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## Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management for *academic year 2023-2024*.

## Important deadlines for this study programme

*Applicable when starting on 1 September 2023*

When you want to apply or are applying to for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines when applying for this study programme are provided in the table below.

**Note:** if you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend that you use landscape mode.

Date	What you need to know about this date
<b>1 October 2022</b>	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024
<b>Up to and including 1 May 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for <b>non-EU/EEA</b> applicants (these applicants require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a> )
<b>Up to and including 1 June 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from <b>the EU/EEA or Switzerland</b>
<b>Up to and including 31 August 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for providing the UM with information on your previous statistics education
<b>Up to and including 1 February 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	Application deadline for non-EU/EEA applicants who want to be considered for the UM High Potential/Holland Scholarship.

### **Please note:**

In Studielink you need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select **September 2023** in the pulldown-menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year.

Please note: if you apply for a UM scholarship, the [scholarship application deadline](#) applies.

## General requirements: previous education

For the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management, admission takes place on the basis of your previous education and suitability. For this, your motivation and your prior qualifications are important. Please check below which requirements apply to you for academic year 2023/2024.

## Pre-master's in Health Food Innovation Management

Interested in studying this master's programme, but do not yet meet the requirements? [Consider pursuing our pre-master in Venlo!](#)

# Graduates from a relevant university bachelor's programme

You qualify for admission with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university;
- a relevant university master's degree.

## Direct qualification for admission

Students with a Maastricht University's bachelor's degree in Health Sciences (track Biology and Health) or in Biomedical Sciences, as well as students with a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health from Wageningen University, qualify directly for admission. You do not need to write a letter of motivation.

**Please note:** you have to pass your bachelor's exam before 1 September 2023

## Relevant university domains are:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Health Sciences (track Biology and Health)
- Human Nutrition
- Medicine
- Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- Molecular Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- University College (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- Related bachelor's programme (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)

# Graduates from a university of applied sciences (HBO, Hochschule)

You qualify for admission with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university of applied sciences;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university of applied sciences;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university of applied sciences.

In addition to these requirements, you only qualify for admission if:

- you have completed a thesis and have obtained at least 15 ECTS in the context of a minor in the field of science, and successfully completed a relevant course on statistics<sup>\*</sup>; *or*
- you have completed a thesis and have obtained at least 15 ECTS in academic writing and successfully completed a relevant course on statistics<sup>\*</sup>.

*\* If you do not meet any of the criteria mentioned here, you can prove that you have sufficient statistical and/or other skills. The Board of Admissions may impose additional requirements to show that you have sufficient academic skills.*

## Relevant university of applied sciences domains are:

- Dietetics
- Nutrition

# Additional requirements

## Statistics

Some candidates need to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute.

More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.

Please note: if statistics was part of your bachelor's programme, you will have to upload the following documents before 31 August 2023 in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Prove proficiency in statistics':

- proof of all relevant statistics courses that you followed during your bachelor's programme
- a separate Word document with the following information:
  - name of the course(s)
  - number of credits you received
  - short description of the course(s) (max. 10 sentences per course)

If you did not take any statistics courses during your previous education, please upload a document stating this.

Also send these documents by email to [hfim-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:hfim-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

## Language requirements for English-language master's programmes

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English.

**Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.**

Do you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

## Applicants who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [Handling fee page](#).

## Documents required for application process

During the application process for this study programme you will need to complete a number of tasks for which you will often have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

### Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

- **A recent passport picture**  
*The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#)*
- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card\***  
*Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.*
- **A copy of your most recent certified grades transcript/diploma**  
*If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme.*
- **Your curriculum vitae**  
*Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.*
- **A letter of motivation**  
*Please provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.*

*\*As a UM student it is not necessary to upload these documents in the MyApplication portal. Unless your passport is not valid on 1 September 2023; in that case you do have to upload a copy of your passport.*

## Documents that might be required depending on your (academic) background

- **English language proficiency**  
*As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English. Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master's programmes' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate what documents you can use to prove your proficiency.*
- **Statistics (if applicable)**  
*If statistics was not part of your university of applied sciences (HBO) bachelor's programme, you will have to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute. More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.*

## How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this below.

For the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management, admission takes place on the basis of your previous education and suitability. For this, your motivation and your prior qualifications are important.

Students who have completed certain bachelor's programmes at Maastricht University qualify directly for admission. Students who graduated within another relevant university domain, have to provide a complete file which will be assessed by the Board of Admissions. An entrance interview is (in most cases) also part of the admissions process.

The interview focuses on your academic plans and how you intend to accomplish these through an education at the master's in Health Food Innovation Management. The starting point for the interview is your letter of motivation, CV and transcript. The interview is conducted in English by one or two staff members and lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. It is an informative meeting and takes place at Campus Venlo or via Microsoft Teams.

Detailed information on relevant university domains and on the to be submitted documents can be found on this web page.

Assessment of your file happens on a rolling basis. This means that, once you submit a complete file, it will be presented to the Board of Admission. We will not wait until the deadline before we present your file to the Board. You will receive a decision within two to four weeks after completion of your file.

Note: only **complete** applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for this study programme' on this page.