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Full Time
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September
Start date



Venlo
Location

Master Health Food Innovation Management

Ready to shape the future of food? In the Health Food Innovation Management master's, you'll turn ideas into products that make a real impact on health. Discover the latest trends, work on real-life cases and expand your network. Your journey starts here!

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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 2025-2026*.

Questions about admission? Contact us via

study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Questions about the study programme? Contact us

via campusvenlo-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Application deadlines

The master's programme in Health Food Innovation

Management starts in September. The deadlines below are applicable for applying for applicants who want to start their studies in September 2026.

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

Date	What you need to know about this date
As soon as possible after 1 October 2025	Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October)
1 February 2026, 23:59 CET	Application deadline for applicants with a non-EU/EEA nationality who want to be considered for the UM Brightlands Talent Scholarship
1 May 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have a non-EU/EEA nationality (in most cases, you will need a visa and/or residence permit)
1 June 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have an EU/EEA or Swiss nationality
1 August 2026	Strongly recommended deadline for paying the tuition fee
31 August 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for providing the UM with information on your previous statistics education
31 August 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal**
	If you need a visa or residence permit , you must complete most tasks by an earlier date.

**Studielink is the national registration system for higher education,*

***The MyApplication portal is Maastricht University's application and enrolment platform.*

Please note:

- 🕒 In Studielink you need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select **September 2026** in the pulldown menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year

Visa/residence permit for study

Are you a non-EU/EEA national requiring a visa/residence permit for study? Click here for — more information

Please note that Maastricht University can **only** formally apply for your [visa/residence permit](#) if you have met all admission and enrolment requirements.

This means you have to have completed all admission and enrolment tasks in the MyApplication portal (except the 'visa/residence permit'-task and the 'send certified copy of diploma'-task) before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service).

We have to send the application to the IND before 1 July if you are starting your studies in September. Please note: a few pre-master and master programmes offer a start in February. If your study programme offers a start in February and you want to start your studies in February, we have to send the application to the IND before 1 December. You can find out if your study programme offers a start in February on the admission requirements web page of that programme ([pre-master's](#), [master's](#)).

Therefore, we **strongly recommend** that you reconsider applying for this study programme if you are not sure that you will meet the following requirements before 1 July/1 December (if applicable in your situation):

- 🕒 Having remedied all subject and/or language deficiencies (if applicable)
- 🕒 Having qualified for admission to your study programme, including being selected ([if applicable to your study programme](#)) AND

- ⦿ Having paid the tuition fee for your study programme
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General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2026-2027 for the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

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.

Pre-master's in Health Food Innovation Management

Are you interested in following this master's programme, but do you not yet meet the admission requirements? [Consider pursuing our pre-master in Venlo!](#)

Graduates from a relevant university bachelor's programme

You qualify for admission if you have:

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

Direct qualification for admission

Students who obtained a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences (track Biology and Health) or in Biomedical Sciences at a Dutch university, as well as students with a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health at a Dutch university, qualify directly for admission. They do not need to upload a CV or letter of motivation, they only need to upload their most recent grades transcript.

Please note: you have to pass your bachelor's exam before 1 September 2026

Relevant domains are:

- ⊙ Psychobiology
 - ⊙ Human Movement Sciences
 - ⊙ Biology
 - ⊙ Pharmacy
 - ⊙ Chemistry
 - ⊙ Biomedical Sciences
 - ⊙ Health Sciences (track Biology and Health)
 - ⊙ Human Nutrition
 - ⊙ Medicine
 - ⊙ Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
 - ⊙ Molecular and Biophysical Life Sciences
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Graduates from a university of applied sciences (HBO, Hochschule)

You qualify for admission if you have:

- ⊙ a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university of applied sciences
- ⊙ a relevant bachelor's degree from an EU/EEA university of applied sciences
- ⊙ a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EU/EEA university of applied sciences

Relevant domains are:

- ⊙ Biologie en Medisch Laboratoriumonderzoek
 - ⊙ Mens en Techniek
 - ⊙ Nutrition & Dietetics
 - ⊙ Applied Science, track: Molecular Health
 - ⊙ Biology
 - ⊙ Pharmacy
 - ⊙ Chemistry
 - ⊙ Master Duurzame en gezonde voeding
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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.

If statistics was part of your bachelor's programme, you will have to upload documents before 31 August 2026 in the MyApplication portal. More information can be found under the task 'Prove proficiency in statistics'.

If you did not take any statistics courses during your previous education, you will need to follow a course in statistics. 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.

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?

Yes

No

Applicants whose diploma is based on a non-EU-EEA curriculum (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme whose diploma is based on a non-EU/EEA curriculum are required to pay a handling fee. This applies even if the educational institution is located within the EU/EEA, as the fee is based on the curriculum, not the location of the institution. 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 requirements.**

You can find these requirements in the task description 'Upload portrait picture' in the MyApplication portal.

- **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 grades transcript and/or 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 (max. 500 words)**

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 2026. In that case, you do have to upload a copy of your passport.*

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

🕒 **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency 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 which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.

🕒 **Permission for document verification form**

If your diploma is not verified by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch government agency responsible for education-related matters), you will need to upload the form 'Permission for document verification' in the MyApplication portal. This form allows Maastricht University to verify your diploma, grades transcript or other required documents directly with the issuing institution or relevant qualification registry.

🕒 **Statistics information** (if statistics was part of your bachelor's programme)

*Proof of all relevant statistics courses that you followed during your bachelor's programme **and** 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)*

You can upload these documents in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Prove proficiency in statistics'.

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 in this section.

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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 an online Teams meeting, conducted in English by one or two staff members. It will last approximately 30-45 minutes.

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

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