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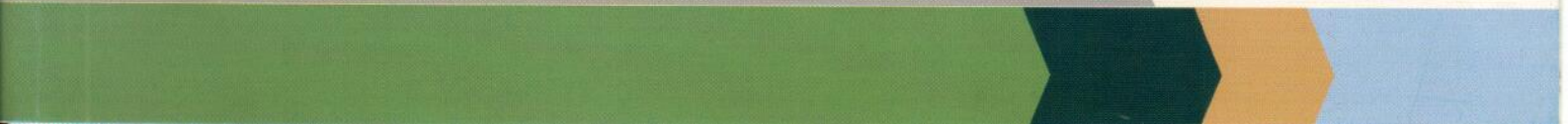
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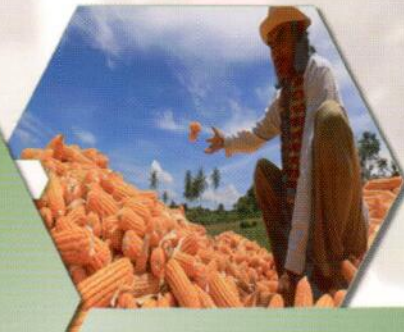
SEARCA priority thrusts

SEARCA's Tenth Five-Year Plan (FY 2014/2015 – 2018/2019) focuses on the overarching theme of Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development (ISARD).

With this as guide, the SEARCA graduate scholars' thesis/dissertation topics must fall within any of the following ISARD priority themes and focus areas:

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Strengthening of value chains and agribusiness commodity systems
- Integration of small-scale farmers into commercial food systems
- Food and nutrition security
- Productivity-enhancing innovations and modern technologies
- Rural entrepreneurship toward off-farm and non-farm businesses



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Climate change adaptation and resiliency, risk mitigation and management, and climate-smart agriculture
- Natural resource management

CROSS CUTTING CONCERNS

- Sub-regional cooperation in trade and investments
- Regional economic integration
- Government policies, institutions, and governance mechanisms and reforms to address and redress rural poverty, inequitable growth, and environmental degradation



about the program

SEARCA's Graduate Scholarship Program was initiated in Academic Year 1968/1969 to ensure that Southeast Asia's agricultural scientists and professionals remain relevant and responsive to global sustainable development issues. It started with 14 graduate scholars from Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia.

For more than four decades now, SEARCA has awarded more than 1,500 graduate scholarships to nationals of SEAMEO regular member countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam to pursue advanced studies leading to master's and PhD degrees in agriculture, forestry, and related fields.

Many of these graduate scholars are now occupying influential positions in various local and international institutions.

1. Full Master's and PhD degree Scholarships

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 (Master's degree) or 40 (PhD) years old at the time of application.

Proposed thesis research should focus on any of SEARCA's current priority thrusts and focus areas.

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.

2. PhD Research Scholarship

Open to any Southeast Asian graduate student pursuing PhD in agriculture or related sciences. Dissertation topic must be in line with any of SEARCA's current priority thrusts and focus areas.

Requires the PhD scholar to produce a research report and an article about the research results for possible publication by SEARCA, and present a seminar on his/her research at SEARCA or similar venue.

types of scholarships



about SEARCA

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is one of the 21 regional centers of excellence of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), an intergovernmental organization that promotes cooperation among Southeast Asian nations through activities in education, science, and culture.



For its Tenth Five Year Plan, SEARCA will strengthen institutional capacities toward inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development (ISARD) in Southeast Asia, through graduate education, research and development, and knowledge management.



The defining elements of ISARD are social inclusion and environmental sustainability. SEARCA's goals are thus aligned with growth and development that benefits the poor and vulnerable sectors of society and which are achieved without compromising the integrity and future usefulness of the natural environment.



For more information, visit

<http://scholarship.searca.org>

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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 (Master's degree) or 40 (PhD) years old 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 **31 July of every year**. Thus, applicants are requested to check with their respective Ministries of Education/Higher Education for their deadline for receiving applications.

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SEARCA Graduate Scholarships for Southeast Asians PhD Research Scholarship

Eligibility

Priority 1. Southeast Asian nationals who are enrolled in PhD programs in any of the member universities under the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC)*.

Priority 2. Southeast Asian nationals who are regular staff members of government agencies or non-profit development-oriented institutions, and are PhD students of agricultural universities outside of UC.

Research topic

The topic of the applicant's PhD research must be aligned with SEARCA's thrusts of Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development (ISARD) towards food security and poverty alleviation in Southeast Asia.

Due to the limited amount of grant per scholarship, preference shall be given to researches that are not laboratory-based.

Scholarship Benefits

Research funds not to exceed USD 4,500 and optional internship at SEARCA for up to two (2) months. For those who will avail of the internship, additional scholarship fund may be allocated to cover local travel expenses, travel and accident insurance, and stipend during the period of internship at SEARCA.

* University Consortium members are 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; and University of Brawijaya, Malang, Indonesia.



Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following requirements to SEARCA:

1. Filled out SEARCA PhD Research Scholarship application form
2. Letter of application for the research scholarship which should be addressed to the SEARCA Director
3. Recommendation letter from the Dean of Graduate School of the university where the applicant is pursuing the degree program
4. Dissertation research outline/proposal approved by the Advisory Committee and Dean of Graduate School
5. Budgetary requirement for the entire research duly attested and recommended by the major adviser and Dean of Graduate School
6. True copy of grades for courses taken, certified by the Graduate School
7. Letter from the applicant certifying that he/she is not receiving any other research grant from any other institution. If partial funding has been obtained from other sources, applicant must submit a certification from the funding agency indicating the grant amount and items covered by the grant
8. Research timetable indicating the activities involved in the research, and the expected date of defense

All other things being equal, priority is given to those not receiving any other research grant. Applications must be submitted directly to SEARCA. Deadline for filing of application is **30 April (1st batch)** and **30 September (2nd batch)** of every year with grants to be awarded in **15 July** and **15 December** of same year, respectively.

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