the application. 5.3 Each document, proof, or activity listed in the "SNP/UFV-specific Curriculum Vitae" must be numbered in ascending order in the "Curriculum Document Number" field in the various tables to be completed. This "Curriculum Document Number" will identify the corresponding document in the "Activity Proof" file (item 6 of this Notice).

5.4 The first page of the "SNP/UFV-specific Curriculum Vitae" document contains notes regarding acceptable documents and other notes that must be observed when including activities developed throughout the candidate's academic and professional life. It is the sole responsibility of candidates to verify these notes in the "SNP/UFV-specific Curriculum Vitae" document.

5.5 Candidates must complete the candidate score table. Candidates should only complete the "Candidate Score" column. 5.6 When completing the "Candidate Score" column, the established criteria must be considered and presented immediately after the table is completed.

5.7 At the end of the "Specific SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae" document, the candidate must complete the "Score Consolidation Table," which includes all the scores presented throughout the curriculum.

5.8 The evaluation criteria for the Work Plan section are the prerogative of the Curriculum

Evaluation Committee.

6. PROOF OF RESUME ACTIVITIES

6.1 All activities described in the candidate's "Curriculum Vitae," followed by the "Specific SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae," must be supported by scanned copies of the respective supporting documents.

6.2 All supporting documents for the products and activities listed in the "Specific PPGSNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae" must be scanned in PDF format and compiled into a SINGLE FILE, which must be attached to the online application system under "Requested Supporting Documents" in the "Specific Program Curriculum Vitae" – "single file."

6.3 The organization of the supporting documents must follow the ascending numbering indicated in the "SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae" (item 5.3).

7. WORK PLAN

7.1 The Work Plan may be written in Portuguese, Spanish, or English.

7.2 The Work Plan should include: a) Introduction. Presenting the topic, objective, hypothesis, and gaps to be filled; b) Materials and Methods. Brief description of the proposed methods; c) Monthly proposal schedule; d) References.

7.3 The Work Plan will be evaluated according to the following criteria: Proposal innovation (weight 2); adequacy of the proposed methods to the objective (weight 2); feasibility of the proposal within the available timeframe (weight 2); and adequacy of references to the topic (weight 1).

7.4 The Work Plan should be up to two pages long and formatted in Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and margins of 1.62 cm top, 1.59 cm bottom, 1.41 cm left, and 1.98 cm right.

8. APPLICATION FEE

8.1 The application fee slip must be printed from the online application page, under the "Application Fee" option under "Application."

8.2 UFV will determine the application fee.

8.3 Foreign applicants and those residing abroad must pay the fee via international wire transfer, using the following credit information: Banco do Brasil / Universidade Federal de Viçosa / Av. P.H. Rolfs, s/n – Campus Universitário – Viçosa-MG – CEP: 36570-900 / SWIFT: BRASBRRJBHE.

8.4 UFV allows for the application fee waiver in its Selection Processes, in accordance with Article 1 of Decree No. 6,593 of October 2, 2008. The requirements for obtaining this benefit and the conditions for its granting are listed in the General Announcement for Applications to UFV's Stricto Sensu Graduate Programs, a document indicated at the beginning of this Announcement. The exemption must be requested at the time of application directly to the PPGSNP-UFV, by completing the "Exemption Form," which must be sent, after signing and

scanning, to snp@ufv.br.

8.5 The results of applications for exemption from the application fee will be published on the SNP website.

8.6 If the exemption request is granted, the candidate is required to attach proof of registration with the Single Registry for Federal Government Social Programs (Cad-Único) to the application system in the space reserved for the application fee.

8.7 The deadline for submitting the "Exemption Form" will be September 15, 2025, to ensure sufficient time for reviewing requests and allowing for appeals against any denial of the exemption request. On this date, candidates seeking exemption must complete the registration process in the GPS System, attaching the exemption form along with proof of registration in the Federal Government's CadÚnico database in a single PDF file. If the request is denied, candidates will be able to pay the fee and complete the registration by the deadline (October 15, 2025).

9. SELECTION

9.1 The selection process will consist of three stages: i) knowledge test; ii) analysis of the curriculum vitae and academic transcript; and iii) oral argument via video conference.

9.2 100 points will be awarded in each stage. To be approved, the candidate must achieve a score of 60 or higher.

9.3 All stages are eliminatory. Candidates with a score lower than 60% of the total score in each stage will be eliminated from the selection process.

9.4 Candidates disqualified in any stage will not continue in the selection process.

Step	Date
Inscriptions	September 1st to October 13th, 2025
Request for exemption from registration fee	Until September 15th, 2025
Knowledge test	October 16th, 2025
Oral argument	October 21st, 2025
Preliminar result	October 24th, 2025
Final result	October 28th, 2025

10. FIRST STAGE - KNOWLEDGE TEST

10.1 The written test will cover general topics related to Soil Science and Plant Nutrition.

10.2 Master's and Doctoral candidates will take the same test.

10.3 The test will be administered online, using a specific platform that will be presented to the candidate before administration.

10.4 The test will consist of 9 (nine) open-ended and/or objective questions, 3 (three) corresponding to each of the SNP-UFV Selection Groups.

10.5 Open-ended questions must be answered in the space provided. Questions left outside the space provided will not be considered for grading.

10.6 The test questions will be written in Portuguese and English. Answers, in turn, may be written in Portuguese, Spanish, or English.

10.7 The registration number will be used as the candidate's code and will be used to allow blind grading of the test.

10.8 The knowledge test will last two hours and will be administered on October 16, 2025, at 9:00 am, Brasília time (GMT-3).

10.9 The maximum permitted delay for candidates to begin the test will be 10 (ten) minutes, and the final time will not be changed.

10.10 Final rules for the online test will be sent to candidates two days before the test. The SNP will not be responsible for any loss of internet connection that may prevent the test from being administered.

10.11 Technical knowledge, as well as clarity and organization of ideas, will be considered in the grading of the test.

10.12 Each question on the test will be scored for 10 (ten) points.

10.13 The three questions related to the Group chosen by the candidate in the selection process will be weighted 2 (two) in the candidate's final score, while the remaining questions will be weighted 1 (one).

10.14 The score for the written test will be calculated by adding the score for each question multiplied by its corresponding weight. With six questions weighted one and three questions weighted 2, the result is $(6 \times 10 \times 1) + (3 \times 10 \times 2) = 120$ possible points on the exam.

10.15 The preliminary score (NP1) will be the value obtained according to item 10.14 multiplied by the factor $100/120$ to adjust the score to a scale with a maximum of 100 points (total score for the exam).

10.16 Among the approved candidates, each candidate's final score (NF1) on the exam will be adjusted, considering the score obtained by the highest-scoring candidate at each level as 100. The remaining candidates will have their scores proportionally adjusted.

11. SECOND STAGE - RESUME AND TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

11.1 Only academic documents and activities developed as specified in the "SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae" will be considered in the CV analysis. Under no circumstances will proof of completion, certificates, statements, or other documents submitted or forwarded after the application deadline be accepted.

11.2 The CV score provided by the candidate in the "Score Consolidation Table" at the end of the "SNP/UFV Curriculum Vitae" document will be verified by the Evaluation Committee, and the final score determined by this Committee will prevail.

11.3 The final scores obtained by candidates in the CV evaluation will be adjusted, considering the highest score among the entire group of candidates as 100 points. The scores of other candidates will be proportionally adjusted.

11.4 Academic transcripts will be evaluated with a maximum score of 100 points. For Master's degree applicants, only their undergraduate transcripts will be evaluated; for Doctoral applicants, only their Master's transcripts will be evaluated. There will be no proportional grade adjustment in this case based on the highest grade obtained.

11.5 Proof of English proficiency will be provided exclusively through passing standardized (item 12.9) and valid (item 12.10) tests.

11.6 Foreigners from English-speaking countries do not need to confirm proficiency.

11.7 The minimum score on the standardized tests will be that required by Capes for the submission of sandwich training proposals, namely:

- a) TOEFL IBT = 71 points
- b) TOEFL ITP = 527 points
- c) IELTS = 6 points
- d) Cambridge Exam = B2
- e) DET (Duolingo English Test) = 105

11.8 The validity of the certificates will also follow Capes' guidance for sandwich training, that is:

- a) TOEFL (IBT e ITP) e DET: 2 years
- b) IELTS: 2 years (listening, reading, writing, and speaking should have a minimum grade of 5)
- c) CAE ou FCE: no expiration date.

11.9 The reference date for the validity period of the standardized test certificate is the last day to register for this selection process, disregarding any possible extension.

11.20 The candidate's preliminary score in the second stage (NP2) will be calculated using the formulas: NP2_Master's = [resume score x 0.65] + [transcript score x 0.35]

$$\text{NP2_Doctorate} = [\text{resume score} \times 0.70] + [\text{transcript score} \times 0.30]$$

11.21 Among the approved candidates, each candidate's final score (NF2) on the test will be adjusted, considering the score obtained by the candidate with the highest score in each level as 100. The remaining candidates will have their scores proportionally adjusted.

12. THIRD PHASE - ORAL ARGUMENT

12.1 The third stage of the selection process will consist of an oral argument conducted via videoconference, exclusively for candidates not eliminated in the previous stages. It may be performed in Portuguese, Spanish, or English.

12.2 The oral argument will be held on October 21, 2025, and will last no more than 30 minutes. It will be presented before a panel composed of professors who are members of the SNP selection groups (item 2.4). If it is not possible to compose this panel with members of the same selection group, the SNP Coordination will appoint other DPS-UFV professors for this purpose.

12.3 The oral argument will be conducted via Zoom, Google Meet, or similar applications. It is the candidate's responsibility to provide an adequate internet connection for the oral argument. Failure to attend on the scheduled date and time will result in a grade of zero in this evaluation.

12.4 The candidate will receive a link to the oral examination at least two days in advance, and it will be recorded. By registering for this selection process, the candidate automatically authorizes the recording of the oral examination, the content of which will be used for evaluation purposes.

12.5 The preliminary score (NP3) of the oral examination will cover the work plan, technical issues related to soils, and the candidate's academic and professional background.

12.6 Among the approved candidates, each candidate's final score (NF3) on the exam will be adjusted, considering the score obtained by the highest-scoring candidate at each level as 100. The scores of the remaining candidates will be proportionally adjusted.

13. FINAL OVERALL SCORE AND CANDIDATE CLASSIFICATION

13.1 The final overall score (NF) will be calculated based on the scores obtained in the three stages, according to the following formula:

$$NF = [NF1 \times 0.50] + [NF2 \times 0.40] + [NG3 \times 0.10]$$

13.2 Based on the NF obtained, candidates will be ranked within the SNP selection groups in descending order.

13.3 The results will initially be published as provisional and, once the deadline for filing appeals has passed, will be republished as final.

13.4 Any appeals regarding corrections and grades, as well as the provisional results, will be accepted up to two (2) days after their publication on the SNP-UFV website.

14. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING

14.1 The awarding of scholarships by the SNP-UFV will respect the ranking order within each group. In the event of candidate withdrawals, candidates from the same group may be called at the discretion of the Coordinating Committee. In this case, the ranking order in the selection process will always be respected.

14.2 In the event of withdrawals by candidates opting for reserved spots, Article 8 of CEPE-UFV Resolution 08/2019 will be followed. In this case, the candidate who may be called will be directed to the Selection Group they selected at the time of registration.

14.3 Once the selection process is complete, faculty advisors who have received scholarships through individual projects from official funding institutions or other institutions, as well as from public or private organizations, may recruit qualified candidates for such scholarships, regardless of ranking or group, and after approval by the SNP-UFV Coordinating Committee.

14.4 To formally call candidates, the faculty advisor must officially state that they have a scholarship for the student's entire training period and that they will not request a scholarship from the SNP at any time.

14.5 The student to be recruited must accept the recommendation and may not subsequently request a change of advisor.

14.6 Candidates approved in this selection process may only join the SNP without a scholarship if they demonstrate employment, have stated on the application form that they do not rely on a scholarship, and have presented a letter of acceptance from their advisor. Candidates who select this condition will be ineligible to apply for an SNP-UFV scholarship for the program in the future.

14.7 If the SNP is awarded fewer scholarships than the number of places specified in item 1.3 of this Notice, the Program's scholarship award criteria will be based on the highest overall final grade (GFG) obtained by the candidates. Approved candidates who are not awarded a scholarship will not be allowed to enroll in the Program.

15. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15.1 Registering online implies the candidate's full compliance with this announcement and the rules governing the UFV Graduate Program. The candidate assumes full responsibility for the documentation, data, and information submitted, subject to the penalty of nullification of their registration and any actions resulting from it.

15.2 All results will be published on the website of the Graduate Program in Soils and Plant Nutrition: www.possolos.ufv.br

15.3 The SNP-UFV Coordination will decide on any omissions.

15.4 For any additional information, candidates should contact:

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