

TropEd recognition

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1. What is tropEd recognition

tropEd recognition for individual graduates is a recognition of quality, internationalisation, interaction and mobility in Master's education in the tropEd network.

2. Prerequisites for tropEd recognition

To obtain tropEd recognition, a student must provide proof of:

1. A specific Master degree of minimum 60 ECTS in the broad field of International, Global or Public health, obtained from a tropEd home institution
2. Successful completion of a tropEd accredited core course
3. Successful completion of 30 ECTS tropEd accredited courses in total (including the core course), with at least 10 taught credit points (physical or virtual) outside the student's own institution, or at the home institution in collaboration with another tropEd institution.
4. Graduation within 5 years (based on the date the degree is awarded) after the start date of the core course or first course at the home institution. Extension of this period can be granted if requested and motivated by the student. The request of extension has to be submitted to the tropEd secretariat and endorsed by the Working Group tropEd Recognition.

5. At least 6 months of cumulative full time professional experience or internship in a low or middle income setting or with vulnerable populations groups, based on employer/internship references.
6. An abstract of the master thesis of no more than 750 words, to be published on the tropEd website. The abstract should contain the main different scientific sections of an article.

3. Procedure of issuing the recognition certificate

The award of tropEd recognition is agreed upon by the Working Group tropEd Recognition and presented for information in the tropEd General Assembly.

3.1 Application

3.1.1. Submission of application

An application for tropEd recognition will be prepared by the graduate and sent with all justification documents to the tropEd secretariat. The secretariat will then forward the file to the Working Group Recognition for review.

3.1.2. Time for the application

An application can be submitted any time during the year but Recognition Certificates are only issued three times a year, which is during the tropEd General Assembly (GA) meetings.

3.1.3. Required documents for the application

Submit as **a single PFD** file the following documents:

1. Copy of the Master's Degree Certificate with a signed Diploma Supplement or transcript of records showing all the courses taken.
2. Copies of signed grade reports for all successfully taken modules.
3. Copies of Employment/Internship reference(s) from professional experience in low- and middle income countries/societies/settings
4. An abstract of the master thesis to be published on the tropEd website.

3.2 Evaluation of the applications

This evaluation procedure is undertaken by the Working Group tropEd Recognition. The two members of this Committee are elected by the General Assembly for a 2 year period (ideally annually alternating election of the two positions to allow smooth handing over; re-elections are possible without limitation). The Working Group uses the tropEd database of accredited modules in the network, and is supported by the tropEd

secretariat. In case further clarification is needed for the evaluation, the reviewers will contact the graduate. As soon as the evaluation is completed, a notice will be sent to the applicant. In case of conflicting results between the reviewers, the case will be brought to the GA for discussion.

3.3 Costs

No extra cost will be charged from the student and/or their institution.

3.4 Certificate

The tropEd secretariat will prepare the Certificate of tropEd Recognition for the applicant. The certificate is signed by the General Secretary and the President of the Network (as acting at the time of signature). The tropEd secretariat will deliver a printed Certificate to the student and a digital copy to the tropEd representative of the student's institution. An electronic copy is archived at the tropEd secretariat.

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