



ASEAN Student Scholarships

for Ph.D. Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics (International Program)

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University

Scholarships are awarded to highly motivated ASEAN students, based on a competitive selection process. Candidates must demonstrate a record of strong academic performance, the ability to do innovative research for sustainable development and a commitment to generate high-quality publications in agricultural and resource economics. Recipients are expected to return to their home countries or work in ASEAN member states after completing the degree requirements and maintain good network and collaborative relationships into the future with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University.

Qualifications:

1. Citizen of ASEAN member countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
2. Must be accepted for admission to the Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University for the 2025/2026 academic year.
3. Holds a master's degree in Applied Economics, Agricultural Economics, Resource Economics, Food Economics, Environmental Economics, Agribusiness, or related fields.
4. Had taken graduate-level economic theory classes of no less than 6 credits at the time of admission.
5. Holds excellent academic record
6. Proficiency in English (at least 5.5 IELTS or equivalent*)
7. Strong doctoral research proposal in the area of sustainable food system including but not limited to climate resilience, climate change, sustainable consumption, gender equality, health and nutrition, food system analysis, etc.
8. Able to study full-time throughout the program

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Experience in graduate level-research and/or work experience
2. Have a publication record in international journals (scopus, clarivate).
3. Hold a public or academic position in a home country

Scholarships terms:

Scholarship recipient will receive

1. Tuition Fee Waiver. Tuition fee waiver will be awarded for the maximum of three academic years (six regular semesters), as long as the scholarship holder achieves a high level of academic performance. The tuition fees will be fully waived for the first semester of the 2025/2026 academic year. The waiver will remain in effect for following semesters if the scholarship holder maintains a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (4.0 scale). If the holder's GPA is less than 3.25 in following semesters, the tuition waiver will not be granted. If, in a late semester, the scholarship holder regains the appropriate GPA, the scholarship will be reinstated for the following semester per standards set forth in this paragraph.
2. Thesis research grant. Scholarship recipient is eligible to receive thesis research grant from the Department, totaling THB 100,000 (about USD 2,900)¹ per person per year for the maximum of three academic years. The thesis research grant can be applied after the approval of research proposal by Kasetsart University Graduate School.

The research grant will be paid to thesis adviser totaling THB 100,000 per person per year for the first two years. The third year of THB 100,00 is subject to proof that the holder has published at least one research article from doctoral thesis.

Scholarship conditions:

1. Must enroll as a full-time student for at six regular semesters in the Ph.D. Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University.
2. Participate in academic activities of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.
3. Must be responsible for his or her own personal living expenses including accommodations, food, health insurance, travel, books, and other study materials.
4. Must comply with Kasetsart University's regulations for graduate study.
5. Must comply with the Education Visa/immigration procedures, and applicable laws of the Kingdom of Thailand (for international students).
6. Must publish at least one journal article in an international research journal (scopus, clarivate) within three years after the start of the scholarship period and must

¹Note: USD 1 is approximately THB 33.448 as of January 2025

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7. Scholarship recipient may apply to other sources of funding for doctoral research and/or supplemental scholarships including Kasetsart University Graduate School scholarship for international students and Kasetsart University Graduate School scholarship for international publications².

For more information, please visit <https://are.eco.ku.ac.th/2019/th/ph-d-scholarship-for-asean-students/>

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English proficiency Examinations	Minimum requirement
TOEFL	- Paper-based test: minimum 500 points. - Computer-based test: minimum 173 points. - Internet-based test: minimum 61 points.
IELTS	Minimum 5.5.
CU-TEP	Minimum 67.
KU-EPT	Minimum 60%.
KU-TOEFL-ITP	Minimum 500. (The total score examination must only be conducted by The Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University)

² <https://www.grad.ku.ac.th/en/scholarships/>