

DESCRIPTION OF Hungarian Government Scholarship PROGRAMME AND E-MAIL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The following Master of Science degree courses are being offered in English for the 2019-20 Academic Year:

1. **MSc in Plant Protection** (University of Pannonia)
2. **MSc in Rural Development and Agribusiness** (Szent István University)
3. **MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology** (Szent István University)

Universities

The following universities and faculties are participating:

- University of Pannonia, Georgikon Faculty
- Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
- Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Conditions

Courses will be offered provided the minimum number of students is reached.

The scholarship will cover:

- application and tuition fees throughout the study period with basic books and notes;
- dormitory accommodation;
- subsistence costs;
- health insurance.

All of the above mentioned costs are financed by the Hungarian Government, according to the Agreement between FAO and Hungary in 2007.

The scholarship covers student costs only; **family members are not supported** within the frame of this programme.

List of Eligible countries

Residents (who must be nationals) of the following countries are eligible to apply for the Scholarship Programme:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Madagascar, Mali, Myanmar, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Nigeria, North-Korea, Palestine, the Philippines, Serbia, Somalia, South-Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen.

*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

Application and selection process

The selection process as described below applies to scholarships beginning in September 2019.

Student selection will take place in two phases:

Phase 1: FAO will pre-screen candidates and submit applications to the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary that will send them to the corresponding University as chosen by the applicants. Students must submit only COMPLETE dossiers. **Incomplete dossiers will not be considered.** Files without names will not be processed.

Phase 2: Selected candidates may be asked to take a written or oral English examination as part of the admission procedure. The participating Universities will run a further selection process and inform each of the successful candidates. Student selection will be made by the Universities only, without any involvement on the part of FAO. Selected students will also be notified by the Ministry.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Citizenship and residency of one of the eligible countries
- Excellent school achievements
- English language proficiency (for courses taught in English)
- Motivation
- Good health
- Age (candidates under 30 are preferred)

Application procedure

Interested applicants should prepare a dossier to be sent by E-MAIL consisting of:

- Application form duly completed
- A recent curriculum vitae
- A copy of high school/college diploma and transcript/report of study or copy of the diploma attachment
- A copy of certificate of proficiency in English
- Copies of relevant pages of passport showing expiration date and passport number
- A letter of recommendation
- Statement of motivation
- Health Certificate issued by Medical Doctor
- Certificate of Good Conduct issued by local police authority.

All submitted documents must be in ENGLISH. Documents submitted in any other language will not be accepted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that documents are duly translated and certified by a competent office; and that each document is saved with a name that identifies what it is.

Deadlines

Applications by interested candidates should be E-MAILED to FAO between

07 January 2019 and 28 February 2019

Paper copies of dossiers received by post or courier or any other way, will not be taken into consideration.

Important notes

As the number of scholarships is limited, interested applicants are strongly encouraged to E-MAIL their applications as soon as possible.

Applicants who were not selected in previous years may re-apply to the 2019-2020 Programme. These applicants will have to submit the complete dossier once again by E-MAIL ONLY.

Please note that the **duration of the scholarship cannot be extended or postponed.**

A Scholarship Study Contract will be signed between the selected student and the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (MoAH), which is the donor of the program, at the time of first semester registration.

Applicants wishing to explore external funding opportunities to cover the travel costs may do so at their own initiative. However, in view of the length of the process, applicants wishing to apply for 2019 scholarships are strongly encouraged to E-MAIL their application while they endeavour to identify funds or pending confirmation that such funds will be granted.

All queries concerning the programme or the application process should be E-MAILED to FAO at:

REU-Scholarship@fao.org

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

Nature and level of courses:	MSc courses in the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant protection • Rural development and agribusiness • Agricultural biotechnology
Universities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Pannonia, Georgikon Faculty • Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences • Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Who can participate:	Students holding a BSc/MSc or equivalent. Specific requirements may be applied by single Universities, see detailed description Nationals from eligible countries (see page 1)
Form of support:	Scholarship
Duration of scholarship:	22 months
Language:	English
Age limit:	Candidates under age 30 preferred
Other conditions:	Students from non-English speaking countries applying to English courses should have an appropriate level of knowledge in oral and written English
Deadline for applying to FAO by E-MAIL: REU-Scholarship@fao.org	28 February 2019

MSc in Plant Protection
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
at the University of Pannonia, Georgikon Faculty
Keszthely, Hungary

<http://www.georgikon.hu/english/education/academic-programmes/29-msc-in-plant-protection>

(Application code: "E1")

Course name: Master course on Plant protection

Degree: Master in Plant Protection

Education goals:

The aim of the programme is to train specialists of plant protection who are able to fulfil directional, managing, organizing, consulting, regulating and marketing tasks, based on their wide theoretical knowledge.

Such experts are able to detect the organisms, which are threatening plants (pathogens, pests, weeds) and they are acquainted with their biology and reproduction, and also with the effects and mechanism of pesticides concerning even the environment and humane hygiene. They can prevent the harms and damages caused by the above-mentioned organisms and they are applying the procedures of ecological and integrated plant protection in order to reduce the pesticide-load of the environment. In their work they are always attentive to the safety of food, processors, consumers and the environment. Having a degree in higher education they are permitted to use restricted chemicals.

The further aim is to prepare the interested and inspired students for research work and PhD training in the field of plant protection.

Length of the study programme: 4 semesters (22 months)

Total credit: 120 credits

Admission criteria, application requirements:

Applicants intending to join a master programme should hold undergraduate degree (B.Sc. or equivalent) in relevant field of science or related area. Degree qualifications are assessed individually in accordance with the diploma (Degree Certificate) and its attachments, or with the Report of Study (Index).

Acceptable courses: natural sciences, technical and social sciences, horticultural production, plant protection, crop production, animal husbandry and economics, according to the comparison determined in the law of higher education and the related ministerial decrees.

Language requirements: Excellent command of English (certificate of language proficiency – TOEFL IBT or IELTS of equivalent)

Procedure for transfer of credits: requests for transfer of credits will be considered individually based on the BSc degree and course transcript.

MSc in Rural Development and Agribusiness

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

At the Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

Gödöllő, Hungary

<http://gtk.sziu.hu>

(Application code: "E2")

Course name: Master in Rural Development and Agribusiness

Degree: Master in Rural Development and Agribusiness

Education goals: Training - based on agricultural, economics, management and rural sociology studies – focuses primarily on the understanding of the current problems of sustainable development and rural regions, collaboration in the area of development, project formulation, as well as the management and monitoring of project implementation. The wide range of management and regional/rural development skills enables the graduates to pursue various careers and adapt their knowledge to different conditions.

Career opportunities are offered in private or corporate enterprises, cooperatives, banks and other financial institutions, insurance companies, local governments, offices of public administration, rural development agencies as well as in extension services.

Length of the study programme: 4 semesters (22 months)

Total credit: 120

Admission criteria: Bachelor's degree. On the basis of former studies the student shall have at least 84 credits in natural sciences, agricultural sciences, economics, social sciences, rural development or public administration.

Language requirements:

Good command of English. Evidence of English proficiency (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, etc.) shall be enclosed to the application.

Procedure for transfer of credits: requests for transfer of credits will be considered individually based on the BSc degree and course transcript.

MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

At the Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Gödöllő, Hungary

<http://mkk.sziu.hu/application/msc-agricultural-biotechnology>

(Application code: "E3")

Course name: Master in Agricultural Biotechnology

Degree: Master in Agricultural Biotechnology

Education goals:

The aim of the program is to train agricultural biotechnologists, who are competent in the field of biochemistry, microbiology, physiology, traditional and molecular genetics, transgenic breeding, reproduction biology and dissemination biology and familiar with the practical laboratory skills. The MSc program will equip them with theoretical knowledge, communication and management skills which, in turn, allow them to become efficient researchers, design engineers and leaders as well as to start their PhD course. The MSc course will allow them to gain theoretical and practical knowledge in the different areas of biotechnology, genomics and gene technology, to be familiar with molecular biology, reproduction biology, gene technology and molecular breeding related to crop production and animal husbandry.

Each semester includes 5 months course work (lectures, small group seminars, laboratory sessions, field visits, group projects and exams) followed by practical training.

Specialization: Plant Biotechnology, Animal Biotechnology

Length of the study programme: 4 semesters. (22 months)

Total credit: 120

Admission criteria

<http://mkk.sziu.hu/application/full-time-programs>

Language requirements:

B2 level English language examination (TOEFL/IELTS/ Other)

Procedure for transfer of credits

By submitting a credit transfer application form to the Vice Dean of Educational and Student Affairs

Requirements: 1) credit accomplished not later than 5 years ago 2) the content of the completed subject is at least 75% equivalent to the subject to accept 3) credit values are the same 4) subject to accept was completed in English