

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## MAPBIOMAS AWARD

### **What are the categories of the 6th Edition of the MapBiomass Award?**

The 6th Edition of the MapBiomass Award has six categories: General, Young, Highlight Application in Public Policies , Highlight Application in Business, Highlight Application in Schools and Actions to Reduce Deforestation:

- General Category: Any work eligible for the MapBiomass Award can compete in this category.
- Young Category: Only works whose first author is up to 30 years old and has not yet completed graduation or graduated during 2023.
- Category Highlight Application in Public Policies: Works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative in public policy projects.
- Category Highlight Application in Business: Works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative in businesses that contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources.
- Category Highlight Application in Schools: Works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative in basic education (kindergarten, fundamental or secondary education), such as, for example, in didactic materials, classes and other curricular and extracurricular activities or didactic resources in schools.
- Special Category Actions to Reduce Deforestation: Works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative to support actions to reduce, combat and monitor deforestation.

### **What are the awards for the 6th Edition of the MapBiomass Award?**

- 1st place in General Category - value of R\$ 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand reais);
- 2nd place in General Category - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- 1st place in the Youth Category - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- 2nd place in the Youth Category - value of R\$5,000 (five thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Public Policies - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Business - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Schools - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Actions to Reduce Deforestation - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais).

### **What is the registration period?**

Applications will take place from February 15th, 2024 to April 15th, 2024.

### **How to apply?**

Registration is free and 100% online. The author must fill in the form here, within the application period, with personal data and the work being submitted according to the category in which they are competing.

**What type of work can be submitted?**

Works (studies, articles, monographs, dissertations, theses, reports, practical applications), individual or co-authored, by students from technical, undergraduate or graduate schools, professionals from private companies, can compete for the 4th Edition of the MapBiomias Award. or from NGOs, public administrators, etc. Entries must use or cite data from any MapBiomias initiative, including initiatives from other countries (eg MapBiomias Chaco, Amazon, Bosque Atlântico, Pampa Sul-Americano and Indonesia), and from different products, such as MapBiomias Alert, MapBiomias Fire, MapBiomias Water.

**Can only academic works be submitted?**

No, MapBiomias Award accepts many formats of works, but there are some recommendations. For scientific works, it is recommended that the work contains an introduction, objectives, materials and methods and results, which may include figures, graphs, maps, tables, photos and/or others. For non-academic works, related to applications in public policies, business or schools and for the Special Category Actions to Reduce Deforestation, it is suggested that the work contains an introduction with the relevance of the work, description of the activity or process in which the MapBiomias data were used, results and impacts achieved by this work, which may include figures, maps, tables, photos and other records about the work.

**Should the work be unpublished?**

No. In addition to unpublished works, those published from 2023 in the form of scientific articles, theses, monographs, books, reports, etc., as per the notice, can compete. For published articles, or those in submission process or accepted for publication in a scientific journal, remember that the MapBiomias Prize winning works will be released in an open and free way to the public, so it is necessary for the article to be published under an Open Access model.

**Can I compete again with work submitted in the 5th Edition of the Award?**

Yes, as long as it is unpublished or published from 2023 in the format of scientific articles, theses, monographs, books, reports, etc., as per the notice.

**Can other databases be used besides MapBiomias?**

Yes. However, entries must use and/or cite data from a MapBiomias initiative.

**In the Young Category, do all authors need to be under 30 years old?**

No. Only the main author, responsible for the application, needs to be under 30 years old. In the other categories, however, there is no age limitation.

**Can an author submit more than one work?**

Yes, it is possible to submit more than one work, either individually or collectively. However, each work can only be awarded once.

**How many works will be awarded?**

Eight works will be awarded: 1st and 2nd places in the General Category; 1st and 2nd place in the Youth Category, a winner in the Highlight Applications in Public Policy Category, a winner in the Highlight Application in Business Category, a winner in the Highlight Application in Schools Category and a winner in the Actions to Reduce Deforestation Category.

**Are works accepted only in Portuguese?**

No. It is possible to submit works in Portuguese, English or Spanish. All three languages are supported.

**I want to submit my monograph/dissertation/thesis to the MapBiomass Award, does my advisor or supervisor need to sign the authorization form?**

The advisor does not need to sign the authorization form, but we suggest including him/her in the question about the mentorship in the application form ("Was this work developed with the participation of an advisor or supervisor? If positive, inform the advisor's full name."). Also, if your monograph/dissertation/thesis has chapters written in the format of a scientific article that involve the participation of co-authors, everyone must sign the term.

**Is it a prerequisite for the work to be published in an electronic medium before registration?**

It's not a prerequisite. The work can even be developed with the objective of competing for the prize.

**Does the work need to be related to public policy?**

Only in the category "Highlight Applications in Public Policies". The categories "General", "Young", "Highlights Applications in Business", "Highlight Applications in Schools" and "Actions to Reduce Deforestation" need not be related to the theme.

**Who can submit work for the category "Highlights Applications in Business"?**

Organizations with a set of activities and which are constituted without the participation of the public sector, and may be for profit or not, that use data from a MapBiomass initiative in their work.

**Are registrations open to people residing outside Brazil?**

Yes. People from other countries can apply for the award.

**Are individuals able to enroll individuals without ties with universities and/or companies?**

Yes. We do not require an institutional bond for registration.

**Can news articles compete for the Award?**

Entries are not accepted in the format of news articles, given that the works must include an introduction highlighting the relevance of the work, a description of the activity or process in which MapBiomass data were used, results, and impacts achieved by this work, which may include figures, maps, tables, photos, and other records related to the work, as per the guidelines of the 6th edition. However, if the news article includes data analysis from any initiative or module of MapBiomass, it may be submitted if accompanied by a text contextualizing it (in the suggested format of introduction with the relevance of the work, description of the activity or process in which MapBiomass data were used, results, and impacts achieved by this work).

**In the declaration (Annex II of the award notice), can the authors' signatures be digital?**

Yes, authors' signatures can be digital.

**What to account for the 10,000-word limit established in the award notice?**

The entire body of the text counts for the 10,000 word limit. What does not count: (1) attachments or supplementary materials, (2) scripts, algorithms and codes used for the analyses, (3) general information about the article such as the title or name and institution of the authors, (4) abstract, (5) references, (6) for published/submitted articles, information from scientific journals, such as the name of the author or the journal in the footnotes or headers of each page.

**How to proceed in case the full version of my work (dissertation, thesis and/or article) exceeds the limit of 10,000 words, as established in the award notice?**

We suggest adapting your work with a maximum limit of 10,000 words, but that, according to the notice, it presents an introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results, and in PDF format.

**Will the winning entries be published openly to the public on the MapBiomias website?**

Yes, the winning works will be published openly and free of charge to the public on the award page on the MapBiomias website, as was the case in previous editions.

We were unable to answer your question? Send an email to [premio@mapbiomas.org](mailto:premio@mapbiomas.org)