

2011 Special SEARCA – Beahrs ELP Training Scholarship in Environmental Leadership for Southeast Asia



The Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) interdisciplinary summer certificate course in Sustainable Environmental Management aims to enhance sustainable development knowledge, policy analysis, management and leadership around the world. It provides mid-career professionals an opportunity to interact with University of California, Berkeley faculty and each other to improve their understanding of the complex social, economic and biophysical aspects of natural resource and environmental management.

Recognizing the success of this summer course in developing environmental leaders and guided by its mandate to strengthen institutional capacities in agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia, SEARCA is annually providing a joint scholarship with the Beahrs ELP to enable a highly qualified Southeast Asian professional from an influential organization engaged in agriculture, rural development or natural resources management (NRM) to participate in the Beahrs ELP summer course. The training scholar will be developed to play strategic roles in his/her respective country toward instituting sustainable environmental policy and leading cross-sectoral initiatives that primarily focus on caring for the environment.

Eligibility

1. Open to development practitioners, technical advisors and academics who are:
 - a. Nationals of SEAMEO member countries (i.e., Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam);
 - b. Involved in sustainable agriculture, rural development or natural resource management (NRM); and
 - c. Affiliated with the government, a non-government organization or a policy-oriented academic institution that is concerned with environmental management/sustainable agriculture.

Preference shall be given to applicants 45 years old and below whose résumé demonstrates strong professional experience and leadership potential.
2. Good English proficiency is required to allow full participation in course discussions. Preference shall be given to participants who provide a TOEFL

certificate showing a score of 550 for paper-based, 213 for computer-based, and 80 for Internet-based test or an IELTS certificate showing an Overall Band Score of 6.5 or above.

Funding

The scholarship will cover the following:

- a. roundtrip airfare and other travel related expenses;
- b. ELP Summer Course Registration Fee, which covers the costs of instruction, housing, most meals, field trips, materials, certificate, health insurance (if needed) and transportation from and back to local airport; and
- c. US\$500 for meals and incidentals not covered by the registration fee.

Application

Those interested may apply to SEARCA through its Knowledge Management Department - Training Unit beginning 01 September 2010. The application deadline is 25 October 2010. Applications must include the following:

- a. Fully accomplished and endorsed scholarship **application form**;
- b. Separate **professional awards list** clearly enumerating all work-related distinctions;
- c. **Letter of reference** from a senior member of the applicant's institution that evaluates his/her professional work and highlights the potential benefits from his/her participation in the course; and
- d. **Curriculum vitae or résumé** with at least three character references (with full contact details).

Applications may be sent by email attachment to Ms. Julienne V. Bariuan. Applications should state "*Special SEARCA-Beahrs ELP Training Scholarship*" in the subject line. They may also be sent by fax to (+63-49) 536-2283. Please ensure that the signature in the application form and in signed letters is clear.

Selection Committee

All submitted applications will be carefully evaluated by a four-person selection committee made up of three SEARCA senior managers and one Southeast Asian Beahrs ELP alumnae/nus.

Schedule for 2011 Scholarship Award

**01 September to
25 October 2010**
Applications accepted for review

10 December 2010
Notification of award

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