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University of Rijeka



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
for the graduate/masters program  
“BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES”  
for academic year 2022/2023**

### **Study program**

“Biotechnology for the Life Sciences” is a graduate/masters research program, being run by the University of Rijeka, Department of Biotechnology. The program runs for two years (four semesters) and begins at the start of October each year.

The requirements for the course are completion<sup>1</sup> of an appropriate undergraduate degree course (minimum three years full time or equivalent), in which 60% of the content is in biology, chemistry and/or relevant subdisciplines (including, but not limited to, molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology, microbiology or pharmacology). Students must have a strong command of the English language, which will be assessed at the interview.

Tuition fees for the course are 52,000 HRK per year (approximately 6900 EUR or 8000 USD per year)<sup>2,3</sup>.

### **Applications**

Students interested should complete the “Application form for Biotechnology for the Life Sciences” and sent it to [life.sci@biotech.uniri.hr](mailto:life.sci@biotech.uniri.hr), along with copies of all the documents requested by this form. Applications must be submitted before midnight on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.

Applicants from any country and of any citizenship may apply.

Applications will initially be assessed based on the applicant’s previous degree and grades, personal letter of motivation and letters of recommendation (see application form for details). The 12 students whose applications are rated most highly will then be invited to interview (to be conducted by video conferencing software) which will focus on student motivation and English language skills. All applicants will be informed of the results of their applications, at the latest by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Results will also be published on the webpages of Biotechnology for the Life Sciences ([biotech4lifesci.uniri.hr](http://biotech4lifesci.uniri.hr), in English) and the Department of Biotechnology ([www.biotech.uniri.hr](http://www.biotech.uniri.hr), in Croatian)

In total 6 students will be accepted to the course to begin in academic year 2022/2023.



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If places remain, then a second call will be issued, under the same conditions, with a deadline of **16<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. Please note, however, that this second call will not be suitable for individuals who require visas to enter the European Union/Republic of Croatia.

### **Degree recognition and enrolment**

Students who are accepted to the course will need to have their undergraduate degrees officially recognised before enrolling<sup>4</sup>, which carries a cost of 400 HRK (approx. 50 EUR / 60 USD), as detailed on the application form.

Enrolment for successful applicants is on 31<sup>st</sup> September 2022, from 10:00 to 14:00, at the University of Rijeka, Department of Biotechnology, Radmile Matejčić 2, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia. Please note that there is a standard enrolment fee per year. For students enrolling for their first year in 2022/2023, this is 380 HRK (approx. 52 EUR / 60 USD)<sup>5</sup>.

Further information can be found at [biotech4lifesci.uniri.hr](http://biotech4lifesci.uniri.hr), or by contacting [life.sci@biotech.uniri.hr](mailto:life.sci@biotech.uniri.hr)

**Students from countries outside of the European Union should contact their local Croatian Embassy as soon as possible, to confirm whether or not they will need a visa to travel to and study in the Republic of Croatia.**

**While every effort will be made for the course to begin in person in October 2022, this may be affected by national and international restrictions caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic.**

<sup>1</sup> Students currently in their final year of undergraduate study can apply, however, enrolment to the program will only be possible if they subsequently send proof of completion of their course and official grades (transcript), no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. This is due to the need for formal recognition of degrees acquired abroad. For students doing undergraduate study in a Croatian institution, this recognition is not required, and so the deadline is extended to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

<sup>2</sup> To be paid, in HRK, before 1<sup>st</sup> October each year, based on the middle exchange rate of the Croatian National Bank on the day of payment (<https://www.hnb.hr/en/home>). Payment of the first year's fees will be required in order to enrol.

<sup>3</sup> This fee applies both to students enrolling for their 1<sup>st</sup> year of study in September in 2022 and for those enrolling for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study in September 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Students whose undergraduate studies were awarded by Croatian institutions are exempt from this.

<sup>5</sup> For students enrolling for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study in 2022/2023, the fee is 300 HRK.