

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME AND E-MAIL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development Fellowship Programme

Application deadline 28 February 2012

The Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), on behalf of the Government of Hungary, has established a Fellowships programme for Master of Science (MSc) degrees for students originating from the eligible countries listed later

(<http://www.fao.org/capacitydevelopment/scholarships/en/>).

The following Master of Science degree courses are offered in English for the 2012-2013 Academic Year:

1. Plant protection
2. Agriculture
3. **Wildlife Conservation and Management**
4. Agricultural biotechnology
5. Rural development and agribusiness
6. Animal science

Universities

The following universities are participating:

- University of Pannonia Georgikon Faculty
- **Szent István University Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**
- Szent István University Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences,
- Debrecen University, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management

Conditions

A minimum number of enrolments is required for courses to be offered.

The scholarship will cover:

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

Scholarship students are entitled to the same health care coverage offered to Hungarian students during the course of the scholarship. The scholarship cover student costs only; relatives of the candidate are not supported within the frame of this programme.

List of Beneficiary (Eligible) countries

Nationals of the following countries are eligible to apply to the Scholarship Programme:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Palestine, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

Application and selection process

The selection process as described below applies to scholarships beginning in September 2012.

Student selection will take place in two phases:

Phase 1: FAO will pre-screen candidates and submit recommendations to the Ministry of Rural Development in 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. It is important to note that a favourable pre-screening in the first step does not guarantee selection.

Phase 2: 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. Selected candidates may be asked to take a written or oral English examination as part of the admission procedure.

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

- Citizenship of one of the eligible countries
- Excellent school achievements
- Good health
- Motivation
- English language proficiency (for courses taught in English)
- 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
- Copies of relevant pages of passport
- A letter of recommendation
- Statement of motivation
- A certificate of good health
- A statement of clean criminal records

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.

Deadlines

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

28 February 2012

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 are 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 2012-2013 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.

A Scholarship Study Contract will be signed between the selected student and the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) at the time of first semester registration.

Students are asked to fill out an end of course evaluation upon completion of their studies and complete questionnaires on a periodic basis in order to evaluate the impact of their education. 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 2012 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:

capacity-development@fao.org

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

Nature and level of courses:	MSc courses in the following subjects: Plant protection Agriculture Wildlife Conservation and Management Agricultural biotechnology Rural development and agribusiness Animal science
Universities:	University of Pannonia, Georgikon Faculty Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences Debrecen University, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management
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:	No formal age limits, candidates under age 30 preferred
Other conditions:	Students applying to English courses should have an appropriate level of knowledge in oral and written English (certificate)
Deadline for applying to FAO by E-MAIL: capacity-development@fao.org	28 February 2012

MSC IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

<http://www.mkk.szie.hu/en>

(Application code: "E3")

Course Name: Wildlife Conservation and Management

Degree: MSc in Wildlife Conservation and Management

Education goals: The evolution of wildlife conservation and management over the past half century is a fascinating story. Changes of human societies, new agricultural technologies, industrial developments have resulted in habitat losses, overuse, and the global crisis of biodiversity. Today thousands of wildlife biologist and managers are employed around the world. Although the roots of wildlife profession remain strongly moored in game management, the wildlife profession expanded to nongame species, threatened or endangered species, and pests or invasive species. Depending on the situation wildlife management means conservation of declining populations, sustainable harvesting of healthy populations, or control of overabundant populations. The purpose of this programme is to educate a new generation of wildlife professionals with sound knowledge of ecological principles and applications, ability to use traditional methods and innovative new technologies, and understand human dimensions of wildlife management. The programme integrates theoretical principles, practical developments, and quantitative methods to educate professionals able to cope with challenges of the 21st century. In the MSc Programme emphasis is balanced on lectures, laboratory/field works, and field training in specific subjects. In order to get degree students should prepare a thesis based on their own research.

Duration of programme: 4 semesters (22 months)

Total credits: 120

Admission criteria: Undergraduate degree (B.Sc. or equivalent) in relevant field of science or related area (Degree qualifications are assessed individually in accordance with the diploma and its attachments or with the Report of Study (Index)).

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

Procedure for transfer of credits: When the field of degree is not related to the chosen M.Sc. Programme, credits of the relevant courses in the Report of Study (Index) will be acknowledged by the admission office