

“Dear Sir/Madam

The feeling that Kenya's agricultural industry is left behind and cannot follow the trend of development is apparent to me. I was born and raised in the Northeastern part of Kenya, where many people still do farming for living. Seeing them working hard but earning less proved to me that the industry needs modern science.

Therefore, my dream is to become an agricultural researcher. My name is Rasheed, and I am applying for a MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology at Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE).

I completed my BSc (Second Class Honours) in Biological Sciences with Biotechnology specialisation from Mahidol University International College. There, I was prepared academically and culturally to join global research communities. Aside from my old perception of conventional farming, Plant Biotechnology was an eye-opening course for me.

I personally believe that plant biotechnology not only helps local farmers but also concerns sustainability. Thanks to NRT genes, I developed an interest in how genetic improvements can sustain the environment while maintaining optimal crop yield.

Therefore, the MSc program at MATE will certainly deepen my understanding of plants at the molecular level and amplify my ability to apply it with technology in order to promote the concept of sustainable agriculture. Plus, the knowledge and skills obtained from the program will prepare me for a Phd and further qualify me to be a competent researcher.

Being an awardee of Stipendium Hungaricum will definitely provide me opportunities to expand my comprehension of plants and biotechnology and fulfil my dream career as a researcher. I strongly believe that advanced agrarian development will move Thailand's agriculture forward, which then could result in better livelihood of local farmers and sustainability.

Hence, it would be an honour being able to become a part of this developmental journey by the support from Stipendium Hungaricum.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rasheed Amir.”