

„In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“ South East Asia

Call for Scholarship Applications 2020 at South Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture – SEARCA

**Funded by the Federal Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**

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Programme Objectives

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), as a publicly funded, self-governing organization of the institutions of higher education in Germany, promotes international academic exchange as well as educational co-operation with developing countries through a variety of funding and scholarship programmes.

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies at SEARCA. The programme is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and aims at university staff in the first line, without neglecting the public sector demand of academically trained personnel.

The target group for scholarships are graduates and postgraduates from South East Asia with a first academic degree if applying for a Master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme, who want to pursue Master's or PhD courses in their home country (so called **In-Country scholarships**) or in another South East Asian country (**In-Region scholarships**). It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with SEARCA by offering up to 21 In-Region/In-Country scholarships for PhD and Master studies at

- Institut Pertanian Bogor,
- Kasetsart University Thailand,
- University of the Philippines Los Baños,
- Universiti Putra Malaysia,

or

- Universitas Gadjah Mada

for the intake 2020.

Application requirements

Applicants

- have successfully completed generally a three-year university degree/144 CP (Master candidates) or a five-year university degree/180 CP (doctoral candidates) with above average results (upper third of class)
- clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- have thorough knowledge of English language (IELTS 6.0 or above)
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste or Vietnam
- should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector

Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Eligible fields

The In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme supports studies in subject areas with strong relevance to national development.

The scholarships at SEARCA are available in the following fields:

- *Agriculture (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Agricultural Technology (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Statistics (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Food Science and Technology (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Forest Products and Paper Science (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Biological Science (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Veterinary Medicine (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Animal Science (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Economics and Management (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Fisheries and Marine Science (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Forestry (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Management of Natural Resources and Environment (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Human Ecology (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Mathematics and Science (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Biology (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Engineering (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Geography (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Social and Political Sciences (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Development Communication*
- *Agricultural Economics (M.Sc. and PhD)*
- *Agro-industry (M.Sc. and PhD)*

Place of tenure

Select SEARCA network member institutions (see above)

Duration and Commencement

The duration

- of the PhD programme is generally three years
- of the Master programme is generally two years

generally **starting in August 2020**

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps.

1. Applicants must apply for their studies at SEARCA using the contacts and the method that is prescribed by the institution. SEARCA has set its own deadlines.

SEARCA will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and short-list the applicants. A detailed report consisting of the shortlisting procedure, the entire list of applicants, the ranked shortlist and the shortlisting panel members will also be available to DAAD. The ranked shortlist will contain preferably triple (at least double) the number of scholarships that have been attributed to the institution.

DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

2. Simultaneously all applicants are asked to log into the DAAD portal and register themselves and submit an DAAD application.

2.1. Register online via the DAAD-Portal (if not already registered):
https://portal.daad.de/sap/bc/bsp/sap/z_set_cookie/setcookie.htm?fund_ar=stv&id=57516047

2.2. Apply online via the DAAD-Portal under the tab “Personal Funding“/ “Application“

Documents to be submitted:

- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- Letter of admission for the host university / institution / network
- Certified copies of university degree certificates including transcripts
- Letter of motivation (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits”)
- Time schedule (Master applications)
- Copy of the passport
- Language certificate
- Leave of Absence from current employer

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including detailed work and time table (if applicable: mentioning the planned research stay in Germany, see “Additional benefits”)
- Abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of proposal)

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition fees	Once at the beginning of study year	<i>the regularly charged amount</i>
Study and research allowance	annually	460 EUR (Master) 920 EUR (PhD)
Printing allowance	once at the end	400 EUR (Master) 800 EUR (PhD)
Monthly Scholarship (Accommodation, Food etc.)	monthly	Master Scholarship holders 500 Euro PhD Scholarship holders 650 Euro
Travel allowance (In-Region only)	twice (beginning/ end of scholarship)	<i>The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award</i>
Insurance		If your insurance is not covered by your host institution, the DAAD will pay you an insurance allowance within the regular and regional costs of insurance

The scholarship will either be disbursed by the host institution, the German Embassy or will be paid directly to the scholarship holder's banking account. Further details will be announced after admission to the scholarship programme.

Additional benefits

DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders are also encouraged to apply for a **research stay in Germany** for 2 up to 6 months. Please note: **The short-term research stay in Germany should preferably be announced in the application for the regular scholarship** and can only be awarded if the necessary financial means are available.

The short-term research scholarship includes:

- a monthly scholarship payment for living costs
- health/accident/personal liability insurance
- a flat-rate travel allowance

All further details regarding additional benefits and the additional application processes will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

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