

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

Call for Scholarship Applications 2022 at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)

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

Application Closing: January 7, 2022



Programme Objectives

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in South East Asia with the capacity to contribute to sustainable development. To this end, scholarships are granted for development-related Master or doctoral studies for individuals who plan to pursue a career in teaching and / or research at a higher education institution in South East Asia.

By training future academic and professional leaders, the programme contributes to the following **long-term impacts**:

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of development-related problems in South East Asia
- Graduates strengthening education and research in South East Asia
- Structural strengthening and regional networking of partner institutions and partner universities

To achieve these long-term impacts, the following outcomes have been formulated as programme objectives:

Programme objective 1: Graduates have qualified to take over responsible positions in their, or for their, region of origin

Programme objective 2: The participation of women and underprivileged groups is reinforced

Programme objective 3: Organizational, financial and personal capacities of partner institutions are strengthened

As part of the „In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme“, DAAD offers scholarships for PhD and Master studies. 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 Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, East Timor, Thailand or Vietnam with a first academic degree for a Master's programme, or with a Master's degree if applying for a doctoral programme who want to pursue Master's courses, either

- in their home country

(In-Country scholarships are aimed at students who study in their home country or in the country for which they have a residence permit.)

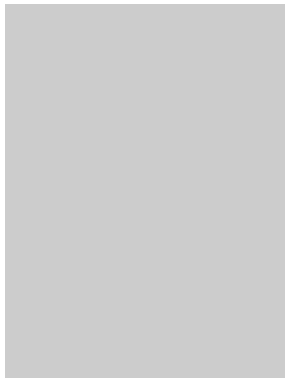
- or -

- in another South East Asian country

(In-Region scholarships are aimed at students who want to participate in a study programme in a country of their home region (here: South East Asia / outside their home country).

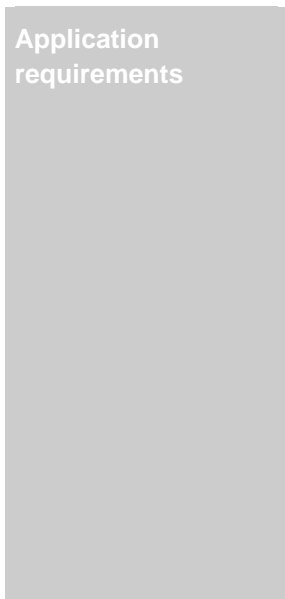
It has been agreed upon that DAAD cooperates with Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture by offering

- up to 3 In-Country scholarships/ up to 7 In-Region scholarships for the Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Resource Economics programme (Master)
- up to 3 In-Country scholarships/ up to 7 In-Region scholarships for the Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Resource Economics programme (PhD)
- up to 3 In-Country scholarships/ up to 3 In-Region scholarships for the Environmental Science / Environmental Engineering programme (Master)



- up to 3 In-Country scholarships/ up to 3 In-Region scholarships for the Environmental Science / Environmental Engineering programme (PhD)
- up to 2 In-Country scholarships/ up to 5 In-Region scholarships for the Agronomy / Plant Breeding / Genetics / Tropical Agriculture / Plant Science / Plant Pathology programme (Master)
- up to 2 In-Country scholarships/ up to 5 In-Region scholarships for the Agronomy / Plant Breeding / Genetics / Tropical Agriculture / Plant Science / Plant Pathology programme (PHD)

at one of the following Partner Institutions of SEARCA: UPLB, KU, UPM for the intake 2022/2023



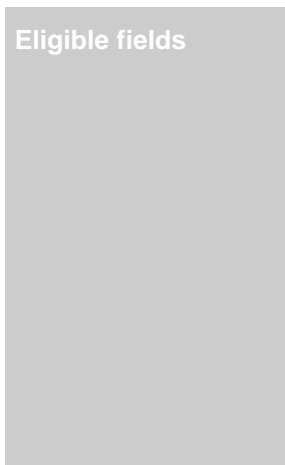
Application requirements

Applicants

- must have successfully completed generally a three-year university undergraduate degree (Master candidates) or a five-year university graduate degree (doctoral candidates) with above average results (upper third of class)
- must clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- must have thorough knowledge of English language (IELTS 6.0 or above)
- must have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals of one of the following countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, East Timor, Thailand or Vietnam

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 a maximum of the regular period of study 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:

University of the Philippines Los Baños	MS/PhD Agricultural Economics; MS/PhD Agronomy / Plant Breeding / Genetics; MS/PhD Environmental Science	Laguna, Philippines
Kasetsart University	MS/PhD Agricultural Resource Economics; MS/PhD Tropical Agriculture; MS/PhD Environmental Science	Bangkok, Thailand
Universiti Putra Malaysia	MS/ PhD Agricultural Economics; MS/PhD Plant Science / Plant Pathology; MS/PhD Environmental Engineering	Selangor, Malaysia



Place of tenure

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), Los Banos, Philippines

Duration and Commencement

Duration of the standard period of study and start date according to the agreement between the host institution and the DAAD:

- For the Master programme, the duration is generally two years and is usually starting in August.
- For the PhD programme, the duration is generally three years and is usually starting in August.

Please note that the maximum duration of the scholarship is based on the time that is left until the scholarship holder has reached the regular period of studies in that programme; i.e., if you apply for a DAAD scholarship starting in your second year of studies of a three-year programme, the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.

Application and Selection Procedure

The application process contains two steps. Please be aware of the two application deadlines.

First step:

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:

Please find the direct link to the online application here:

<https://ischo.searcaapps.org/ischo/form/>

while a background on the DAAD-SEARCA collaboration and details about the DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship is found in

<https://www.searca.org/daad-scholarship>

SEARCA will screen, pre-select (according to DAAD selection criteria) and shortlist 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.

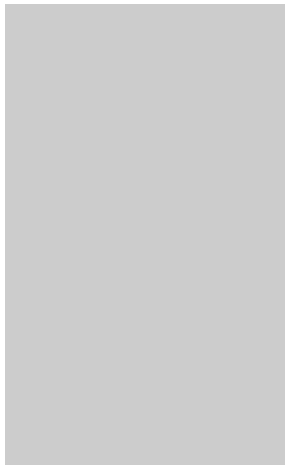
Second step:

SEARCA will provide the shortlisted candidates with the link to the DAAD-Portal. Only the pre-selected candidates are asked to log into the DAAD portal, register themselves and submit a DAAD application.

DAAD Deadline: January 7, 2022

Documents to be submitted (in either English or German):

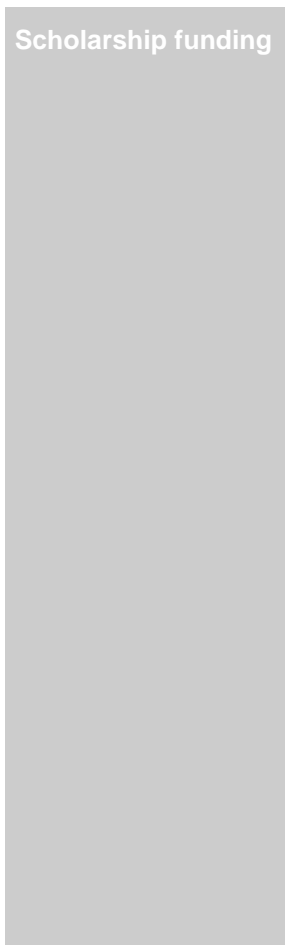
- DAAD application form duly filled in (available in the DAAD-Portal)
- Hand signed curriculum vitae (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>), including a list of publications (if applicable).
- Recommendation letter by university teachers (Master 1, PhD 2)
- Letter 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")



- Language Certificate
- Timetable (for the entire planned period of your studies)
- Leave of Absence from the current employer

PhD candidates have to submit the following additional documents:

- Declaration of acceptance from the academic supervisor
- Detailed and precise PhD proposal, including a thorough research plan and detailed timetable (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)

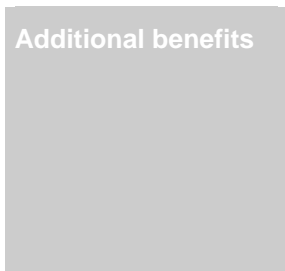


Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

Item	Payment	Amount
Tuition fees	Twice a 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	500 EUR (Master) 650 EUR (PhD)
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		The tuition fees include also health insurance

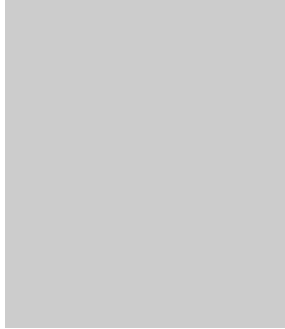
*Please note that in some cases not all fees and costs that are mentioned on the official fee structure of the host institution can be covered by DAAD in full, e.g. if the agreement with the funding organization prevents us from funding certain items in the fee structure or if items that are included in the fees are supposed to be covered through the individual scholarship benefits. DAAD will transfer the fees directly to the host institution via SEARCA. 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

- a) 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.



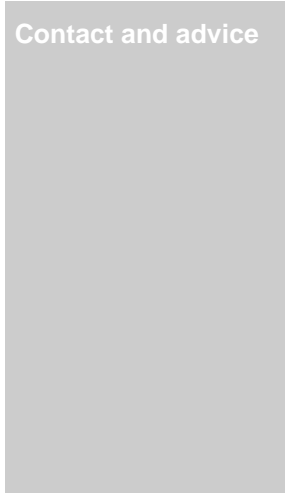
The short-term research scholarship includes:

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

b) invited to apply for different Summer Schools in Germany (four weeks)

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

Contact and advice



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