# "In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme" Southeast Asia

Call for Scholarship Applications 2019 at Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture – SEARCA

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

**Application Closing Date: 1.12.2018** 



### Programme Objectives

The programme aims at fostering strong, internationally oriented higher education systems in Southeast 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 Southeast Asia.

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

- Qualified professionals' involvement in the solution of developmentrelated problems in Southeast Asia
- · Graduates strengthening education and research in Southeast 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 Progamme" 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 Asiawith 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 2019.

## 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
- have completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- must be nationals or permanent resident of a South East Asian country

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

PhD-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.

Master-scholarships are granted for generally two years. Scholars also need to demonstrate satisfactory progress after one year. All further information will be provided after admission to the scholarship programme.

### 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:

Faculty of Agriculture (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Agricultural Technology (M.Sc. and PhD)

Statistics (M.Sc. and PhD)Faculty of Food Science and Technology (M.Sc. and PhD)

Department of Forest Products and Paper Science (M.Sc. and PhD)

Institute of Biological Science (M.Sc. and PhD9

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Animal Science (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Economics and Management (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Forestry (M.Sc. and PhD)

Management of Natural Resources and Environment, Graduate School (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Human Ecology (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Math and Science (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Biology (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Engineering (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Geography (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (M.Sc. and PhD)

**Development Communication** 

Agricultural Economics (M.Sc. and PhD)

Faculty of Agro-industry (M.Sc. and PhD)

### Place of tenure

### **SEARCA**

## Duration and

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

generally starting in August 2019

# Applicaion and Selection Procedure

### The application process contains two steps.

### 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.

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 availed 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:

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

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=57454966

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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 <a href="http://europass.cedefop.">http://europass.cedefop.</a> 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
- 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

# Closing date for the submission of DAAD scholarship applications is 1.12.2018

Scholarship funding

The scholarship covers:

| Item  | Payment  | Amount  |
|---|--|---|
| Tuition fees                                      | Once at the beginning of study year            | the regularly charged amount  |
| Study and research allowance                      | annually                                       | 460 EUR (Master)<br>920 EUR (PhD)   |
| Printing allowance                                | once at the end                                | 400 EUR (Master)<br>800 EUR (PhD)   |
| Monthly Scholarship<br>(Accommodation, Food etc.) | monthly  | Master Scholarship<br>holders 500 Euro<br>PhD Scholarship<br>holders 650 Euro |
| Travel allowance (In-Region only)                 | twice<br>(beginning/<br>end of<br>scholarship) | The flat rate travel allowance will be specified in the letter of award       |
| 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. <u>Please note:</u> 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 which amounts to 1.200 (PhD students) and 850 (Master students) EUR per month
- 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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