



UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN

CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Doctoral Committee of Agricultural Sciences
University of Debrecen launches the call for applications for doctoral (PhD) degree programs
on full-time, correspondent and individual bases for the academic year of 2026/2027.

Applications can be submitted to the following doctoral schools:

Doctoral School	Scientific field	Number of available PhD position
Doctoral School of Animal Husbandry head of doctoral school: <i>Dr. István Komlósi DSc</i>	animal husbandry sciences	0-15
Kerpely Kálmán Doctoral School head of doctoral school: <i>Dr. Imre Holb DSc</i>	crop production and horticultural sciences	0-15
Doctoral School of Food Sciences head of doctoral school: <i>Dr. Béla Róbert Kovács DSc</i>	food sciences	0-15

Required documents for the application:

- Filled-in application form;
- The following attachment forms:
 1. short, one-page-long description of and rational for the applicant's research topic
 2. recommendation letter from the proposed topic supervisor
 3. professional CV
 4. publication list that documents scientific activities (if the applicant has scientific literature that can be documented, scientific paper from student conferences etc.)
 5. copy of the university degree certificate authenticated by a notary public (notarization is not required if the degree certificate was issued by the University of Debrecen or one of its legal predecessors)
the copy of their transcript authenticated by the Office of Studies is required from final year students
 6. notarized copies of the applicant's language exam certificates
 7. certificate of no criminal records (except for the final year students and employees of the University of Debrecen)
 8. in case of application for a fee-paying program the student maintaining his or her job following documents have to be attached in English or Hungarian:
 - letter of consent from the employer in which it allows the applicant to undertake studies
 - a statement that the employer can provide the conditions of research
 - a statement in which the employer agrees to pay the applicant's tuition fee set in the regulation if applicable.
 - if the employer does not pay the fee of the PhD degree program, a declaration of covering the program costs is required from the applicant or another liable person who pays them
 9. the certification proving that the application process fee has been paid.

Tuition fee: 3000 USD/semester

Allowances for student with PhD scholarship:

- 1-4 semesters: 140 000 HUF/month
- 5-8 semesters (in case of a successful comprehensive exam): 180 000 HUF/month

Evaluation of the entrance examination:

The committee of the entrance exam examines the applicants for their plans about their doctoral research, professional competence, scientific activities and language skills.

The committee scores in the following categories:

1. Professional competence, max. 40 points
2. Scientific work, max. 30 points
3. University degree max. 30 points

Those who have the knowledge of the English language necessary for the cultivation of the field of science can be admitted to English-language training.

The minimum but not necessarily enough points required for admission: 60 points.

The admission committee evaluates the performance of the applicants and ranks them based on their scores and makes a suggestion about their admission or rejection.

Information regarding the application and registration fees:

Application fee: 150 USD, registration fee: 350 USD

It can be paid bank transfer (University of Debrecen, 11738008-21489815-00000000, name of doctoral school in the comment field)

An application form can be downloaded from the website of the doctoral school.

Submission deadline: 15 May 2026

PhD proposals have to be submitted with all the attachment forms in the PhD Office.
(1 Egyetem Square, Debrecen, 4032, Office 15).

For further information please consult the Doctoral Regulation of Agricultural Sciences which is available on the following pages:

Doctoral School of Animal Husbandry
<https://allattenyesztesidi.unideb.hu>

Kerpely Kálmán Doctoral School
<https://kerpelykalmandi.unideb.hu>

Doctoral School of Food Sciences
<https://elelmiszertudomanyidi.unideb.hu/>

Information about the announced research topics of the Doctoral Schools and the possible topic supervisors can be found at their offices and their webpage.

Debrecen, 15 April, 2026



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