

**RANKING**

of applicants for the program “Biotechnology for the Life Sciences”  
2024/2025 intake (first call)

**Twenty-one (21)** students responded to the first call for applicants for the course “Biotechnology for the Life Sciences”, for enrolment in October 2024. Of these, three were deemed to be ineligible. The remaining **eighteen (18)** students appeared to fulfil the call requirements and so were invited to interview. Interviews were conducted online from **19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, with all interviews being conducted by three of the following members of staff, with questions focussed on student motivations, experience and ambitions.

- 1) Prof. dr. sc. Igor Jurak
- 2) Izv. prof. dr. sc. Ivana Ratkaj
- 3) Izv. prof. dr. sc. Nicholas J. Bradshaw
- 4) Doc. dr. sc. Željka Maglica
- 5) Doc. dr. sc. Katarina Kapuralin
- 6) Doc. dr. sc. Toni Todorovski

Students were graded on the following criteria, and all students ranked based on their combined score:

**Grade average from undergraduate degree** – Up to 200 points

**Motivation letter from applicant** – Up to 200 points

**First letter of recommendation (academic)** – Up to 100 points

**Second letter of recommendation (academic or professional)** – Up to 100 points

**Motivation, based on interview** – Up to 400 points

Additionally, applicants must submit complete applications and meet the following criteria, without which they are deemed ineligible. All candidates interviewed fulfilled these criteria.

**Completed undergraduate degree**

Must be a minimum of 180 ECTS or international equivalent

Degrees can be in any of the following subjects or specialised fields highly related to these (in the case of mixed programs, at least 126 ECTS or equivalent must come from these subjects): Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedicine, Biotechnology, Cell Biology, Chemistry, Medicine, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacy, Pharmacology

**Sufficient ability in spoken English**

This is determined during the interviews, by majority vote of the staff conducting the interview.

Rank	Surname(s)	Given name(s)	Final score (max. 1000)
1	Nji Achu	Beldwine	930.7
2	Alam	Md. Shakrul	874.8
3	Saleem	Maha	853.0
4	Singh	Manasvi	848.2
5	Xie Miskulin	Ivana	842.7
6	Plenča	Tia	833.6
7	Addo	Francis Partron	790.4
8	Ainapurapu	Sri Venkata Gopal	745.8
9	Ogbachalu	Cynthia Chinenye	737.6
10	Kollie	Joe M	736.7
11	Golovrški	Maja	725.1
12	Jatta	Francis	709.0
13	Onyemaechi	Blaise	698.4
14	Alimi	Peter	674.4
15	Letchuman	Sarvananda	664.3
16	Ogie	Harry	634.6
17	Chukwu	Paul	616.2
18	Okojie	Best Osagie	488.3
-	Ademola	Aladesuru	Ineligible
-	Ali	Zafar	Ineligible
-	Rahman	Sumon	Ineligible

The ten (10) eligible applicants with the highest scores will be offered places on the course “Biotechnology for the Life Sciences”, to begin academic year 2024/2025. Offers are conditional on:

- the correct tuition fees being paid
- copies of undergraduate certificates being supplied (*for students who have not yet graduated at the time of application*)
- undergraduate degrees being officially recognised (*for candidates who did their undergraduate study outside of the Republic of Croatia*)
- acquiring of a visa (*for applicants who require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia*)

In the event that any of the top 10 candidates decline a place, or withdraw their acceptance by the end of May 2024, then their places will instead be offered to the next highest graded eligible applicants. Should further spaces become vacant during June or July 2024, then a new call for applicants may be launched, however only students that do not need a visa to travel to the Republic of Croatia will be eligible for this second call.