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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
for the graduate/masters program  
“BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES”  
for academic year 2024/2025**

### **Study program**

“Biotechnology for the Life Sciences” is a graduate/masters research program, being run by the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development. 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 4500 EUR 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 2024**.

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 20 eligible 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 2024. Results will also be published on the webpage of the Faculty ([www.biotech.uniri.hr](http://www.biotech.uniri.hr)).

In total 10 students will be accepted to the course to begin in academic year 2024/2025, assuming sufficient applications from qualified applicants.



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If places remain, then a second call may be issued, under the same conditions, with a deadline of **16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. Please note, however, that this second call will not be suitable for individuals who require visas to enter the European Union/Republic of Croatia, due to the time required to get a visa.

### **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>, at a cost of 60 EUR<sup>5</sup> depending on the University at which the degree was acquired<sup>6</sup>.

Enrolment for successful applicants is on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development, Radmile Matejčić 2, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia. Please note that there is a standard enrolment fee per year, which is currently 50.43 EUR<sup>7</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.**

<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 2024. 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 2024.

<sup>2</sup> This is equivalent to 33,905.25 Croatian kuna (HRK). The euro (EUR) was introduced as the official currency in the Republic of Croatia on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, however many prices are still listed in both currencies. There is an established fixed exchange rate of HRK 7.53450 for 1 EUR. All payments relating to students starting in 2024 will therefore be made in EUR.

<sup>3</sup> Payment of the first year's fees will be required in order to enrol.

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

<sup>5</sup> Equivalent to 452.94 HRK. See note 2 above.

<sup>6</sup> Under an incoming law, degrees from some Universities will be automatically recognised and therefore carry no fee. At the time of writing, we are waiting for confirmation of who this will apply to.

<sup>7</sup> Price for 2023/2024 (380 HRK, see note 2). Prices for 2024/2025 have not yet been set, but are expected to be similar.