



BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION

The Brazilian Association for Food Protection (BRAFP) will sponsor a Young Scientist Award Competition at the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**, Aracaju, SE, Brazil, between October 25th to 28th, 2025.

BRAFP, founded in March 2002, is a non-profit, scientific and educational civil association. Its main objectives are: (i) to promote a discussion forum for professionals in the field of food safety and quality, (ii) to assist in the professional improvement of its members through the exchange of technical and scientific information and the dissemination of information related to food safety, and (iii) to cooperate with other professional groups in the improvement and promotion of food safety. BRAFP is the Brazilian affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP, <https://www.foodprotection.org/>).

Objectives of the BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION

1. To support and encourage young scientists to present results of their original research, with direct application to food safety and Quality
2. To stimulate the attendance of young scientists to the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**

General Information

1. The BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION comprises framed certificates and awards of R\$ 2.500,00, R\$ 1.500,00, and R\$ 1.000,00 for the first, second and third best selected abstracts, respectively, submitted to **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** and presented during the conference.
2. The BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION is open to young scientists (undergraduate and graduate students, and doctors that defended their thesis until 2020 and holding post-doctorates fellowships) that will attend the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**
3. The abstracts must be submitted in English and be original (not being previously published in any scientific journal of event). The candidate for the award must be the first author of the abstract and responsible for the presentation during the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**
4. The scientific committee of the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** and one representative from BRAFP will be part of a **BRAFP Judging Panel** to select the submitted abstracts that follow the eligibility criteria (items 2 and 3); among the selected abstracts, five will be indicated for the BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

COMPETITION based on the following aspects: clarity, proper study design and coherence, conclusions supported by the presented results and contribution for food safety and quality, highlighting the microbiological aspects;

5. Only the five abstracts selected by the BRAFP Judging Panel will be eligible for the BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION: the acceptance of the abstract for presentation during the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** does not assure the eligibility for the award.
6. The first authors of the five selected abstracts will be informed through e-mail, until September 30th, and will present their abstracts during the conventional poster presentation during the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**. **ALSO**, the selected five abstracts will be presented in a round table session in October 27th, 2025, as part of the program of the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**. During both presentations, the BRAFP Judging Panel will evaluate the posters and presentations based on the following criteria: general quality of poster and presentation, coherence with the presentation and results, capability and quality of the responses during the presentations.
7. After presentations, the BRAFP Judging Panel will discuss the analysis and will indicate a ranking of the best abstracts, based on criteria established in items 4 and 6;
8. The BRAFP YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD winners will be announced by a BRAFP representative in the closing session of the **33rd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology / 1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** (October 28^h, 2025).
9. The winners will be contacted by the chairperson of the BRAFP Judging Panel for practical arrangements regarding sending of certificates and cash prizes.