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2026 Master Degree Program in Fishery

Profile for Admission

Nanjing Agricultural University

I. Wuxi Fisheries College of Nanjing Agricultural University

Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU), founded in 1902, is a state key university and on the list of “Double First-Class” university project under the Ministry of Education of China. With agriculture and life sciences as its orientations, NAU has a harmonious development of diverse branches of learning including agriculture, science, economy, management, engineering, art, law, etc. During its over 120 years of education, NAU has graduated more than 300,000 talents including 62 academicians.

Wuxi Fisheries College of Nanjing Agricultural University (WFC), located in Wuxi City of Jiangsu Province, was jointly established by Freshwater Fisheries Research Center of Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (FFRC) with NAU in 1993, and started MSc education in 1996. Currently, it provides 2 PhD programs respectively in Aquaculture (first-class discipline) and Hydrobiology, and 3 MSc programs in Aquaculture, Hydrobiology and Fishery Development; besides, it has 1 postdoctoral station for Aquaculture. Meanwhile, WFC is among the first institutes that set up Professional Master’s Program (PMP) in Fishery development. So far, it has granted 2,300 students with bachelor degree, more than 180 PhD degrees and more than 1380 master degrees, among which 156 international students have graduated since the international education program launched in 2015.

Right now, there are 40 professors, 56 associate professors, 14 doctoral supervisors, 54 master supervisors. Since its establishment, it has undertaken over 2300 national-level, provincial and ministerial-level projects, and it has won 11 national, 87 provincial and ministerial level awards for S&T progress, and 568 patents for invention. Since 1981, FFRC began to organize international training programs, so far, nearly 8780 fishery technicians and officials from 134 countries and regions have been trained here. The trainees spread across 5 continents, and most of them have become technical backbones or industry leaders in their own countries. Among them, there are more than 220 officials at the DG level and over 20 officials at the ministerial level. They play an important role in the fishery field of their respective countries. Meanwhile, WFC/FFRC has dispatched over 130 fishery experts to more than 30 developing countries such as South Africa, Egypt, North Korea, Laos, Bangladesh, Iran, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Namibia, Mozambique, to provide technical consultation and trainings. In 2014, WFC/FFRC was designated as the FAO Reference Centre for Aquaculture and Inland Fishery Research and Training, and established two international joint laboratories. In 2021, FFRC was approved as the first batch of “China-Africa Joint Center for Modern Agrotechnology Exchange, Demonstration and Training”.

A team of high-level, reliable English proficiency and rich management experiences has been forged during the long period of international training and education. In 2011, WFC obtained the ISO9001 quality management system recognition. The postgraduate education programs

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of WFC are based on supervisor-responsible system and allocated with professional management team to make full advantage of team-leadership. The quality management standard of ISO9001 system has been followed during the program implementation. All sections of the program including course design and teaching evaluation demonstrate the Chinese characteristics while absorbing the merits of world-famous universities, which help educate international innovative and inter-disciplinary talents through integration of education and research.

Being jointly established by NAU and FFRC, the college has a very strong scientific research strength with both advanced experiment equipment and other perfect facilities for teaching, research, practice and living. It has two campuses with an area of 26 ha in total, a library with over 30,000 books and periodicals, as well as its own periodical publication, the "Scientific Fish Farming". In addition, the college has 15 multimedia classrooms, 2 multi-function halls, 5 meeting rooms, 2 dormitory building, and a hotel with 72 standard rooms, a Chinese restaurant, a western restaurant and a Halal restaurant. The outdoor football ground, basketball court, tennis court, and the indoor gym, badminton court, table tennis rooms, billiards room, etc. are open to all participants. Moreover, the college owns one shuttle bus, one minibus, and several cars for daily and urgent use.

With the motto of "honest, pure, diligent and benevolent", the university is striding and shaping itself toward "world-class, Chinese-featured and NAU quality".

II. Academic Education Programs Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of PRC

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries since 2008, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum and research experiments.

So far, except for those who are in the middle of their studies, half of them have graduated and obtained master degrees. These graduates are now working in their specialties back in home and undertaking an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and their home countries.

As for the positive effects and good results brought by these programs in strengthening

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economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China will continuously intensify its efforts in enlarging the enrollment scale and improving the quality of education.

According to the requirement of the Ministry of Commerce, P.R. China, Wuxi Fisheries College of Nanjing Agricultural University will undertake **2026 Master Degree Program in Fishery** from **Sept 1, 2026 to Aug 31, 2028**. The project aims to make full use of the strong international education power of Nanjing Agricultural University, give full play to the unique advantages of aquatic sciences, and train high-level talents in fishery and aquaculture for other developing countries. The orientations of research cover aquaculture technology, nutrition of aquatic animal and feed development, fish genetic breeding, healthy aquaculture, fish diseases prevention and treatment, fishery environmental protection, fishery economics, bio-technology, etc. It is committed to meet the urgent needs of vast developing countries for highly educated and skilled talents in fishery. The duration of this program is **2 years**. Those who successfully complete their studies will receive a diploma from Nanjing Agricultural University and a Master's degree in Agriculture (Title: Fishery development).

Joining in this MSc program, you would have unparalleled opportunities to learn, to practice; to share and to grow!

III. Program Description

Prospective Students:

Our prospective students are officials or technicians with a bachelor's degree in Fishery and Aquaculture, and those with relevant working experience in Fishery and Aquaculture will be preferred.

Program Objective:

To cultivate senior inter-disciplinary and practical fishery talents and practitioners for the developing countries with the following capabilities:

- A profound knowledge of basic theories and professional knowledge of fishery science, familiar with the world fishery S&T development and equipped with a comprehensive knowledge structure;
- A spirit of innovation and practices, capable of independently engaging in aquaculture technology research, application, development, dissemination and extension, professional education of the fishery field and rural developing tasks;
- Good at innovative thinking, able to carry out independent basic research in fisheries and aquaculture.
- A rigorous style of study, good morality, committed to promoting the development of fisheries and agricultural industries through strengthening S&T cooperation between

Enrollment Plan:

In 2026, we plan to enroll **20** overseas students in this master program, majoring in **Fishery Development**. The duration of this program is **2 years**.

IV. Education Plan

Our master degree program is a two-year full-time program. Students enrolled in this program are expected to complete the coursework, conduct research based on lab work or investigation, and write a thesis within 2 years.

Language of instruction: While all non-Chinese speaking students are required to take one course on the Chinese language learning, the language of instruction of the program is English.

1) Orientation

Before formal coursework starts, admitted students are required to take a one-week orientation session in China. The orientation session, led by prominent scholars and managerial staff, serves as a general introduction to China, the program and the college.

2) Formal Coursework

Our formal coursework covers the contents of general situation of agriculture and fishery, basic theories of fishery science, practical technologies, etc.

3) Field Study

Field trips will be arranged for students to visit China's fishery management agencies, fishery institutions for research, education or technical extension, fish farms, hatcheries, and processing plants in some of the major fishery and aquaculture areas such as Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang province, Shanghai city and Beijing city, to gain first-hand knowledge on fishery and aquaculture practices under various changing conditions in the reform and opening-up process of China.

4) Independent Research

Students are required to come to WFC with practical problems to be addressed which have to do with the fishery and aquaculture development of the student's own country. With the guidance of a supervisor, a student is expected to carry out independent research on a prudently selected research topic related to fishery, including the design of necessary experiment or practices, lab work, result analysis, etc., based on which the final thesis would be written.

5) Thesis

Master thesis: By the end of the first semester, a student shall choose or be allocated with a professor as his/her supervisor, and determine the subject matter on the basis of a real problem to be solved in his/her own countries. In the second semester, students are expected to draft the research plan and initiate the research, and at the end of the semester, students need to pass an oral defense for their research proposal. In the beginning of the third semester, students will further carry out their research and thesis writing. In the fourth semester, students should finish their thesis writing and pass the final defense.

Thesis shall be written in English with a Chinese abstract.

6) Degrees

A professional master degree of fishery development will be conferred upon a candidate in this master program after his/her successful completion of required credits and thesis.

V. Financial Aid

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from the developing countries. These scholarships cover both tuition and living expenses. They also include a round-trip international airfare for all the students for coming and returning, and another round-trip international airfare for home visit (one time, between the academic years). **Provide living allowance: Master's students receive 36,000 RMB per person per year. The allowance will be disbursed monthly by the university to students based on their actual duration of stay in China.**

There is also a one-time settlement allowance of 3000RMB/person for coming to China.

If a student expects to have his/her spouse, children, relatives or friends to visit him/her

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during the stay in Wuxi, the visitor will have to bear all the expenses by himself/herself.

VI. Application

1. Requirement

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, not older than 45 years old (**born after September 1, 1980**), with a valid passport, or any other identification certificate sufficient to verify his/her nationality;
- 2) Applicants must have attained a Junior College degree or above;
- 3) Applicants must be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers or candidates whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English are required to submit a test score of TOEFL or IELTS as proof of English proficiency. Applicants with the following scores would be considered competitive:
 - TOEFL 80 or above in overall band score;
 - IELTS 6.0 or above in overall band score.
- 4) All applicants shall be in good physical conditions and carry no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations. No severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer or other serious chronic diseases, mental illness or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk, recovery from major surgery or acute illness, or severe physical disability. Pregnant women are not allowed to participate and will be withdrawn from the program if they become pregnant while studying in China.
- 5) Only applicants recommended by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.

2. Procedures

1) Application to Nanjing Agricultural University

Please download the attached application form of NAU (or visit NAU website for overseas admission <https://coieen.njau.edu.cn/Downloads/Admission.htm> and download the application form), fill it online and please pay attention to the information below while filling:

- (1) In the scholarship source column fill with "Chinese Government Scholarship (Master's Degree Program)";
- (2) After filling in all the required information, print the form, put on a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

2) Materials

Documents		Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1	NAU Application Form	Please download the attached form or download from NAU website, fill it in, print it out, sign, date, and post a photo on it.	1	1
2	Degrees	An original copy and a photocopy need to be prepared for each degree.	1	1
3	Official Transcripts	Transcripts must list all courses taken and all scores obtained.	1	1
4	Personal Statement	Personal statement must be written in English and be some 1000 words in length. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, work experience, achievements, and future career plans, including a research proposal at NAU.	1	1
5	CV	In English.	1	1
6	Recommendation Letters	Two recommendation letters are required: one by a superior in the institution where the applicant works; the other by a professor who knows the applicant well.	1	1
7	English Language Proficiency Test Results	Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English shall provide TOEFL or IELTS test scores.	1	1
8	Physical Examination Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant carries no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.	1	1
9	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	The passport must be a personal regular passport. All successful candidates must enter China and register with Peking University using the same passport as used for applying for the program.	0	2

3) Submission

- 1) Submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy. Hard copy must include both the original copy and the photocopy, as indicated in the table. For emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Offices, please visit <http://www.china-aibo.cn>.
- 2) Submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:
 - a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the programs at WFC are already full.
 - b) Other special requests if any.
- 3) After being verified by the ECC Office, above materials should be clearly scanned, and sent to Ms. Li Feifan, NAU via email: lifeifan@ffrc.cn, for further contact and assurance.

Reminders:

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized

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copy in Chinese or English is required.

- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office after verification. If admitted, you must take the documents to China and submit them to the Wuxi Fisheries College during registration in September.
- d) None of the materials submitted to the Wuxi Fisheries College will be returned. For important documents such as degrees and transcripts, a stamped copy issued by the institution where the applicant received his/her degrees will be accepted as a replacement of the original copy. In this case, the original copy must be presented for on-site verification.

3. Deadline

The application deadline for this program is **June 6, 2026**.

VII. Admission

The Admissions Committee of Wuxi Fisheries College of NAU makes final admission decisions. No explanation will be made regarding admission results.

Admission letters will be sent by the end of August 2026. They will include other necessary documents for visa processing.

VIII. Registration

Registration will take place in September 2026. The exact date will be specified in the admission letter.

IX. Contacts

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