



 **NEW**
MASTER PROGRAM
ETHOLOGY AND
HUMAN ANIMAL INTERACTION

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The organizers

The Faculty of Animal Science and Biotechnologies within the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Cluj-Napoca, an institution of higher education, an autonomous legal entity, with responsibilities in the field of Higher Education (missions: education, research and social engagement) proposes the foundation and implementation of a master's degree program with teaching in English language, i.e. "**Ethology and human-animal interaction**" (EHAI), which is to be organized in the form of full-time education, starting with the academic year 2021-2022.



Places: 8 state funded places/ 8 tuition fee places

Fees and funding

For Romanian citizens:

An enrollment processing fee of 100 lei will be paid when submitting your application.

The enrollment fee is **30 lei**, to be paid when signing the study contract;

The tuition fee is 4500 lei per year. A minimum of 10% will be paid when signing the study contract. The annual tuition fee can be paid in a maximum of 4 installments.

For UE citizens:

An enrollment processing fee of 150 euro will be paid when submitting your application (please consult the university website, [international students section](#), to check the payment modalities);

The enrollment fee is **30 lei**, to be paid when signing the study contract;

The tuition fee is 4500 lei per year. A minimum of 10% will be paid when signing the study contract. The annual tuition fee can be paid in a maximum of 4 installments. For UE students the tuition fee is 4500 lei per year. A minimum of 10% will be paid when signing the study contract. The annual tuition fee can be paid in a maximum of 4 installments.

For NON-UE citizens:

An enrollment processing fee of 150 euro will be paid when submitting your application (please consult the university website, [international students section](#), to check the payment modalities);

The enrollment fee is **30 lei**, to be paid when signing the study contract;

The tuition fee is 3000 euro per year. A minimum of 10% will be paid when signing the study contract. The annual tuition fee can be paid in a maximum of 4 installments.

Curricula and Teaching Staff

Teachers that are in charge with the subjects proposed in the curriculum of the new master degree program have degrees in higher education, hold a doctorate, have a certificate of language skills (English) and have experience in the field of master's program, being authors of valuable specialized works in the subjects included in the master's curriculum, as well as outstanding participation in internal and international exchange and mobility programs, some of them being coordinators of national and international mobility and research programs (eg UEFISCDI, COST, Erasmus, Fulbright etc.).



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Alina S. Rusu (biologist and psychologist) has received her PhD title in Natural Sciences in 2004 at Animal Behavior Department, University of Zürich, Switzerland. Her research interests are interdisciplinary ones, combining ideas and models from animal life with knowledge about human emotions and behavior. After her PhD, she had successfully applied for a Reintegration Grant for Young Researchers funded by the Romanian National Council for Research in Higher Education (2005-2007). Since 2007 to present, she was the director of several research grants funded by national and international agencies. Over the last ten years, Alina S. Rusu has published around 60 papers, chapters, books and conference proceedings in the fields of applied animal behavior, positive human-animal interactions, evolutionary psychology and, recently, in the area of applied educational sciences (Service-Learning and interdisciplinary curriculum development). In 2017, she was awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholarship at Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, US. She is currently one of the Fulbright Ambassadors in the Romanian academic environment. Dr. Rusu has received her habilitation title in Psychology domain in 2013 and in the Sciences of Education domain in 2019 (Doctoral School "Education, Reflection, Development", UBB). Since 2013 to 2019, she was in charge with the coordination of the academic postgraduate training program "Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities for Persons with Special Needs" UBB-USAMV CN (in collaboration with members of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, USAMV Cluj-Napoca). Alina Rusu is a board member of the European Association of Service-Learning in Higher Education and one of the contributor experts of the platform International Center of Anthrozoology.

Andrei Mihalca DVM, graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, in 2002 and in 2007 he obtained his Ph.D. degree in Parasitic Diseases at the same institution. Currently he is affiliated to the Department of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He coordinated various research projects on vector-borne diseases, including the pan-European EurNegVec COST Action. He is actively involved in research and social veterinary medicine projects focused on parasitic and infectious diseases of small animals (dogs and cats) across sub-Saharan Africa with previous work done in Kenya, Uganda, Ivory Coast, Central African Republic, Liberia, and Somaliland. Prof. Andrei D. Mihalca is Associate Editor of several peer-reviewed journals, including *Parasites & Vectors*, *International Journal for Parasitology: Parasites and Wildlife*, *Veterinary Parasitology: Regional Studies and Report*, *BMC Veterinary Research* etc. He is author of more than 150 papers in peer-reviewed journals and many international books and book chapters. In his free time, he enjoys doing wildlife photography and has several featured articles in *National Geographic*.



The EHAI master degree program, through its proposed structure and curricular content, has the potential to provide students with a comprehensive overview of a scientific area that is becoming increasingly relevant as human-animal interactions and the presence of animals are an integral part of human life;



The EHAI program offers interdisciplinary approaches and knowledge based on practical experience and research in addressing animal and human welfare towards coexistence; thus, building a mental framework based on the One Health approach is one of the strengths of this master degree program;



This program is based on the concrete needs expressed by the collaborating NGOs in the fields of conservation of rehabilitation of wild and community animals, including those that are victims of several forms of cruelty to animals and in the field of animal rights (advocacy), to work with academically trained and certified specialists, that have the potential to become competent educators of civil and administrative communities, public policy makers and mentors of population of all levels, which is currently severely deprived of modern education in the human-animal relationship, i.e.



In the context of increasingly frequent and severe zoonoses that can lead to pandemics, but also of climate change associated with human activities, human-animal interaction is expected to be an increasingly important topic, thus justifying the need for specialists with academic training and solid practice in the field.

Required documents

For Romanian citizens:

The application package, that the candidates will turn in onsite, or submit electronically (scanned) for the online registration, will contain the following documents:

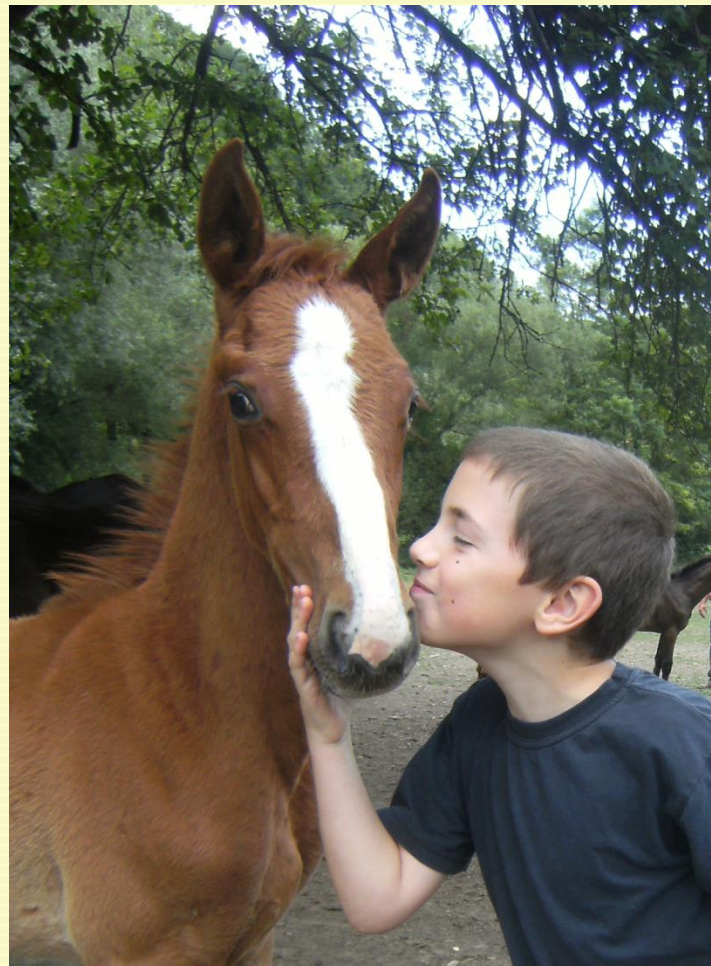
- a) registration form;
- b) baccalaureate diploma, bachelor's degree (or equivalent);
- c) transcript/diploma supplement;
- d) birth certificate;
- e) two photos 3/4 cm – if the candidate registers online, they are submitted when signing the contract;
- f) a certificate of linguistic competence, with a minimum level B2 for English, is submitted in original to the secretariat of the faculty at the beginning of the academic year for the admitted candidates;
- g) documents proving their particular situation (original and copy) after the death certificate of the parents – in the case of orphans, certificate from the Children's Home – in the case of those in this situation, documents proving that they are children of the teaching staff;
- h) original identity card and copy;
- i) statement on one's own responsibility by which the candidate makes known if he/she has had or has the quality of student at other university study programs, with the presentation of the cycle and the form of financing the studies (budget or fee);

Each candidate will specify on the enrollment form, in the desired order, the options for the study programs within the field in which he/she applies. It is recommended to complete both the form of budget financing and the form of tax financing in order to be able to later slip from places with tax to places with budget if in the subsequent stages of admission vacancies are budgeted or from the waiting list by places with fee, and then if there is availability on budget places.

For EU and NON-EU citizens:

Citizens from Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation and/or Foreign Citizens From EU Third Countries, should make the inscription following the requirements found on the university website, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS section:

<https://admitere.usamvcluj.ro/international-students/>



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