

# European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics: scholarships for EU students



The European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics (EM-ABG) offers high quality training, both in terms of scientific knowledge as well as didactic skills, provided by six excellent university groups within the EU. The EM-ABG is a response to the need of highly qualified graduates in the internationally operating area of farm animal breeding and genetics.

## Why choose this programme?

If you are well motivated and interested in animal breeding, statistical genetics and genomics, you have completed a BSc or equivalent degree in Animal Science or related fields and good knowledge in English, the EM-ABG is perfect for you!

## What will you gain?

The EM-ABG is a two-year MSc programme which starts with an orientation period for all students in Wageningen. Subsequently, you will conduct the major part of the training at two of the participating universities of your choice which offers you the opportunity to have access to a broad range of subjects. Successful students are awarded two nationally recognized masters degrees (double degree). Graduates will be able to contribute to the development of sustainable (farm) animal breeding, in and outside Europe, either in their country or in a national branch of an international breeding organization.

## Which Universities are involved?

The European Master in Animal Breeding is accepted by the European Union as an Erasmus Mundus MSc programme for a five-year period starting in 2007. In 2007, 24 students started the program followed by 22 students in 2008 and 24 students in 2009. The universities participating in the EM-ABG are Wageningen University (the Netherlands), University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (Austria), Christian-Albrechts-Universität (Germany), AgroParisTech (France), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sweden) and The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Norway). These groups have a long tradition of collaboration and a strong profile in the area of Animal Breeding and Genetics.

## Fees and Funding for EU students?

The consortium has eight scholarships (category B) available for:

- Students from EU countries, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein
- Students living outside EU but with a EU nationality
- Student from outside of EU who stayed in EU for at least for 12 months in the past 5 years
- Scholarships cover fees and living expenses (€500/month) for 24 months.

For European students, the tuition fee is €4,000 per academic year. Self-paying European students can get a reduction of 50% on this tuition fee. They can also make use of existing Erasmus-Socrates exchange programmes. More information and the application form can be found at [www.emabg.eu](http://www.emabg.eu).

## Deadlines for applications: April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

Application deadline for students who want to participate in EMABG in the upcoming academic year.

## For more information and application, please contact:

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