

Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration Subject: Qualifications, requirements and conditions for scholarships

Amendments to the announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on qualifications, requirements and conditions for scholarships are deemed appropriate to suit the current situation and the Institute's educational management.

By virtue of Section 40 and Section 100 Clause 2 of the National Institute of Development Administration Act B.E. 2562 (2019), and Article 35 of the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Scholarships and Awards B.E. 2550 (2007) amended by Article 3 of the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Scholarships and Awards (No.4) B.E. 2556 (2013), as well as the resolution of the National Institute of Development Administration Management Council's meeting No. 10/B.E. 2564 (2021) dated 27th October B.E. 2564 (2021), the qualifications, requirements and conditions for scholarships are stipulated as follows:

Article 1: This announcement shall come into force from 27th October B.E. 2564 (2021) onwards.

Article 2: The announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on Qualifications, Requirements and Conditions for Scholarships dated 9th February B.E. 2564 (2021) is nullified.

Article 3: Qualifications of the scholarships recipients:

- (1) Academic scholarships (academic excellence level) shall be given to new students both Thai and foreign students who study in any programs of the National Institute of Development Administration, be it the Thai-language, English-language, international and dual degree programs.
 - 1) Category 1 scholarship recipients (full scholarship)
 - (a) Doctorate degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 3.50 from their master's degree.
 - (b) Master's degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 3.00 from their bachelor's degree.
 - 2) Category 2 scholarship recipients
 - (a) Doctorate degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 3.25 from their master's degree.
 - (b) Master's degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 2.75 from their bachelor's degree.
 - 3) Category 3 scholarship recipients
 - (a) Doctorate degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 3.25 from their master's degree.

- (b) Master's degree level: Students must have the GPA (grade point average) of no less than 2.50 from their bachelor's degree.
- (2) International relations scholarships

International relations scholarships include the above three categories of academic scholarships: Category 1 (full scholarship), Category 2, and Category 3 scholarships. They are available for all newly admitted foreign students under the Institute's international relations agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU). The qualifications of the scholarships recipients shall be at the discretion of the National Institute of Development Administration Assembly of Deans and Directors on Education.

Article 4: Details of the scholarships:

- (1) Recipients of academic scholarships and international relations scholarships in Category 1 (full scholarship)
 - 1) The above-mentioned scholarship recipients shall receive full tuition fee waivers (100%) all through the program; however, exemption of extra-curricular activity fee shall be at the discretion of the responsible person(s) of each program.
 - 2) The above-mentioned scholarship recipients shall receive stipends of 30,000 baht per semester and stipends of 15,000 baht during the summer semester.
- (2) Recipients of academic scholarships and international relations scholarships in Category 2 shall receive full tuition fee waivers (100%, credit fees only) all through the program.
- (3) Recipients of academic scholarships and international relations scholarships in Category 3 shall receive half tuition fee waivers (50%, credit fees only) all through the program.

Article 5: Requirements for scholarship eligibility, grounds for scholarship revocation and repayment:

- (1) Category 1 academic scholarships (full scholarship) for academic excellence
 - 1) Coursework and thesis track:
 - (a) Category 1 scholarship recipients (full scholarship) must maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA for each semester to determine their eligibility for a stipend. If their cumulative GPA falls below 3.50, they shall not be eligible for the allocation of a stipend. Provided that their cumulative GPA is no less than 3.30, they shall receive a tuition fee waiver. Failure to meet the cumulative GPA requirements of 3.30 in any semester shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.
 - (b) Recipients of academic scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3 must maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA for each semester. Failure to meet the cumulative GPA requirements in any semester shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.
 - 2) Thesis track:
 - (a) Category 1 scholarship recipients (full scholarship) must report their thesis progress every semester to ensure their eligibility for a stipend. Such progress report must contain the signed approval of their advisor(s). In addition, the course of their thesis must comply with the program's requirements and the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies. Failure to submit the thesis progress report shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.

(b) Recipients of academic scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3 must report their thesis progress with the signed approval of their advisor(s). In addition, the course of their thesis must comply with the program's requirements and the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies. Failure to submit the thesis progress report shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.

(2) International relations scholarships

- 1) Coursework and thesis track:
 - (a) Recipients of international relations scholarships in Category 1 (full scholarship) must maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA for each semester to determine their eligibility for a stipend. If their cumulative GPA falls below 3.30, they shall not be eligible for the allocation of a stipend. Provided that their cumulative GPA is no less than 3.00, they shall receive a tuition fee waiver. Failure to meet the cumulative GPA requirements of 3.00 in any semester shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.
 - (b) Recipients of international relations scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3 must maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA for each semester. Failure to meet the cumulative GPA requirements in any semester shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.

2) Thesis track:

- (a) Recipients of international relations scholarships in Category 1 (full scholarship) must report their thesis progress every semester to ensure their eligibility for a stipend. Such progress report must contain the signed approval of their advisor(s). In addition, the course of their thesis must comply with the program's requirements and the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies. Failure to submit the thesis progress report shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.
- (b) Recipients of international relations scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3 must report their thesis progress with the signed approval of their advisor(s). In addition, the course of their thesis must comply with the program's requirements and the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies. Failure to submit the thesis progress report shall result in automatic forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship.
- (3) If the scholarship recipients take a leave of absence, their scholarships shall be immediately revoked. Upon receiving the scholarship, if the recipients resign, or let their student status terminate, or they are unable to complete the program as stipulated in the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies, the recipients must repay all the monetary amount of the scholarship received to the Institute unless the Institute's Assembly of Deans and Directors on Education decides otherwise.
- (4) If the scholarship recipients resign, or let their student status terminate, or they are unable to complete the program as stipulated in the National Institute of Development Administration Bylaws on Graduate Studies, or they ask to terminate their scholarships, the recipients must repay all the monetary amount of the scholarship received to the Institute unless the Institute's Assembly of Deans and Directors on Education decides otherwise.

- (5) In case that the scholarship recipients are required to re-enroll in any course, they shall not receive a tuition fee waiver for the course re-enrolled.
- (6) In case that the scholarship recipients enroll in any course other than those required by the program, the tuition fee waiver can be granted when such course is recommended by their thesis advisor(s).
- (7) The scholarship recipients are required to work for the School or the Institute for no less than 6 hours per week.
- (8) The scholarship recipients shall not be eligible for any other scholarships of the Institute except for the government budget grants for thesis writing and publication.
- (9) The recipients of the academic scholarships (academic excellence level) and the international relations scholarships in Category 1 shall receive a tuition fee waiver in accordance with their program's curriculum structure. The recipients of the academic scholarships and the international relations scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3 shall receive a credit fee waiver in accordance with their program's curriculum structure. All scholarship recipients must enroll in the courses required by their program's curriculum structure. In case of any exemption or alteration the scholarship recipients must obtain the approval from their School's dean.

Article 6: Conditions for the recipients of academic scholarships and international relations scholarships in Category 1 (full scholarship)

- (1) The recipients in the master's degree program must study in Plan A (thesis track).
- (2) The recipients shall receive a stipend during each semester provided that they enroll to study in Semester 1 and Semester 2 no fewer than 9 credits per semester or meet the program requirements. As for the summer semester, the recipients in both doctorate and master's degree programs must enroll to study no fewer than 3 credits to ensure their eligibility for a stipend.
- (3) The recipients shall only be waived from the first comprehensive examination fee.
- (4) In case of deferment or overstaying beyond the scholarship duration, the student status maintenance fee must be borne by the recipients.
- (5) Copyright of the recipients' theses/dissertations shall be jointly held between the recipients and the Institute for 5 years. Afterwards, such copyright shall belong to the recipients. In case that the recipients infringe the legal right, copyright, or intellectual property of others, the recipients shall solely be liable for damages from such infringement.
- (6) The fee(s) for thesis format inspection/use of the E-THESIS service shall be paid by the scholarship recipients.
- (7) Research works from the recipients' doctorate theses must be published or accepted to be published in an international peer-reviewed journal with external reviewer(s) before publication. The qualified international journals must meet the criteria set by the Higher Education Institution Officials Commission (Gor Por Or) or the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program (Kor Por Gor), exclusive of proceedings.
- (8) Research works from the recipients' master's degree theses/dissertations must be published or accepted to be published in a national journal on the Thai Journal Citation Index (TCI) database (only journals in Group 1 or Group 2), exclusive of proceedings.

Article 7: Conditions for the recipients of academic scholarships and international relations scholarships in Category 2 and Category 3

(1) Research works from the recipients' doctorate and master's degree theses/dissertations must be published or accepted to be published in an academic journal that meets the requirements specified in the Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on Criteria for Journal Publication and Academic Conference Presentation of Research Works from the Students' Theses/Dissertations in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Doctorate and Master's Degrees dated 15th March B.E. 2564 (2021), and the 2nd Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on Criteria for Journal Publication and Academic Conference Presentation of Research Works from the Students' theses/dissertations in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Doctorate and Master's Degrees (No. 2) dated 30th August B.E. 2564 (2021).

Article 8: Scholarship duration for stipends as stipulated in Article 4 Section 1 Clause 2 above shall commence from the first date of the semester for which the recipients register. In case of the dual degree program, the stipend duration shall begin from the enrollment date of the first program whose scholarships are available for the recipients. Details are as follows:

(1) Master's degree program

scholarship duration: 2 academic years

(2) Doctorate program

scholarship duration: 3 academic years

(3) Dual degree program (master's/doctorate degree) scholarship duration: 4 academic years

Article 9: The President shall act in accord with this announcement. In case of any impediment or problem arising from the implementation or interpretation of this announcement, the President is empowered to make a definitive judgement. The President's adjudication shall be final.

Transitory Provision

Article 10: For the scholarship recipients who registered in the Institute's program before Semester 1 of the academic year B.E. 2564 (2021), the following announcements shall be applied mutatis mutandis: the Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on Qualifications, Requirements, and Conditions for Scholarships dated 17th October B.E. 2559 (2016) and the 2nd Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration on Qualifications, Requirements, and Conditions for Scholarships (No. 2) dated 16th August B.E. 2560 (2017) with an exception of the criteria for publication of research works from the doctorate and master's degree theses/dissertations of the recipients of the academic and international relations scholarship in Category 2 and Category 3 whereby provisions in Article 7 of this announcement shall come into force.

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