

Molecular Plant Science (Master of Science)

Application information

Application period: 15 February - 31 March (winter semester)

Semester start: 1 October (winter semester)

Language(s) of instruction: English

Admission requirements

(List of all admission requirements as per the current admission bylaws)

University degree

1. A bachelor's degree either in biology or molecular life science from the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences at Universität Hamburg.

2. Any other bachelor's degree, provided that at least 74 ECTS credits of foundational coursework in the natural sciences have been proven to have been completed in the following disciplines:

Mathematics (incl. physics and bioinformatics, if available) 6 ECTS

Chemistry (general; inorganic, organic, physical, and biochemistry) 8 ECTS

Biology 60 ECTS

Within these foundation courses, 30 ECTS credits must attest to knowledge of laboratory practice and skills in chemistry and biology acquired in laboratory internships. Any credits lacking in mathematics and chemistry can be compensated by corresponding credits achieved in molecular biology. These credits shall be accumulated in addition to the 60 ECTS credits in biology. Furthermore, the bachelor thesis must be an experimental project. This information must be evident from the documentation submitted. Where necessary, applicants may submit a separate letter detailing this information

If you have not received your degree certificate yet, you can submit this by the end of the first semester of your master's program. Please see the "Documents to submit" section below for details.

Additional special admission requirements

Applicants must have adequate English language skills. Adequate language proficiency may be demonstrated as follows:

- a) CEFR/TELC B2 (English instruction at a state school in Germany for seven years is equivalent)
- b) IELTS 5.0
- c) TOEFL (IBT 80, PBT 500, CBT 170)
- d) Cambridge FCE, CAE, or CPE
- e) Degree from an English language bachelor degree program

For details of the legal basis for this regulation, please see the admission bylaws for your chosen degree program: www.uni-hamburg.de/zugang-master

Recognition of transcripts for degree programs completed at foreign higher education institutions

If you obtained your first degree abroad, your certificate will be reviewed during the application procedure in the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences.

If your degree certificate is not in english or german, please include a certified english or german translation of this together with your application documents.

Application

Online application

You will need to complete the online application available on Universität Hamburg's application portal during the application period: www.uni-hamburg.de/online-bewerbung
Please create a user account, enter your information online, and submit your application electronically.

You will then need to print out your online application and submit it together with the following documents to the application address indicated below.

Documents to submit

Please submit uncertified copies of all documents. For documents not issued in english or german, a certified english or german translation is required.

- **Signed printout of your online application**

- **Degree certificate or provisional Transcript of Records**
If you are still studying when you apply and cannot yet provide a final certificate containing your grades, please submit your current Transcript of Records confirming your provisional grade point average. You will then need to submit your degree certificate by the end of the first semester of your master's program.
- **Optional:** Please list all further program-specific documents (e.g., module descriptions, TM-BASE cognitive test, etc.).
- **Optional:** higher education entrance eligibility (e.g., *Abitur*, preliminary review documentation (VPD) from uni-assist, master craftsperson qualification, etc.) as required
- **Optional:** If proof of foreign language proficiency is required, please indicate that a paper copy of this proof must be provided.

Application address

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Please note that your application can only be considered if your complete application documents reach the **application address** by the application deadline. The date on which your application is received and not the postmark is decisive! This deadline is final; no extensions can be granted.

Please bind all supporting documents required for your application or ensure that loose pages are otherwise bound. The printout of your online application should be the top page. Do not use paper clips, folders, or transparent sleeves.

If you want to submit an **additional special application** (e.g., hardship application), you will need to send this directly to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) together with the required proof separately from the application documents indicated above by the application deadline. For more information on special applications, please see www.uni-hamburg.de/sonderantrag and www.uni-hamburg.de/info-master.

Selection criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, a selection procedure will be necessary:

then student selection shall be made as follows:

- a) Results of the first higher education degree
- b) Participation in a university exchange program (e.g., Erasmus, DAAD)
- c) Internships (at least 4 weeks) with a clear connection to the content of the master's degree program in molecular plant science
- d) At least 2 months' experience in a foreign country

Each of the activities completed in b) through d) will improve the grade of the first degree by 0.1. Ranking shall be calculated based on the final grade resulting from the addition of the aforementioned points.

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Admission and enrollment

Once your application has been reviewed, an acceptance or rejection letter will be made available in your STiNE account under the *Dokumente* (Documents) tab. Please see the information on applying online for a master's program for details of when this will become available: www.uni-hamburg.de/international-master. An enrollment deadline will be indicated in your acceptance letter—please submit the documents required for enrollment to the Application and Admissions Team (Team Bewerbung und Zulassung) by this date. Please submit certified copies of all documents—see www.uni-hamburg.de/beglaubigung for details.

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