



AUC Summer School

Application Guidance

Introduction

This guidance is to help you ensure you have everything you need to apply for a place on the AUC's exclusive Summer School.

Please read the notes carefully before completing and submitting your application.

Deadline for applications: 5pm, Monday 17th February 2025

Apply via the form on the website: <https://www.auc-uk.org/summer-school>

Section guidance

Your details

Please ensure you include an email address that you will have access to from the time of application to the end of 2026. The organisers will want to keep in touch with you for updating you on your application, as well as after the Summer School, for feedback, keeping you informed of upcoming opportunities, and support for areas such as applying for PhDs.

We ask for your postcode rather than full address at the application stage, in order to see the geographical range of interest in the opportunity. The Agricultural Universities Council is UK-wide and we encourage applications from any eligible students at institutions across the UK.

Your degree details

This opportunity is for undergraduate/Bachelor's students entering the final year (or graduating 2025) and Masters students only. This opportunity has been specifically created for students at this stage in their academic career who are interested in pursuing a PhD in agriculture. Please indicate your stage of study according to the options in the form. If you fall outside of these categories but believe you have a case for applying, please get in touch via the contact form linked on the website.

Please tell us your degree subject and hosting university/institution. You must be registered at a UK university to be eligible to apply.

Attachments

Personal statement

Your personal statement is essentially a cover letter and your chance to tell us why you should be considered for a free place on the Summer School. You may wish to highlight relevant information within your degree course and grades, or external influences that have motivated you to consider this position.

It must be no longer than 1 side of standard A4, as a word document (or equivalent) or PDF, uploaded to the site.

Letter of Support

You must obtain a letter of support from a current academic at your degree university/institution to support your application.

This must:

- be no longer than 1 page of A4 as per your personal statement
- be on university/institution headed paper
- have the contact details of the supporting academic provided

In the shortlisting process we expect to contact the supporting academic about your application so it is advisable if they include any periods/holidays where they will be unavailable during February and March.

You are strongly advised to make your supporting academic aware of your recent grades attachment (next section) so they are able to confirm your attainment level. We also advise sending them your personal statement to aid their reference.

Your recent grades

This opportunity is for students who are interested in pursuing PhDs and therefore will require grade averages that align with a likelihood for being accepted onto PhD programmes in the future. This is usually Bachelor's (honours) at 2:1 or above.

You must attach a transcript of your recent grades in whatever format is most easily obtained from your university/institution. You may wish to highlight particularly relevant grades and achievements either in this document, or within your Personal Statement.

Notifications and offers

Depending on the volume of applications, we expect to respond to applicants early in March to inform them of whether they have obtained a position on the Summer School.

Students who are offered a place in principle, will need to review and complete the Terms and Conditions and additional emergency contact information for the Summer School.

Enquiries

For any informal enquiries about this opportunity, or any technical issues with your application, please use the contact form at the bottom of the homepage of the [website](#).

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