

**SUPPORT TO
NATURE
PROTECTED AREAS**



- Call for applications by staff of Ukrainian Protected Areas and MENR -

Master of Science programme in “Management of Conservation Areas”
at the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Klagenfurt (Austria),
with extensive financial support by the SNPA Project.

As part of capacity building activities, the "Support to Nature Protection in Ukraine" (www.snpa.in.ua) project is opening the application process for the selection of two candidates to participate in the Master's programme “Management of Conservation Areas” at the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences in Klagenfurt (Austria) from early 2020 to 2022. The offer is addressed to employees from Ukrainian Protected Areas and from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR).

The selected candidates will receive a **scholarship** for completing the masters programme. This will include the coverage of tuitions fees, travel expenses (including for flights and city travel), accommodation costs, per diems, insurance costs, purchases of learning materials (e.g. books), etc. **A small contribution of 100 EUR per semester (400 EUR in total) will have to be covered by each candidate.**

The participants who successfully complete the programme and pass the final exam will be awarded the academic degree “Master of Science”.

About the programme:

The programme is run by Carinthia University of Applied Sciences in co-operation with the E.C.O. Institute of Ecology and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. It represents a unique educational opportunity for executives, national authorities and professionals in the management of protected areas, as well as to planners, consultants and stakeholders, who will get the chance to study and gain expertise from international trainers and participants regarding various pressing problems and solutions for effective management of conservation areas.

For a full and detailed overview detailed information about the programme is available at <http://www.fh-kaernten.at/de/unser-studienangebot/bauingenieurwesen-architektur/ueberblick/bauingenieurwesen-architektur/weiterbildung/management-of-conservation-areas/overview/>.

The duration of the study programme is 4 semesters (2 years, starting February 3rd, 2020) and comprises 19 courses. The programme is divided into presence courses (where participants have to be physically present) and via e-learning (remote studying). Substantial components of the training will be provided via e-learning, while the presence courses will be conducted in blocks of 5-12 days. This allows for combining the training with a regular day job. Presence courses will be held at different venues, e.g. seminar facilities of different parks and conservation areas in Central Europe.

Eligibility for application

Eligible applicants will:

- have a relevant academic degree (university, college or equivalent) in biology, geography, ecology or environmental sciences,
- have very good command of the English language (ability to lead a professional conversation),
- be either a staff member of a protected area in Ukraine (in a management or research department), or a staff member of MENR,
- have demonstrable interest in contributing professionally to nature conservation and the protected area sector.

The candidate selection will be based on the submitted documents and subsequent oral/skype interviews, focussing on overall competence/knowledge, language skills, personal achievements, etc. Applications from candidates who are not employees of Ukrainian protected areas and/or MENR will be automatically rejected.

Obligations by the candidates (once accepted into the programme):

1. The candidates will be required to cover a fee of 100 EUR at the beginning of each study semester (400 EUR in total)
2. The candidates will be asked to officially declare their commitment for working in the nature conservation sector in Ukraine over a minimum of 2 years after completing the programme.

The application process:

Applicants are required to submit the following documents (all in English language):

- Filled out application form of the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (http://www.fh-kaernten.at/fileadmin/application_form_MCA.pdf)
- Supporting documents:
 - professional CV
 - letter of motivation/intent
 - two reference letters
 - copy of final degree
 - publications and reports
 - copy of valid passport

Applications shall be submitted with all requested documents via email to
Dr Bohdan Prots: prots@snpa.in.ua

Application deadline is the 20th of October, 2019.

The announcement of successful applicants is planned for the beginning of November.