

DAAD - SEARCA Scholarships

What are the objectives of the programme?	 The Southeast Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is one of the 15 regional centers of excellence of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO). In order to assist SEAMEO member countries in their agricultural human resource development efforts the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides support for advanced studies leading to Master's or PhD degrees in agriculture, forestry and related fields at SEARCA study posts in South East Asia. In particular: University of the Philippines, Los Baños (UPLB) – Los Baños, Philippines, University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD) - Quezon City, Philippines, University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) - Miag-ao, Philippines Universiti Putra Malaysa (UPM) – Serdang, Malaysia, Kasetsart University of Singapore (NUS) – Singapore, Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) – Bogor, Indonesia, University of Indonesia (UI) – Jakarta, Indonesia,
Who can apply?	Candidates must be no older than 28 resp. 32 years and hold a Bachelor (applying for Master's degree courses) or Master's degree (applying for PhD courses). Both excellent academic performance and a very good command of English (TOEFL or IELTS) are requested.
Target group	Highly qualified professionals from Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor Leste working in agricultural and rural development for positions of leadership.
What is fundable?	The scholarship covers monthly stipend, tuition fees, thesis/dissertation support, book allowance, health insurance and international travel costs. It will be granted on a yearly basis but is extendable up to a maximum of 24 months for a Master's degree programme and 36 months for a doctoral programme.
Application and Selection procedure	Applicants are encouraged to visit the SEARCA website at <u>www.searca.org</u> for further details. The Scholarship Application Form is available under http://www.searca.org/web/scholarship/partners/index.html Successful candidates will be preselected by SEARCA, the final decision on a DAAD-SEARCA scholarship will be made by DAAD in Bonn/Germany in June of each year. Degree Courses start either in July or August of each year depending on the academic schedule.
Deadline	To be announced by SEARCA.
Contact and advice	The Manager, Graduate Scholarship Department, SEARCA Los Baños, Laguna 4031, Philippines Telefax: (63-49) 536-7164; E-mail: gsd@agri.searca.org or ecc@agri.searca.org URL: www.searca.org