

## Asia Pacific 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 granted to highly motivated students from the Asia–Pacific region through a competitive selection process. Applicants must demonstrate strong academic achievement, the capacity to conduct innovative research that contributes to sustainable development, and a commitment to producing high-quality publications in agricultural and resource economics. Scholarship recipients are expected to return to their home countries or work within the Asia–Pacific region upon completion of their degree requirements, and to maintain long-term professional networks and collaborative relationships with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Be a citizen of an Asia–Pacific country.\*
2. Have been accepted for admission to the Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University, for the 2026/2027 academic year.
3. Hold a master’s degree in Applied Economics, Agricultural Economics, Resource Economics, Food Economics, Environmental Economics, Agribusiness, or a closely related field.
4. Have completed at least 6 credits of graduate-level economic theory coursework at the time of admission.
5. Demonstrate an excellent academic record.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in English, with a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 or an equivalent qualification.\*\*
7. Submit a strong doctoral research proposal in the area of sustainable food systems, including—but not limited to—climate resilience, climate change, sustainable consumption, gender equality, health and nutrition, and food system analysis.
8. Be able to pursue full-time study for the duration of the program.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

1. Demonstrated experience in graduate-level research and/or relevant professional work.
2. A proven record of publications in international peer-reviewed journals (e.g., Scopus- or Clarivate-indexed).
3. Hold a public sector or academic position in the applicant’s home country.
4. Be a citizen of a low- or lower-middle-income country.\*\*\*

## Scholarships terms:

### 1. Tuition fee waiver:

A full tuition fee waiver will be granted for a maximum period of three academic years (six regular semesters), subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic performance. Tuition fees will be fully waived for the first semester of the 2025/2026 academic year. Continuation of the waiver in subsequent semesters requires the scholarship holder to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. If the cumulative GPA falls below 3.25 in any semester, the tuition fee waiver will be suspended. The waiver may be reinstated in a subsequent semester once the required GPA is regained, in accordance with these conditions.

### 2. Monthly stipend:

A monthly living allowance of THB 15,000 will be provided for the duration of the regular study period, up to 36 months.

### 3. Thesis research support:

Scholarship recipients may apply for additional thesis research funding through the Graduate School of Kasetsart University, the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and the Kasetsart University Institute for Advanced Studies. Applications for thesis research grants may be submitted after admission to the Ph.D. program.

## Scholarship conditions:

1. Enroll as a full-time student for a minimum of 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. Actively participate in academic activities organized by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.
3. Publish at least one article (Plan 2.1) or two articles (Plan 1.1) in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals (e.g., Scopus- or Clarivate-indexed) within four years from the start of the scholarship period, and acknowledge the support as follows: *"This research is partially supported by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University."*
4. Assume responsibility for all personal living arrangements and expenses, including accommodation, food, health insurance, travel, books, and other study-related materials.
5. Comply with all Kasetsart University regulations governing graduate study.
6. Comply with education visa and immigration requirements, as well as all applicable laws of the Kingdom of Thailand (for international students).

For more information, please visit <https://kaset.sart/GLj6ok>

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\*List of the Asia Pacific countries

Southeast Asia (ASEAN): Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam

South Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

East Asia: China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea

Pacific islands: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

\*\*English proficiency requirement

English proficiency Examinations	Minimum requirement
TOEFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paper-based test: minimum 500 points.</li> <li>- Computer-based test: minimum 173 points.</li> <li>- Internet-based test: minimum 61 points.</li> </ul>
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)

\*\*\*Low- and lower-middle-income countries

<https://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/the-world-by-income-and-region.html>