

Attention

Department of Agriculture-Central Office
All Department of Agriculture-Regional Offices
Philippines

DA-SEARCA Scholarships for MS and PhD

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is pleased to announce the availability of a number of DA-SEARCA scholarship slots for MS (48) and PhD (3) starting first semester, school year 2010-2011 for junior and mid-level professional staff of the central and regional offices of the Department of Agriculture.

The DA-SEARCA Scholarship Program is one of the components of the “Umbrella Capacity Development Program on Strategic Management and Policy for Agriculture Professionals and Executives of the Department of Agriculture” funded by the Philippine Department of Agriculture and implemented through SEARCA. The program generally aims to produce a cadre of homegrown, world-class career bureaucrats who can competently and proactively steer the government’s agriculture program in synergy with local governments, the private sector, external markets, civil society, small producers and their communities, and other national and international partners.

The program provides support to fulltime and part-time graduate studies of selected DA professionals towards master’s and doctoral degrees in fields under any of the following general priority areas in support of food security and rural poverty alleviation:

- Strategic leadership and public management
- Development economics and agricultural policy
- Agricultural business and trade and investment.

Applicants may apply for admission to the following graduate programs at any of the following collaborating higher education institutions:

- Ateneo de Manila School of Government (AsoG)
 - Master in Public Management (MPM) specialized in Strategic Leadership for Agricultural Development
- University of Asia and the Pacific School of Management (UAP)
 - Master in Food Systems Management
 - Executive Master in Business Management (Strategic Business Economics Program)
- University of the Philippines School of Economics (UPEcon)
 - Master in Development Economics
 - PhD in Economics

The scholarship entitles the recipient to the following:

1. Full basic salary and other benefits from the mother agency for the duration of the scholarship;
2. Matriculation and other school fees (actual as assessed by the University/School);
3. Book/school supplies allowance;
4. Monthly stipend of PhP 18,000 for MS scholars and PhP 20,000 for PhD fulltime scholars; and prorated stipend for part time scholars;
5. Health insurance for the duration of the award; and
6. Thesis support of up to PhP50,000 for MS and up to PhP 80,000 for PhD.

Interested applicants should submit the following requirements to SEARCA:

1. Duly accomplished DA-SEARCA Scholarship Application Form (3copies);
2. Application forms for admission to the Graduate Schools of any three (3) collaborating universities;
3. **Original transcript of academic records bearing the seal of the University and fresh signatures of the Registrar or Head of the University.** Applicants for MS degree should submit their **original BS** transcript of records. PhD degree applicants should submit their **original BS and MS** transcripts of records;
4. Certification of employment;
5. A recommendation letter from employer or immediate supervisor (i.e., the head of DA office);
6. A write-up on how the applicant envisions his/her future role and contributions upon completion of the graduate program;
7. Updated curriculum vitae;
8. Brief description of the research the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation;
9. Two copies of passport-size photo of the applicant; and
10. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is in good physical and mental health condition and is fit to undertake graduate studies.

For those applying for the scholarship starting first semester 2010-2011, the **deadline for submission of application documents to the Expanded Human Resource Development Program (EHRDP) of the Agricultural Training Institute of the Department of Agriculture (Diliman) is on 31 March 2010.** The DA-ATI will then submit the documents of all nominated candidates to SEARCA on or before 30 April 2010.

Please send applications to:

Mr. Asterio P. Saliot
ATI-Director
Expanded Human Resource
Development Program (EHRDP)
ATI Building, Elliptical Road
Diliman, Quezon City 1100

For inquiries, please email to:

The Graduate Scholarship Department
SEAMEO SEARCA
College, Laguna 4031
Email: gsd@agri.searca.org or
ecc@agri.searca.org or
ijm@agri.searca.org



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Most recent photo of
applicant

(passport size)

DA-SEARCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please type or write in block letters. To be prepared in **triplicate**)

Degree/Course applied for (please check): MS PhD

Major Field (please state): _____

Duration: From _____ To _____

Desired Study Post/University (please check):

- Ateneo de Manila School of Government (AsoG)
- University of Asia and the Pacific School of Management (UAP)
- University of the Philippines School of Economics (UPEcon)

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Full name: _____
(Family) (First Name) (Middle Name)

2. Nationality: _____

3. Home Address: _____

_____ Tel.: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

4. Employer (Institution): _____

5. Employer's Address: _____

_____ P.O. Box: _____

Tel.: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

6. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
(Day / Month / Year)

7. Religion: _____

8. Gender: Male __ Female __ 9. Civil Status: Single __ Married __ Widow/er __

10. If married, name and address of spouse: _____

 _____ Tel. No. _____
 Fax No. _____ Email: _____
 No. of children _____

11. Name and address of person to contact in case of emergency: _____

 _____ Tel. No. _____
 Fax No. _____ Email: _____

B. PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

I. Education

12. College/University attended (please start with the most recent):

Name of College/ University and Country	Year		Major Subject/Field of Study	Diploma Degree
	From	To		

II. Experience and Background

13. Employment History (in chronological order, please use extra sheets if necessary)

Position	Name of Institution/Employer	Year	
		From	To

14. Description of most recent job (Duties and Responsibilities):

15. Description of major area of interest (please use extra sheets if necessary)

16. Overseas conferences/seminars attended (please use extra sheets if necessary):

Name of Conference/Seminar	Venue	Date	
		From	To

17. Overseas courses attending including courses at SEAMEO Regional Centers/Projects (please use extra sheets if necessary):

Name of Course	Country/SEAMEO Regional Center/Project	Date	
		From	To

18. Research carried out (please use extra sheets if necessary):

Title of Research	Duration	
	From	To

19. Publications (please use extra sheets if necessary):

Title of Publication	Year Published

20. Language proficiency (please indicate "Excellent," "Good," or "Fair"):

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking

Need for remedial English course (please check): Yes _____ No _____

What is your TOEFL or IELTS Score? _____

Where did you take your TOEFL or IELTS? _____

21. State briefly reason for pursuing the degree:

22. Expected employment/job position upon completion of degree:

23. Have you applied for scholarship from other funding institutions? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please answer numbers 24 and 25

If no, please skip numbers 24 and 25

24. Please enumerate names of funding or scholarship institutions:

Name of Organization/ Funding Institution	Date of Application	Status of Application/ Results

25. If you are offered a scholarship by any of the institutions listed in No. 24, would you still pursue your application for DA-SEARCA scholarship? Yes ____ No ____

Date

Signature of Applicant

Send duly accomplished application form and other application requirements to:

The Manager
Graduate Scholarship Department
SEARCA
College, Laguna 4031

For inquiries, send email to: gsd@agri.searca.org or ecc@agri.searca.org or call 049-536-7164.