

**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 2017-2018 Academic Year:

- 1. Rural development and agribusiness**
- 2. Horticulture**
- 3. Agricultural water management**

Universities

The following universities are participating:

- Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
- Szent István University, Faculty of Horticultural Science
- 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 care.

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, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, 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.

Application and selection process

The selection process as described below applies to scholarships beginning in September 2017.

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 COMPLETED 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

04 January 2017 and 28 February 2017

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 2017-2018 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 2017 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"> • Rural Development and Agribusiness • Horticultural engineering • Water management engineering
Universities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences • Szent István University, Faculty of Horticultural Science • 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 2017

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: “ E1”)

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, 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 Horticulture
English Language
At the Szent István University, Faculty of Horticultural Science
Budapest, Hungary
<http://hort.sziu.hu>

(Application code: “ E2 ”)

Course name: Horticultural Engineering

Degree: Horticultural Engineer

Education goals:

Horticulture is the most dynamic and colourful sector of agriculture. The tasks of horticultural engineers have been broadening and consist of not only cultivation and primarily processing of plants but include also management, consulting, organising activity, quality assurance, marketing and services. After graduation, the students will be able organising and leading the production and marketing of horticultural enterprises of different size and character, carry out the tasks of managers, counsellors, engineers, take part in research and education.

To fulfil these requirements, the master program offers knowledge in horticultural and natural sciences, interdisciplinary aspects, an up-to-date basic knowledge and practical skills. Beside the special horticultural modules the study program includes (ornamentals, fruits, medicinal plants, vegetables, grape and wine) genetic, physiological, ecological, biometrical and related subjects.

During the study, the students have theoretical lectures, laboratory and farm practices, field visits and should prepare a thesis. The study courses are completed by a 4 weeks farm practice period.

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

Total credit: 120

Admission criteria

- academic BSc/MSc or equivalent degree in agricultural/life or related sciences;
- English language (reading, writing, speaking, listening) knowledge.

Candidates are expected to have basic science knowledge (demonstrated in the transcript) in life sciences, natural resources, agriculture, and economics. An additional maximum of 24 credits from missing disciplines may be required during the study.

Language requirements:

Candidates from countries where English is not the language of instruction need to have an internationally accepted English exam: TOEFL iBT min. 65, PBT 500, CBT 200 or IELTS at least a score of 5,5 or Cambridge CAE Certificate). These can be replaced by documentation of at least 2 years closed higher education study in an English program.

Procedure for transfer of credits

Documents forming the basis for transfer of credits

- A certified, official copy of registration course book (or printout from the electronic record list), complete with the seal and official signature of the institution. Copy to show course names, codes, and the student's marks and number of credits received;
- For students currently in a training program, the curriculum of the training program.

MSc in Agricultural Water Management Engineering
English Language
At the Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Gödöllő, Hungary
<http://www.mkk.szie.hu/en>

(Application code: “E3”)

Course name: Master in Agricultural Water Management Engineering

Degree: Master in Agricultural Water Management Engineering

Education goals:

The program aims to train professionals in agricultural water management, with a special focus on sustainable integrated water resources management. The program curricula focuses mostly on water management and engineering related subjects, with additional courses in agricultural and natural sciences, economics and legal studies. Besides providing a strong theoretical base, we offer our students a strong practical background as well, supported by the test areas and laboratories of the university. Building on the international experience of our staff, this new course provides students with the knowledge they need to successfully answer agricultural water management challenges in the broad variety of environments of the world.

The program mostly takes place in the main campus of the University located in Gödöllő, with the exception of semester 3, which is delivered at the Szarvas Campus of the University.

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

Total credit: 120

Admission criteria

<http://www.mkk.szie.hu/en/application/admissions-page>

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.