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## Call No. 02/2025 – “Nélio José de Andrade” Award for Dissertation and Thesis

### 1. General Provisions

The “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award aims to recognize and highlight the most relevant works developed within the Graduate Program in Food Science and Technology at UFV (PPGCTA-UFV), emphasizing their scientific and/or technological contributions. The award will be granted to dissertations and theses defended in 2024 that stand out in terms of academic merit, originality, topic relevance, and the quality of the resulting scientific output.

The “Nélio José de Andrade” Award includes the following categories:

- “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation Award (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)
- “Nélio José de Andrade” Thesis Award (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)

To be eligible for the “Nélio José de Andrade” Award, dissertations and theses must meet the following criteria:

- Must have been defended in 2024 within the PPGCTA-UFV.
- The title of the work and the names of the advisors and co-advisors must be updated in the Sucupira Platform and the Academic System, as this information will be used for result announcements and certificate issuance.

The evaluation criteria will include:

- a) Originality of the work.
- b) Relevance to scientific and/or technological/economic and/or political/social and/or health and well-being and/or environmental development.
- c) Robustness and/or reproducibility of the methodology and data analysis used.
- d) Quality of writing, structure, and text organization.
- e) Degree of innovation and/or interdisciplinarity of the thesis.
- f) Quality and impact of the outputs derived from the dissertation/thesis.

If no work meets the award criteria, the “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award may be withheld.

### 2. Applications

Applications must be submitted via email to the PPGCTA/UFV office ([tca@ufv.br](mailto:tca@ufv.br)). The following documents must be attached to the email:

- a) Completed application form (Annex 1).
- b) Completed production table (Annex 2).
- c) Image use authorization form (Annex 3).
- d) Declaration of consent for thesis submission (Annex 4) – *Doctorate only*
- e) Complete digital version of the dissertation or thesis.
- f) Abstract of the dissertation or thesis (maximum 500 characters).
- g) High-resolution photo (JPEG, 300 DPI) of the author.
- h) Digital copies of relevant outputs derived from the dissertation/thesis, such as:
  - (i) scientific articles; (ii) books; (iii) book chapters; (iv) conference abstracts;
  - (v) popular science articles; (vi) patents; among others. These must be attached as a single PDF file.
- i) A video presentation (up to 3 minutes) in which the author presents the relevance and impact of the

dissertation/thesis results. The video must be recorded with the camera turned on, slides are optional, and it can be recorded using platforms such as Loom, Zoom, or Google Meet. The video must be submitted in .mp4 format.

Failure to submit any of the required documents listed above by the application deadline will result in disqualification.

### 3. Evaluation Committee of the “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award

An evaluation committee will be appointed to assess the “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award, composed of at least three members.

The committee will consist of faculty members external to the Federal University of Viçosa who possess recognized scientific and/or technological merit.

Advisors, co-advisors, or members of the PPGCTA committee with submissions to this call are not allowed to participate in the evaluation committee.

The committee will assign 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places based on the following evaluation components:

- i) Analysis of the dissertation or thesis and the submitted video (20%),
- ii) Application form (Annex 1) (30%),
- iii) Criteria listed in the production table (Annex 2) (50%).

The committee may choose to award fewer than three works or to withhold awards in any category if the submitted works do not meet the high-quality standards required for recognition..

### 4. Award Details

The “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award includes:

- a) An award certificate for the author;
- b) An award certificate for the advisor(s) and co-advisor(s) of the winning work.

### 5. Schedule

The 2025 edition of the “Nélio José de Andrade” Dissertation and Thesis Award will follow this schedule:

Submission of applications by authors	Until May 4, 2025
Award Ceremony	May 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

### 6. Final Provisions

No appeals will be accepted regarding the decisions made by the evaluation committees. Failure to comply with any of the criteria specified in this call will result in automatic disqualification. Omitted cases will be reviewed by the PPGCTA/UFV Committee.

The first-place winner in the “Thesis” category will be nominated by PPGCTA for the CAPES Thesis Award.

**Coordinating Committee of PPGCTA  
Department of Food Technology  
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