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**Southeast Asian Regional Center  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites applications from qualified nationals of your country for MS and PhD scholarships in agriculture and related fields for **Academic Year 2017-2018**.

**Applicants for Master's degree must not be more than 35 years old, while applicants for PhD must not be more than 40 years old at the time of application.** Further, the applicants' thesis topics must be aligned with SEARCA's thrusts on inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development.

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents (incomplete submissions will not be evaluated):

1. Duly accomplished SEARCA Scholarship application form (2 copies);
2. Duly accomplished application forms for admission to the Graduate Schools of any three (3) universities listed in the SEARCA Scholarship application form where the applicant may pursue graduate studies;
3. **Original transcript of academic records bearing the seal of the University and original signatures of the Registrar or Head of the University.** Applicants for Master's degree should submit their **original Bachelor of Science (BS)** transcript of records. PhD degree applicants should submit their **original BS and Masters** transcripts of records;
4. Certificate of employment;
5. Updated curriculum vitae;
6. Brief description of the research that the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation. The research topic **must** fall within SEARCA's priority thrusts on [social inclusion](#), [environmental sustainability](#), and [cross-cutting concerns](#). Details on these thrusts can be found on [www.searca.org](http://www.searca.org).
7. Passport-size ID picture (2 pieces);
8. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is in good physical and mental health condition and is fit to undertake graduate studies;
9. Official endorsement from the employer; and
10. A passing TOEFL score of 550 or IELTS results of 6.0.

Interested parties may submit their applications to the Ministry of Education/Higher Education in your country. Applicants must check the deadlines set by the Ministries to receive/accept applications of SEARCA scholarship. The Ministry will then screen and endorse applications to SEARCA not later than **31 July 2016**.

We have also enclosed a one-page scholarship announcement for posting. More information about the scholarship, including downloadable application forms are available at <http://scholarship.searca.org>.

We look forward to receiving applicants from your organization.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.**  
Director

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# SEARCA Graduate Scholarships for Southeast Asians

## Full Master's and PhD degree Scholarships

### Eligibility

Open to nationals of SEAMEO member countries who are regular employees of academic or research institutions or government agencies.

Must not be more than 35 (Master's degree) or 40 (PhD) years old at the time of application.

Proposed thesis research should focus on SEARCA's overarching theme of inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development.

### Scholarship Benefits

Covers tuition and other school fees; travel allowance (roundtrip air ticket from home country to study post and local transportation); thesis/dissertation support; book and supplies allowance; health insurance; and stipend for food, lodging, and incidental expenses.

### Tenure

Granted on a yearly or semestral basis without prejudice to extension but not to exceed four semesters for a master's degree program and six semesters for a doctoral program.

### Conditions of Scholarship

Scholar must undertake the degree program on a full-time basis and should not engage in any work for pay or accept any other scholarship/assistantship throughout the period of the scholarship award. Additional financial support for thesis/dissertation work may be sought from other sources, if necessary.

### Study Posts

Any one of the following universities under the University Consortium, may serve as the study post of SEARCA graduate scholars:

- Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB), Bogor, Indonesia
- Kasetsart University (KU), Bangkok, Thailand
- Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Selangor, Malaysia
- University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Laguna, Philippines





# Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following requirements to their respective Ministries of Education/Higher Education (list of contact information can be found at <http://scholarship.searca.org>):

1. Accomplished SEARCA Scholarship Application Form (2 copies). Download application form at <http://scholarship.searca.org>
2. Letter of admission/acceptance from SEARCA-accredited university is highly preferred. If none, applicants must submit accomplished application forms for admission to the Graduate School of at least three universities in the list of study posts
3. Official transcript of academic records and certificate of completion for each degree completed
4. Certification of employment
5. Research proposal that the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation, which must be in line with the priority thrusts of SEARCA
6. Two copies of passport-size ID picture
7. Updated Curriculum Vitae
8. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is physically and mentally fit to undertake graduate studies
9. IELTS score of 6.0 or TOEFL score of 550 for paper-based, 213 for computer-based, and 80 for Internet-based test
10. Official endorsement from the employer

Deadline for the Ministries to send endorsements to SEARCA is **31 July of every year**. Thus, applicants are requested to check with their respective Ministries of Education/Higher Education for their deadline for receiving applications.

For questions and further information, contact:

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