



SEARCA Graduate Scholarships for Southeast Asians

Full Master's and PhD degree Scholarships

Eligibility

Open to nationals of SEAMEO member countries who are regular employees of academic or research institutions or government agencies.

Must not be more than 35 years of age at the time of application.

Proposed thesis research should focus on SEARCA's overarching theme of inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development.

Scholarship Benefits

Covers tuition and other school fees; travel allowance (roundtrip air ticket from home country to study post and local transportation); thesis/dissertation support; book and supplies allowance; health insurance; and stipend for food, lodging, and incidental expenses.

Tenure

Granted on a yearly or semestral basis without prejudice to extension but not to exceed four semesters for a master's degree program and six semesters for a doctoral program.

Conditions of Scholarship

Scholar must undertake the degree program on a full-time basis and should not engage in any work for pay or accept any other scholarship/assistantship throughout the period of the scholarship award. Additional financial support for thesis/dissertation work may be sought from other sources, if necessary.

Study Posts

Any one of the following universities under the University Consortium, may serve as the study post of SEARCA graduate scholars:

- Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB), Bogor, Indonesia
- Kasetsart University (KU), Bangkok, Thailand
- Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Selangor, Malaysia
- University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Laguna, Philippines



Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following requirements to their respective Ministries of Education/Higher Education (list of contact information can be found at <http://scholarship.searca.org>):

1. Accomplished SEARCA Scholarship Application Form (2 copies). Download application form at <http://scholarship.searca.org>
2. Letter of admission/acceptance from SEARCA-accredited university is highly preferred. If none, applicants must submit accomplished application forms for admission to the Graduate School of at least three universities in the list of study posts
3. Official transcript of academic records and certificate of completion for each degree completed
4. Certification of employment
5. Research proposal that the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation, which must be in line with the priority thrusts of SEARCA
6. Two copies of passport-size ID picture
7. Updated Curriculum Vitae
8. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is physically and mentally fit to undertake graduate studies
9. IELTS score of 6.0 or TOEFL score of 550 for paper-based, 213 for computer-based, and 80 for Internet-based test
10. Official endorsement from the employer

Deadline for the Ministries to send endorsements to SEARCA is **30 September of every year**. Thus, applicants are requested to check with their respective Ministries of Education/Higher Education for their deadline for receiving applications.

For questions and further information, contact:

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