

**MSc in**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**At the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Szent István Campus**  
**Gödöllő, Hungary**  
<https://uni-mate.hu/en/prospective-students/bsc-and-msc-programmes-english>

(Application code: "MATE\_AGRIFOOD\_AQ\_EN\_SZIC")

**Course name:** MSc in Aquaculture

**Degree:** Master in Aquaculture

**Education goals:** The aim of this 3-semester Master's degree is to train professionals who will be able to supervise, control and design operations in the field, using their acquired skills in aquaculture, hydrobiology and water quality management. The training will focus on the fundamental and applied aspects of freshwater fish farming, controlled reproduction of fish, fish genetics and genomics, fish nutrition and fish welfare.

The programme aims to provide an insight into intensive aquaculture systems such as flow-through and recirculation aquaculture as well as the more extensive pond fish farming. This unique blend of the two major freshwater aquaculture systems is made possible by the advantageous position of Hungary, where both systems are present and operating profitably. Integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA) is gaining momentum in world and European aquaculture, while it has been practiced in Central-Eastern Europe for at least 7 decades in the form of cyprinid polyculture.

**Length of the study programme:** 3 semesters (17 months)

**Total credit:** 90

**Admission criteria:** Applicants intending to join the master programme should hold undergraduate degree (B.Sc. or equivalent) in relevant field of science or related area. Other degrees including components of natural or economic sciences may also be acceptable, degree qualifications are assessed individually in accordance with the diploma (Degree Certificate) and its attachments, or with the Report of Study (Transcript).

**Language requirements:** B2 level English language examination (TOEFL/IELTS/ Other)

**Procedure for transfer of credits**

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

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

## **FAO scholarship 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**.

### **Application and selection process**

The selection process as described below applies to scholarships beginning in September 2025.

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 University. 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 University will run a further selection process and inform each of the successful candidates. Student selection will be made by the University 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)

## **Deadlines**

Applications by applicants should be E-MAILED to FAO ([REU-Scholarship@fao.org](mailto:REU-Scholarship@fao.org)) between

**20 January 2025 and 28 February 2025**

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

## **Important notes**

Applicants who were not selected in previous years may re-apply to the 2025-2026 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.**

Please be informed that the course will only start if sufficient number of successful applications will be received.

A Scholarship Study Contract will be signed between the selected students 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 2025 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:

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