

## “The University of Agriculture – open space for you!”

### - basic project information

**Place of project implementation and financing:** The project entitled "The University of Agriculture - open space for you!" is implemented by the Faculty of Agriculture and Economics at the University of Agriculture in Krakow. Project is a part of the Operational Program Knowledge Education Development (PO WER), 3rd priority axis "Higher education for economy and development" and activity 3.3 "Internationalization of Polish higher education". The project is financed by the National Center for Research and Development of the Republic of Poland.

**Objectives of the project:** The main objective of the project is improving the availability of international education programs in the period from 01/04/2018 to 31/12/2020 for a minimum of 60 students of the Faculty of Agriculture and Economics at the University of Agriculture in Krakow. The opportunity to study in an international team of students, education realized in English by highly specialized staff, as well as study facilitation owing to the scholarship system are considered the additional values of the project.

**Main assumptions of the project:** The project comprises 4-semester Master studies for 60 people, conducted in English in two main fields of study - Environmental Protection and Agriculture. The beginning of studies is planned for October 2018, the end of studies for June 2020.

**Target group:** Overall number of 60 students will participate in the project, including 42 women and 18 men. There will be 31 foreign students participating in the programme, including 22 women and 9 men. The recruited students will be graduates from engineering and bachelor first-cycle programmes. In case of foreign students, it will be necessary to present a nostrified first-cycle studies diploma. Students finish their studies with the Master thesis preparation.

**Recruitment:** The recruitment process is planned for the period from April to October 2018.

**Summer school:** As part of a 2-week adaptive activities, classes will be held in a conference center of the University of Agriculture, located in Krynica Zdroj. Classes are aimed at leveling the student knowledge in basic subjects (biology, physics, geography). The program includes field activities within the Jaworzyna Krynicka range. The participants will also have an opportunity to learn about the culture and tradition of the region. The school is planned for September 2018.

**Staff:** The teachers involved in the project are researchers and teachers making up a highly qualified staff of the University of Agriculture, each holding at least a PhD degree and fluent in English. Some classes and lectures will be taught by foreign teachers, currently employed as visiting professors to make the programme more attractive and diversified .

#### **Characteristics of study programs:**

- **Environmental protection** - Studies will provide education necessary for practical implementation of activities aimed at ensuring the quality of the environment, including rural areas serving agricultural production, according to the European Union regulations.

- **Agriculture** - The main field of study provides preparation for crop production, environmental protection, agricultural economics and cooperating branches. The graduate will have the knowledge in the field of agricultural production, economic analysis methods, organization and management and skills of independent farm management.

**Financial support for students:** The project provides scholarships for foreign students in the amount of PLN 1,400 per month. Students from Poland will receive material support in accordance with the regulations of the scholarship system of the University of Agriculture in Krakow.

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