

SEARCA Invites Applications for Graduate Scholarship in Agriculture

SEARCA invites applications for its graduate scholarship (MS and PhD) in agriculture and related fields (including biological sciences, social sciences, economics and statistics, forestry and fisheries, environmental sciences, agro-industrial technology and engineering, and biochemistry) for **School Year 2009-2010**. The scholarship is open to Southeast Asian nationals who are regular employees of academic or research institutions or government agencies and not older than 35 years old.

Applicants may submit their applications to their countries' respective Ministries of Education, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment and Natural Resources, or Rural Development. The Ministries will then screen and endorse their applications and submit the list of qualified applicants accompanied by the complete set of requirements to SEARCA not later than **30 July 2008**. Applicants should inquire with their respective Ministries regarding the Ministries' closing date for receiving SEARCA applications, which they will screen and endorse to SEARCA.

Any one of the following universities may serve as study posts of SEARCA scholars: Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia; Kasetsart University and Thammasat University, Thailand; Institut Pertanian Bogor, Universitas Gadjah Mada and University of Indonesia, all in Indonesia; University of the Philippines (UP) Los Baños, UP Diliman, and UP Visayas, Philippines; and National University of Singapore, Singapore. SEARCA reserves the right to make the final decision on the choice of the scholars' study post. Therefore, applicants are required to submit to SEARCA applications for admission to the Graduate Schools of at least three universities in the list.

The list of requirements for application as well as all the required forms for scholarship application and admission to the graduate study programs of universities where SEARCA scholars may study may be downloaded from the SEARCA website at <http://www.searca.org>.

The topic of the research that the applicants plan to conduct for their thesis must be in line with the thrusts of SEARCA (i.e., promotion of agricultural competitiveness, sustainable land use and water management, and biodiversity conservation by addressing economic and institutional constraints, expanding access to productive resources and technology, and strengthening local governance capability to deliver agricultural services).

SEARCA shall not evaluate applications with incomplete documents.

Applicants who are denied admission by the Graduate School concerned will not be considered for scholarship.

Interested parties may also contact the Graduate Scholarship Department of SEARCA via email at gsd@agri.searca.org or ecc@agri.searca.org.



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