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# Nanjing Agricultural University

## 2025 Master Degree Program in Fishery

### Admission

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**Nanjing Agricultural University**

**2025**

## I. Program Description

### (1) Basic Situation

#### a. Introduction

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 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 **2025 Master Degree Program in Fishery** from **Sept 1, 2025 to Aug 31, 2027**. 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

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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!

### **b. 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.

### **c. Program Objective:**

- (1) This project aims to enable students to understand China's basic national conditions and foreign friendly policies through course learning, special seminars and degree thesis practice;
- (2) Master the systematic basic fishery theory and professional knowledge (including fishery industry chain, genetic breeding, aquaculture, nutritional feed, disease prevention and control, fishery resources, etc.) and related management, humanities and social science knowledge, be familiar with the current development of world fishery science and technology, have a broad knowledge structure, and have high-level, compound and application-oriented talents in the field of fishery;
- (3) Have innovative consciousness and practical hands-on ability, be able to independently engage in basic fishery scientific research and technical and management work related to the development of fisheries, fishermen and fishing villages, and make positive contributions to the innovation and development of the fishery industry;
- (4) Have strong scientific research and innovative thinking, strong professional skills, practical skills and technical teaching skills, and be able to independently carry out basic fishery scientific research;
- (5) Have a rigorous academic style, good moral character, establish a scientific outlook on development, and be able to commit to Sino-foreign scientific and technological and economic friendly cooperation to promote the development of both sides' fishery and agricultural industries. To cultivate senior inter-disciplinary and practical fishery talents and practitioners for the developing countries with the following capabilities:

### **d. Enrollment Plan:**

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Major: **Fishery Development**

The planned enrollment of the Fishery Development major: 20 participants

Teaching language: English

School duration: full-time, 2 years

### **e. Funding Content**

The project is funded by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China with foreign aid funds to cover the school's teaching and management expenses, as well as the students' basic living expenses and round-trip international air tickets. The specific contents are as follows:

- (1) Exemption from tuition fees, textbook materials fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidies, and graduation thesis guidance fees;
- (2) Free on-campus accommodation;
- (3) Living allowance: 36,000 yuan/person/year for master's students. The allowance will be disbursed monthly by the university to students based on their actual duration of stay in China;
- (4) A one-time resettlement fee of 3,000 yuan/person;
- (5) Purchase comprehensive medical insurance for students in China;
- (6) Free round-trip international air tickets: one round-trip international air ticket and one round-trip air ticket to visit relatives in China.
- (7) All degree students must participate in annual review. Those who meet the academic performance assessment standards can continue to enjoy full scholarships in the second year.
- (8) Other expenses are managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the school and are not paid to students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with funding within the academic system. Students who postpone graduation for some reason will not receive continued funding.

## **(2) University Introduction**

### **a. University introduction**

Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU), founded in 1902, is a state key university and on

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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.

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

## **b. College introduction**

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 are 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 nationals, 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

Academic Education Programs Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC obtained the ISO9001 quality management system recognition. The postgraduate education programs 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.

### **c. Introduction to student living environment and conditions**

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.

## **(3) Education Plan**

**a. Formal Coursework (The total credits shall not be less than 29 credits, including 7 credits for compulsory session and no less than 22 credits for courses.)**

Type	Course title	Credits	Class hours		Instructor
<b>Compulsory session</b>	Practical Training	6	-	Mandatory	-
	Academic Standards and Thesis Writing	1	16	Mandatory	LIU Bo
<b>Compulsory Course</b>	Chinese Language and Culture	3	48	Mandatory	WANG Yun
	Research on the History of Science and Technology	3	48	Mandatory	JIANG Gaozhong
	Modern Agricultural Innovation and Rural Revitalization Strategy	2	32	Mandatory	MIN Kuanhong
	Progress on Modern Fishery Development	3	48	Mandatory	ZHU Jian
	Case Studies and Discussions of Modern Fisheries	2	32	Mandatory	JIANG Gaozhong

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	Fishery Policy and Management	2	32	Mandatory	JIANG Gaozhong
	Aquaculture Technology	2	32	Choose 2 out of 5	WEN Haibo
	Conservation and Utilization of Fishery Resources	2	32		XU Dongpo
	Aquatic Animal Diseases Diagnosis and Control	2	32		XI Bingwen
	Aquatic Environment Protection and Treatment	2	32		MENG Shunlong
	Feed Preparation and Feeding Technology	2	32		REN Mingchun
<b>Optional Course</b>	Fishery Economy and Management	1	16	Optional	Duan Jinrong
	Chinese Fishery Culture	2	32	Optional	JIANG Gaozhong
	Aquatic Product Safety and Quality Control	2	32	Optional	WU Wei
	Modern Aquatic Breeding Science	2	32	Optional	DONG Zaijie

### Course introduction (part)

**Modern Agricultural Innovation and Rural Revitalization Strategy:** Modern agricultural innovation and rural revitalization strategy is mainly based on the needs of China's fishery industry and the characteristics of the industry. Through the introduction of cases from front-line practice at Wuxi Fisheries College (Freshwater Fisheries Research Center of Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences) and on-site practical teaching and investigation and research at leading enterprises in the industry, the course introduces to international students China's modern agricultural innovation and rural revitalization strategy (practice) and fishery modernization, the role of the "fish-rice co-cultivation" integrated breeding model of the Hani terraces in the Red River in Yunnan, China in promoting rural revitalization and protecting world cultural heritage, and the practice of corporate fishery brand revitalization and seed industry innovation in rural revitalization. This course focuses on combining theory with practice, focusing on the integration of multiple teaching methods, taking practical teaching as the main teaching method, and focusing on applying what you have learned.

**Research on the History of Science and Technology:** Research on the History of Science and Technology is a public degree course for master students (international students) in the field of fishery development in the Master of Agriculture. The main contents of the course include the introduction of the basic characteristics of the development of China's fishery science and technology history, historical changes and motivation analysis, and especially the main contents of the development and changes of China's freshwater aquaculture technology in the 20th century, including the foundation of China's modern freshwater aquaculture technology in the first half of the 20th century, the development of China's freshwater aquaculture technology from the early days of the

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founding of the People's Republic of China to 1965, the development of China's freshwater aquaculture technology from 1966 to 1976, the development of China's freshwater aquaculture technology from 1978 to 1999, and the achievements and directions of China's freshwater aquaculture technology in the 21st century. This course mainly adopts the method of combining specific knowledge imparting with overall spiritual grasp, focusing on the connection between theory and practice, and focusing on case teaching and practical teaching.

**Progress on Modern Fishery Development:** Progress on Modern Fishery Development is a core compulsory course in the field of fishery development for Master of Agriculture. It is a basic course of comprehensive knowledge and quality education in the field of fishery development. It is an introductory course for people engaged in fisheries or fishery-related work. Focusing on the requirements of modern fishery green development of "high-efficiency output, product safety, resource conservation, and environmental friendliness", through the study and discussion of fishery resources, environment and development, the current status of fishery development in the world and China, modern fishery development and science and technology, sustainable development and blue growth of fishery, global environmental change and modern fishery and other disciplines, we can master the innovation and progress of modern fishery science and technology, support and lead the transformation and upgrading of the fishery industry, and promote the high-quality development of fishery.

**Case Studies and Discussions of Modern Fisheries:** This course is the core course of the professional degree of agricultural master in the field of fishery development. It takes aquaculture, aquatic biology, water ecological environment, and management as the theoretical basis. Starting from the basic characteristics, economic status and industrial attributes of fisheries, it focuses on the development and trend of aquaculture, breeding and breeding technology of aquatic economic animals, breeding ecology and environment, processing and food engineering, breeding engineering, aquaculture and sustainable development. Carry out typical case teaching and discussion.

**Fishery policy and management:** The content covers the history and current situation of China's fishery science and technology development, policy support for China's fishery science and technology innovation, China's strategy of developing fishery through science and education, fishery science and technology management mechanism, fishery science and technology innovation and promotion system, transformation of fishery science and technology innovation results, construction of science and technology promotion demonstration bases and science and technology pilot projects, science and technology development and fishery economy, fishery science and technology services, etc.

**Conservation and Utilization of Fishery Resources:** Fishery resource conservation and



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utilization is a science that accurately grasps the status of fishery resources in specific waters, and through artificial control means, puts forward targeted measures such as limiting fishing intensity, setting fishing bans, fishing bans and fishing moratoriums to control fishing pressure, and reasonably carries out artificial proliferation and release and key habitat restoration measures to restore fishery resources, and ultimately achieves stable growth and sustainable utilization of fishery resources.

**Aquaculture technology:** Aquaculture technology is the study of the aquaculture biology of the main aquaculture objects and the aquaculture conditions during artificial aquaculture. It involves the key technologies in the whole process from seedling cultivation, stocking to commodity cultivation. Aquaculture has become the main source of fishery production in the world. Fishery statistics show that my country's aquaculture output accounts for about 70% of fishery production. The status and role of aquaculture in the supply of high-quality animal protein and food safety are becoming increasingly prominent and irreplaceable. Since aquaculture involves a wide range of breeding objects, mainly including fish, shrimp, crab, shellfish, algae and turtles, etc., different breeding objects have huge differences in biological characteristics, and there are significant differences in the breeding conditions, key technologies and daily management required for artificial breeding. Comprehensively understanding and mastering the key points and practical skills of breeding technology of representative aquatic species is a crucial aspect for the expansion of knowledge and improvement of professional skills of graduate students in fishery development.

**Feed preparation and feeding technology:** Feed preparation and feeding technology is a course involving the design and feeding technology of compound feeds for aquatic animals, and is a core course in the field of aquaculture. This course mainly describes the development and research of aquatic products, the composition of aquatic animal nutrition and feed, the metabolic principles of aquatic animals, the nutritional physiological metabolic characteristics of the five major nutrients of farmed aquatic animals, such as protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, and the nutritional requirements of nutrients, the selection principles and methods of different feed raw materials and additives, the design principles and methods of aquatic compound feed formulas, the processing technology and evaluation of compound feeds, and the feeding technology of aquatic animals.

**Fishery Economics and Management:** Fishery Economics and Management is one of the elective courses for academic masters under the first-level discipline of aquatic products. The main contents of the course include aquatic product market analysis, international trade in aquatic products, fishery ecological economy, fishery science and technology progress, fishery economic benefits, fishery capital operation and evaluation, fishery industry structure adjustment, fishery labor resource development and utilization,

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fishery finance and insurance, fishery layout and fishery regional economic development, etc. Through the study of this course, students will start from China's national conditions and the actual situation of fisheries, absorb domestic research results in fishery economy and learn from the useful experience of some foreign fishery countries, and use the improvement of the "three major benefits" (economic benefits, social benefits and ecological benefits) as the main line, and use a systematic view to analyze economic and management issues related to fisheries.

### **Profiles of Instructors (Partial)**

WFC boasts of first-class faculty composed of distinguished scholars and accomplished practitioners, who have been actively engaged in the study and research of fishery and aquaculture science, accumulated rich experiences in international exchanges and communications in fishery, and widely acknowledged as experts in their own field. Core faculty of WFC is listed below.

#### **XU Pao**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Fish genetics and breeding, healthy aquaculture, large water purification fishery

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#### **XU Gangchun**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Reproductive Physiology and Ecology, Molecular Endocrinology, Pond Engineering Recirculating Aquaculture, Innovation of Fine and High-Efficiency Models

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#### **ZHU Jian**

Professor, Master Supervisor

Main research fields: Healthy Aquaculture and Fish Breeding

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#### **YANG Jian**

Professor, PhD/Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Evaluation and protection of fishery ecological environment, biological monitoring of pollutants in aquatic environment, habitat reconstruction of aquatic organisms based on biological indicators such as otoliths, and biodiversity protection

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**FU Hongtuo**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Aquatic biology, aquatic genetics and breeding, breeding of special aquatic products

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**DONG Zaijie**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: fish genetics and breeding, molecular biology

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**SHEN Huaishun**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Economic Crustacean Diseases and Biotechnology

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**LIU Bo**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Aquatic animal nutrition and epigenetic regulation, aquatic animal stress related signal pathways and functional feed research and development, new Chinese herbal medicine, microbial preparations, etc

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**XI Bingwen**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Fish diseases, pond microecology, stress mechanism of aquatic animals, and ecological prevention and control technology of bacterial diseases

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**XU Dongpo**

Professor, PhD/ Doctor Supervisor

Main research fields: Conservation and utilization of fishery resources, large water surface aquaculture technology

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**CHEN Jiazhang**

Professor, Master Supervisor

Main research fields: Fishery ecological environment monitoring and protection, aquatic product quality and safety control technology, breeding environment restoration, healthy

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breeding, ecological environment evaluation, etc.

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### **QIANG Jun**

Professor, Supervisor for MSc students of WFC

Main research fields: tilapia breeding and aquaculture, molecular biology

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### **WU Wei**

Professor, Supervisor for MSc students of WFC

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### **YOU Yang**

Professor, Supervisor for MSc students of WFC

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### **TANG Yongkai**

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Main research fields: Fish functional gene, germplasm resource assessment and molecular breeding

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### **JIANG Gaozhong**

Professor, Supervisor for MSc students of WFC

Main research fields: fishery history and development, fishery laws and regulations

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## **b. Teaching Method**

The college will invite well-known experts and senior professors with solid theoretical foundation, strong English communication skills and rich teaching practice experience in the field of fisheries to give lectures, and invite officials and entrepreneurs in related fields such as fishery administration, promotion and demonstration, research and innovation, and industrial management to give special lectures, exchanges and discussions in conjunction with fishery special discussions.

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The course uses English as the teaching language, attaches importance to the combination of theory and practice, and adopts classroom lectures, group discussions, practical learning, special investigations and other methods.

#### c. Semester Schedule

The project is divided into four semesters. The first semester is from September 2025 to January 2025, the second semester is from February to August 2025, the third semester is from September 2025 to January 2027, and the fourth semester is from February to August 2027. The holidays are from January to February 2025 (about 30 days) and from January to February 2027 (about 30 days). The important work projects are arranged as follows:

SN	Work Project	Content and Requirement	Completion time
1	Basic school system	Full-time professional degree master's students for 2 years	The longest time to obtain a degree is 4 years
2	Arrival	New students shall register at the school within the prescribed time with the admission notice in early September, fill in the information online, check the admission information, undergo physical examination and go through relevant procedures.	Within the specified date
3	Registration	After passing the review, they will be registered and obtain the student status of graduate students. After each semester, they will register at the prescribed time in each college.	Within 3 months after admission
4	Course selection	According to the requirements of the graduate training program, under the guidance of the tutor, they shall pass the "Graduate Information Management System" within the prescribed time.	Generally within 2 weeks before the end of the semester and 2 weeks after the start of the semester
5	Course study and assessment	Strictly follow the course study plan to complete the course study and take the exam. Pass the exam to obtain the corresponding credits, and those who fail should retake the course.	Generally complete all courses and credits within the first academic year
6	Proposal report	Under the guidance of the tutor, the graduate student determines the research topic, designs the research plan and passes the opening of the topic.	Complete before the mid-term assessment
7	Mid-term assessment	A comprehensive assessment is conducted on political and ideological performance, course study, scientific research work ability, and practical links.	Complete at the beginning of the fourth semester
8	Professional practice	Full-time professional degree master's students must participate in professional practice for a total of no less than half a year, including submitting a practice plan, completing the practice, submitting a practice report and passing the practice assessment.	Develop a practical plan before the end of the second semester, and conduct a centralized assessment after the practice

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9	Academic exchange	During the study period, the graduate student should participate in a certain number of academic exchange activities other than course study, including academic conferences, seminars, exchanges, etc.	No less than 6 times
10	Publish articles	Students are encouraged to write and publish relevant articles during their studies.	During the school period
11	Thesis defense	See the training plan for details.	Graduate students usually graduate and receive their degrees in June and December each year
12	Transcript processing	After completing the required credits, the Graduate School will compile, print and stamp the articles and send them to each college.	Handle the fourth semester uniformly

## **d. Graduation Thesis**

### **(1) Specific Requirements for Graduation Thesis**

The master's thesis should be written in English (with abstracts in Chinese and English); the topic of the thesis should be closely related to fishery professional practice; the thesis can be in various forms, such as research reports, analysis reports, fishery development plans, etc.; the thesis should be no less than 15,000 words; the thesis content should be well-structured, with reliable data, concise text, rigorous reasoning, and correct arguments. The thesis content should generally consist of the following main parts: 1. Cover; 2. English inner cover; 3. Originality statement and copyright authorization (see Appendix 1 for details); 4. Table of Contents (including table of figures and table of contents); 5. Chinese abstract; 6. English abstract; 7. Explanation of symbols and abbreviations; 8. Thesis text; 9. References; 10. Appendix; 11. Acknowledgements, and a list of academic papers published during the degree program (if any). In addition, all applicants for master's degrees in our school will be subject to a random inspection of thesis.

### **(2) Specific requirements for thesis defense**

Students must complete the credit requirements and compulsory links specified in the discipline training program as planned, and after review and approval by the graduate management department, complete the research and writing of the master's degree thesis, meet the requirements of the master's degree thesis of the discipline, and agree and sign with the supervisor and the head of the discipline before they can apply for the master's degree thesis defense. The master's degree thesis defense committee is generally composed of 3-5 experts with associate senior titles or above. The full-time professional degree master's thesis defense committee should include experts in related industry practice fields outside the school. The chairman of the defense committee should be a professor or an expert with equivalent professional title. The supervisor shall not serve as

### **e. Degree Awarding**

After the defense, full-time professional degree master's students shall submit the "Master's Degree Application" (in duplicate), "Main Achievements during the Degree Study Period" (in one copy), and the main achievement certificate and other degree application materials to the graduate management department of the college to apply for the degree. After the formal defense of the degree thesis is passed, the graduate student can obtain a graduation certificate and can apply for a degree within 2 years after graduation. Failure to do so will be deemed as giving up the qualification to apply for a degree. The degree application materials of the master's degree applicants shall be reviewed by the degree subcommittee to which they belong, and a recommendation shall be made to award the master's degree. The materials shall then be submitted to the school degree committee for review and approval, which shall make a decision to award the master's degree and issue the master's degree certificate.

## **II. Application**

### **1. Application requirement**

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- (1) Non-Chinese nationals from developing countries, in good health, no older than 45 years old (**born after September 1, 1980**).
- (2) Physically and mentally healthy, provide a health certificate or physical examination form issued by a local public hospital, and do not have any disease that is prohibited from entering or staying in China for a long time under Chinese laws and regulations. Do not have severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer or other serious chronic diseases, mental illness or infectious diseases that may cause major harm to public health, major surgery recovery period or acute disease attack period, severe limb disability, and are not pregnant. Female students who become pregnant during their studies in China will be treated as expelled.
- (3) Have a bachelor's degree or above and three years or more of work experience;
- (4) Those who have a study or work background related to the applied program and are currently employed are preferred;
- (5) Served as a civil servant at the department level or above (or equivalent level) in the government department of the host country, a senior manager of various institutions and enterprises, or an academic backbone of universities and research institutions;

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(6) Have a good command of English and can use English proficiently to study professional courses (reference standard: IELTS score of 6.0 or above, or new TOEFL score of 80 or above).

(7) Have career development potential in this field and are willing to promote friendly exchanges and cooperation between the host country and China.

(8) Students who are already studying in China or have been admitted to other Chinese government scholarship programs are not eligible to apply.

## 2. Procedures

### 1) Application to Nanjing Agricultural University

(1) Steps: Download and fill out the Nanjing Agricultural University International Student Application Form, which can be downloaded from the official website: <https://coieen.njau.edu.cn/Downloads/Admission.htm>, and sign your name and date. Requires 1 original copy and 1 photocopy.

(2) Instructions:

A. The softcopy form filled out online should be printed and signed with your name and date;

B. Paste a bare-headed photo (or passport photo) of appropriate size at the specified location on the printed paper form;

C. Fill in the Ministry of Commerce Scholarship in the funding source column.

### 2) Materials

Please prepare the following information before submitting your application:

Documents		Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1	Recommendation letter from work institution	A recommendation letter should be issued by the applicant's institution, introducing the applicant's basic information and indicating willingness to recommend the applicant to study in China.	1	1
2	Academic recommendation letter	A recommendation letter from an associate professor or above, introducing the applicant's academic background, professional direction, past achievements and research ability.	1	1
3	Copies of previous academic qualifications and degrees	Including copies of the "graduation certificate" and "degree certificate" of the previous academic degree.	1	1
4	Official Transcripts	Copies of the student's transcripts of the main courses of the previous academic degree.	1	1
5	CV	Personal background information and study and work experience after high school.	1	1



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6	Personal Statement	Personal ideas and goals for studying related majors in China.	1	1
7	Research Plan	The study and research tasks that the individual hopes to complete during his/her study in China.	1	1
8	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	A copy of your passport photo page, clearly showing your name, passport number, etc. Please do not use diplomatic or official passports to submit your application.	1	1
9	English Language Proficiency Test Results	Only for non-English speaking countries, applicants must have recent TOEFL, GRE and other proficiency test scores.	1	1
10	Photo	2 pieces of bareheaded 2-inch photos with white background taken within the last 3 months	0	2
11	Physical Examination Form	Physical examination results taken within the last month, proving that the applicant does not suffer from serious infectious diseases or disabilities that affect the major studied or other diseases that the Chinese government does not allow entry.	1	1

### 3) Submission

(1) Students can apply for the scholarship program only after obtaining approval and recommendation from the relevant departments of their governments. They should submit materials according to the specific requirements of the relevant departments of their countries.

(2) If the government of their countries allows students to submit materials directly to our embassy, students should submit the original paper documents of 1, 2, and 3 above and their scanned softcopy versions to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy in their countries with the relevant certificates or recommendation letters of their countries approving their study in China.

(3) The relevant departments of their governments should make a written request to the Economic and Commercial Office to issue a recommendation letter for the students recommended by their countries, and indicate in the written request whether they would accept transfer to other schools to study for the same or similar majors if the school they applied for has used up its quota. If there are any other special instructions, please submit them together.

### 4) Reminders:

(1) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

(2) An original copy of diploma, degrees, transcripts and language certificates, in addition to submitting photocopies, you must also submit the originals for verification by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Chinese Embassy.

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(3) 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.

### **3. Deadline**

The application deadline for this program is **June 6, 2025**.

## **III. Others**

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### **(2) Others**

1. Regardless of the application result, all application materials will not be returned.
2. Regardless of admission, the Chinese government will not provide any explanation.
3. We do not provide accommodation and meals for spouses and children visiting China.
4. The procedures and related requirements for coming to China will be explained in the admission documents.