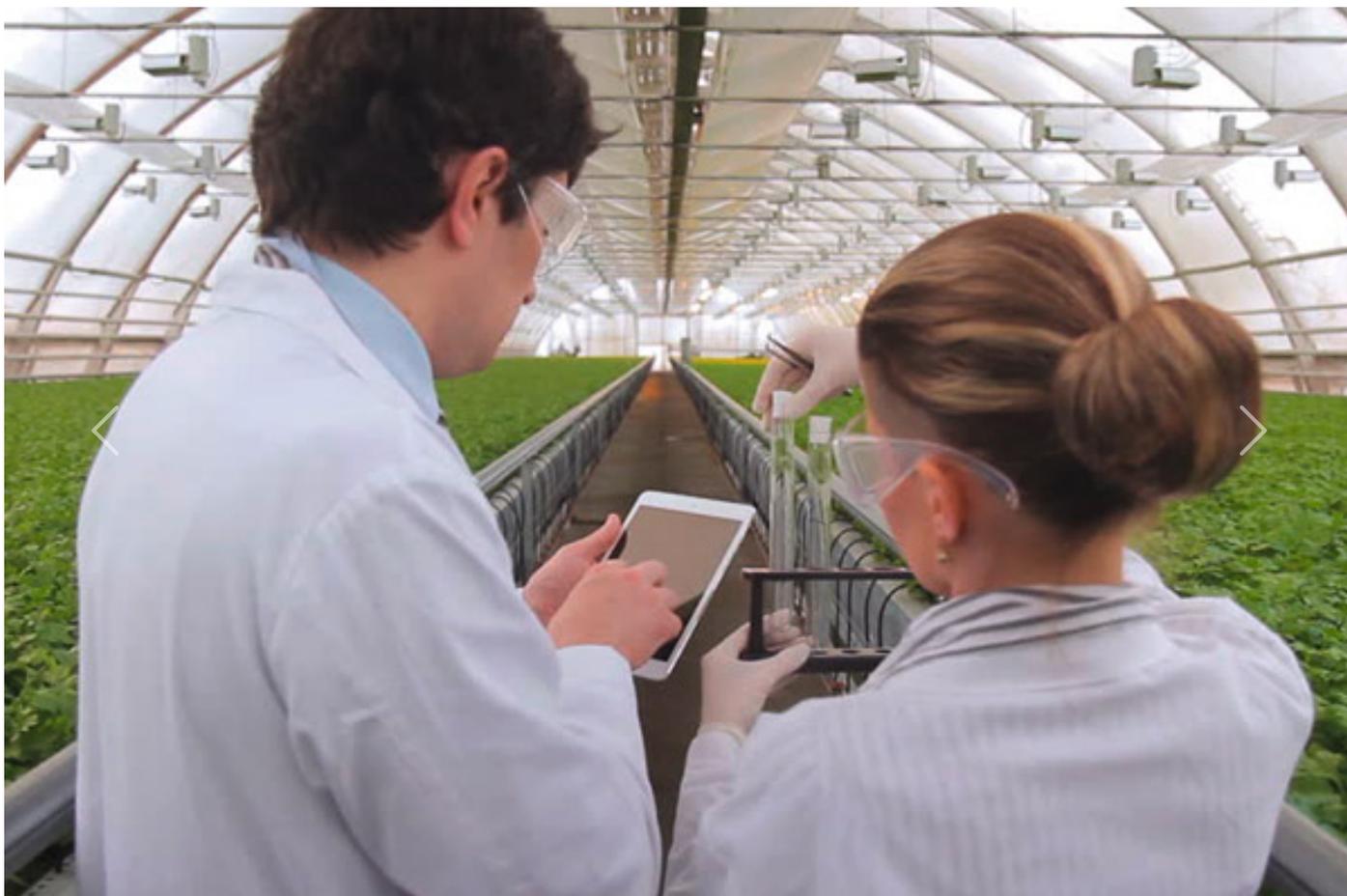


# Scholarships in Agricultural Sciences in 2018

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*As of 2018, the government will grant scholarships for the education of students in degree programmes for which there is a shortage of experts in the state administration. The list of specialities in which young professionals may apply for a monthly allowance will be updated annually on the proposal of the administrations experiencing a need for specialists. Agricultural sciences are also part of the compiled list. In parallel with the state scholarships, the “Evrika” Foundation is launching for the fifteenth consecutive year its competition for students in 10 different fields, including veterinary sciences and forestry.*

A scholarship programme has been launched in Bulgaria, which will provide financial support to students after completion of their third year of study. The programme is regulated by the Civil Servant Act, the Council of Ministers points out. Future professionals from the following specialities will be supported: agricultural sciences,

civil engineering, geodesy, information systems and technologies, and public administration. The aim of the programme is to attract employees to the state administration, which suffers from a severe shortage of new specialists.

The monthly remuneration of the students will not exceed BGN 330 and will be determined according to the budget of the respective authority. All students who are Bulgarian citizens and have successfully completed the third year of a degree programme included in the list for 2018 will be eligible to apply. The selection is carried out by a commission in the respective administration in three stages – document screening, written examination and interview.

The approved scholarship holders will have a mentor during the implementation of the programme and will be obliged to work in the respective structure for a minimum of three years after completing their education.

### **Scholarships from the “Eвриka” Foundation**

For the fifteenth consecutive year, the “Eвриka” Foundation will, through a competition, select the students who will receive named scholarships in the amount of BGN 2,000 per year in 10 fields:

1. Computer sciences named after John Atanasoff;
2. Mathematics named after Acad. Nikola Obreshkov;
3. Physics named after Acad. Georgi Nadzhakov;
4. Chemistry and chemical technologies named after Acad. Rostislav Kaishev;
5. Medicine and biology named after Acad. Metodi Popov;
- 6. Agricultural sciences, including veterinary sciences and forestry, named after Acad. Doncho Kostov;**
7. Engineering sciences in the field of electronics, automation and electrical engineering named after Acad. Dimitar Mishev;
8. Engineering sciences in the field of mechanical engineering technologies named after Acad. Angel Balevski;
9. Construction and architecture named after Kolyu Ficheto;

## 10. Economics named after Acad. Evgeni Mateev.

Bulgarian students at Bulgarian universities in the specified fields, in accordance with the designation of the scholarships, who have completed at least the second year of their studies with an average grade for the academic years not lower than Very Good (5.00), and who are enrolled in full-time studies at the universities under the prescribed procedure for the 2017/2018 academic year, are entitled to apply for the scholarships of the “Evrika” Foundation.

Applicants for the named and special scholarships must submit in person or by post to the “Evrika” Foundation from 01.09.2017 to 15.10.2017 the following documents:

1. Application (free text) stating the wish to participate in the competition for receiving a named scholarship of the “Evrika” Foundation and a completed Application Form (template available at [www.evrika.org](http://www.evrika.org));
2. Certificate from the university indicating the grades by academic years and the enrolment for the new 2016/2017 academic year;
4. Copies of documents certifying participation and ranking in national and international competitions, Olympiads and conferences, publications in scientific journals and other evidence of the candidate’s achievements in mastering the respective sciences, demonstration of creativity and others;
5. Essay on the topic “My future as a specialist – dreams, plans and reality” (up to 3 pages).

For documents sent by post, the date of the postmark shall apply.

For additional information: [www.evrika.org](http://www.evrika.org).