

Newsletter

of the Faculty of Science PU

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Introductory word

The number of student applications recorded no significant changes compared to last year

The Faculty of Science experiences a stable interest of high school graduates. Department of Study has accepted a total of 3494 applications for the academic year 2017/2018. There were 3667 applications turned in last year. The annual decline is only about 200 applications for Bachelor study programs, the number of applications for follow-up Master Study programs has slightly increased.

"We are pleased that the anticipated lower number of high school graduates did not have a significant impact on us. We will see how many applicants will actually register; the number of admitted students will be the same as last year," said Roman Kubínek, Vice-Dean for Study, Education and Social Matters.



The Faculty of Science offers more than a hundred study programs in different fields of Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Sciences. Department of Study received 2755 applications by the end of February; it is 197 less than in the last year. As in previous years, applicants are mainly interested in majors such as Molecular and Cell Biology with a total of 237 applications, Biochemistry with 181 applications or Experimental Biology. Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development has recorded the highest increase in a number of applications. 93 students chose the program this year. There were only 37 applications received in 2016.

On the contrary, Applied Computer Science recorded the biggest decline due to new criteria of admissions procedure this year. "Fewer students will enroll in this study program compared to the previous year. However, it will exclude students who do not obtain any credits during the first year of study and who generally applied for study programs without an entrance examination. And also it is consistent with the concept that we have set," Kubínek stated.

Compared to the previous year the second round of the admissions procedure will be limited to Bachelor Study programs which will not reach their full capacity after the first round concerning mainly fields of Mathematics and Physics.

Palacký University accepted 25 444 applications by February 28. There were 27 899 applications turned in last year.

For Students

☐ **Subject registration for summer semester**

Students may **adjust their timetable at the Department of Study till March 17**. Modifying the timetable after this deadline is possible only upon request, confirmed by the head of the respective department or a teacher.

☐ **Graduation Ceremony**

We kindly ask students who completed their studies by taking a state final exam in January and February and wish to participate in graduation ceremony to come to the Department of Study and confirm their presence at the ceremony. It will be held **from June 26 to June 30**. Graduation schedule will be posted on the website of the Faculty at the beginning of June. Faculty alumni may collect their confirmation of the studies completion at the Department of Study. They may also collect their diploma there at the end of March at the earliest.

☐ As of March 13, **Mrs. Ludmila Mozgová**, e-mail ludmila.mozgova@upol.cz **has been in charge of students' matters of the following fields of study: Chemistry, Physics and Ecology.**

☐ We kindly requests the **graduates of Doctoral study programs** who completed their studies in December 2016 and January 2017 and will not participate in graduation ceremony in June to collect their diplomas at Vladimíra Kalová's office, Department of Science and Research at Recorate.

☐ **Lifelong Education**

Students who completed their lifelong education in December 2016 or January and February 2017 may collect their completion certificates at Martina Karásková's office, Department of Study.

International and outer University Information

☐ **Marie Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network is recruiting 12 students of Doctoral study programs** to be trained as European Experts in Multilevel Bioimaging: Analysis and Modelling of Vertebrate Development and Disease. Further information is available [here](#).

☐ **DAAD-Informationszentrum Prag short-term scholarships**

DAAD offers scholarship positions for the following types of programs that will be implemented from December 2017 to May 2018:

- 1-6 months research scholarships Kurzzstipendien for students of Doctoral study programs and young researchers
- 1-3 months research fellowships for university teachers and researchers
- 1-3 months invitation for former scholarship holders

The deadline for submitting applications is May 1. For further information write an email at: info@daad.cz.

☐ **Scholarships in Korea**

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea has announced an offer of two scholarship positions for Master or Doctoral study programs at a university in Korea. A complete list of universities as well as further information about the scholarship offer is available [here](#).

☐ **Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam is recruiting a number of lecturers, scientists, researchers and experts with Doctoral degree** in all fields especially in Informetrics (scientometrics, bibliometrics, information science, science of science policy), Geographic information systems, Information technology, Statistics, Economics, Management (Sport, Marketing, Hospitality,

International Business), Social Sciences, Law and Pharmacy. Positions are available on a long-term basis (at least 12 months). Further information is available [here](#).

Academic Senate

- ☐ **Elections to Faculty and University academic senates will take place at the main faculty building, 17. listopadu street 12 on Wednesday April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and in Holic campus on Thursday April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lists of candidates for the elections to both senates are available on [the web page of our faculty academic senate](#) where presentation of candidates will be posted as well on March 24.**

Faculty Operation

- ☐ As of **March 8** Department of Development Studies was renamed to **Department of Development and Environmental Studies**.

Student Organizations

- ☐ **POSPOL would like to** thank all participants of Tuesday's run which was held at the occasion of **π International Day**. Congratulations to **Daniel Raška** (time 10:08), **Pavel Dvořák** (10:09) and **David Král** (10:28) on their excellent results.
- ☐ Department of Experimental Physics in cooperation with the Joint Laboratory of Optics and [UP Crowd](#) has organized a lecture of **Bruno Leibundgut**, a former scientific director of the European Southern Observatory and a member of the Nobel Laureate Team High-Z Supernova Search. The lecture on **Observing with ESO telescopes will be held on Tuesday, March 21 from 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science**. You are all cordially invited.

Miscellaneous

- ☐ **Parks in motion**
Fifty minutes training sessions with a trained instructor will be held for free in Smetanovy Sady Park Monday to Thursday from March 21 to July 22 at 4:00 p.m. The program is suitable for beginners; meet the instructor at the gazebo in Smetanovy Sady. Thursday sessions will be held in English.
Further information is available [here](#), you may also write an email at: parkyvpohybu@gmail.com or call on: 739328684.
- ☐ **Easter trip to Bítov castle and cruise along Vranovská dam**
Spring walk in the untouched nature of Podyjí National Park, visit of the Rumburak observation tower, Bítov castle, Citov castle ruins and a local brewery as well as a cruise along Vranovská dam may easily evoke an Easter atmosphere. This trip will take place on **April 14**, you may take part in for CZK 430, -. For further information and booking your ticket, please contact Zdena Loutocká at: z.loutocka@upol.cz.
- ☐ **Volunteering in Dolphin Research, Croatia**
Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation has conducted scientific research of wild bottlenose dolphins in Adriatic Sea for 29 years. One of the main Croatian research teams operates in

location of Veli Lošinj Island. Take part in and help with research, public awareness and conservation of cetaceans and other organisms in beautiful location of north Croatian islands. Further information is available [here](#) or on the webpage of [the Blue World Institute](#).

- ❑ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on March 31, 2017**
- ❑ As of **March 1, 2017** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered the following provisions of UP:
[A-1/2017](#) – Palacký University Constitution
[A2-2017](#) – Code of the habilitation procedure and appointment of professors procedure at UP
Both UP provisions have come into effect **on March 8, 2017**.
- ❑ **As of March 15, 2017 the following provision of UP came into effect:**
[B3-17/3-SR](#) – Amendment no. 2 to UP Rector's Guideline no. B3-04/5 Rules for control activities at UP