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SEARCA - KU Scholarships

for Ph.D. Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics (International Program) Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is a regional center under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) dedicated to strengthening capacities in agricultural and rural development across Southeast Asia. Kasetsart University is one of the leading agriculture universities in Thailand and in Southeast Asia. The Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Kasetsart University is the only doctoral program of its kind in Thailand, offering a uniquely specialized pathway for advanced research and policy-relevant scholarship in the field. The joint SEARCA-KU scholarships are exclusively design to:

- Develop high-level analytical, research, and leadership skills in agricultural, food and resource economics;
- Promote collaborative research on economic, social, and policy challenges in agriculture, resources, food systems, and sustainable development;
- Prepare graduates for policy-relevant research, academic careers, and development leadership roles in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding and highly motivated candidates from Southeast Asia through a rigorous, competitive selection process. Applicants are expected to demonstrate strong academic excellence, the capacity for innovative, policy-relevant research that advances sustainable development, and a clear commitment to producing high-quality scholarly publications in agricultural, food, and resource economics and policy studies.

Qualifications:

1. Be a citizen of [SEAMEO member countries](#): Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
2. Age 45 or below
3. Being accepted for admission to the Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University, for the 2026/2027 academic year.
4. Hold a master's degree in Applied Economics, Agricultural Economics, Resource Economics, Food Economics, Environmental Economics, Agribusiness, or a closely related field.
5. Have completed at least 6 credits of graduate-level economic theory coursework at the time of admission.
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 key areas:
 - Inclusive Agri-Food Value Chains and Rural Development
 - Food and Nutrition Security
 - Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Farming Systems
 - Education, Capacity Building, and Youth Engagement
8. Be able to pursue full-time study for the duration of the program.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

1. Be a regular employee of academic or research institutions or government agencies;
2. Demonstrated experience in graduate-level research and/or relevant professional work;
3. A proven record of publications in international peer-reviewed journals (e.g., Scopus- or Clarivate-indexed).

Scholarship Entitlements:

1. Tuition and other school fees
2. Travel allowance
3. Thesis/dissertation support
4. Book and supplies allowance
5. Health insurance
6. Stipend for food, lodging, and incidental expenses

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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 SEARCA and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University.”*
4. Comply with all Kasetsart University regulations governing graduate study.
5. 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://are.eco.ku.ac.th/en/searca-dare-ku-scholarship/>

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*English proficiency requirement

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.