



Anthropocene Case Competition 2026

An international student case competition by MATE and Bonafarm Group, exploring data-driven and sustainable solutions for the future of agriculture and food production.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Anthropocene Case Competition is an international student case competition focused on real, current agrifood and sustainability challenges. Student teams develop their concept through three consecutive rounds – and the best teams present their solutions in a high-intensity 48-hour on-site final at the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE) in Gödöllő, Hungary. Powered by MATE & Bonafarm, the competition connects academic talent with real-world implementation opportunities. Reasonable travel expenses for the finalist teams are covered by the organizers.

TIMELINE

Round 1 – Application	16 February – 8 March
Round 2 – Online Presentation	23–25 March
Round 3 – On-site final	13–15 May

Build solutions that can be tested in the real world



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HOW DOES IT WORK?

The competition unfolds in three rounds: an online pre-selection stage where teams submit their initial concept and materials for evaluation; a second online round in which advancing teams deliver an online presentation of a more detailed case solution to a jury; and a final in-person round in Gödöllő, Hungary, where over two intensive days (13–15 May) teams further develop and present their solutions with expert support and stakeholder feedback before final judging.

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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Bachelor's, Master's & PhD students from universities worldwide are encouraged to participate. Teams consist of three students and must be accompanied by one mentor from their home institution. We welcome participants from a wide range of disciplines – including agriculture, food science, environmental studies, engineering, business, public health, computer science – to develop interdisciplinary solutions to food system challenges.

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WHY JOIN?

Work on a real corporate challenge, get hands-on mentoring from academic and industry experts, compete for valuable prizes, and gain a unique opportunity to pitch your idea to one of the region's largest, vertically integrated food companies and take it one step closer to real-world impact.