Announcement

National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA)
Applications for Admission
Doctor of Philosophy Program in Social Development Administration
(English Program)
Graduate school of Social Development and Management strategy (GSDMS)
Class 4, Academic Year 2025 (Round 2)

The National Institute of Development Administration is accepting applications for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Social Development Administration (English Program), Class 4, for the 2nd semester of the academic year 2025.

1. Qualification of the Applicants

Applicants can choose either plan 1 (1.1) Dissertation or plan 2 (2.1) Coursework and Dissertation providing that they meet the following admission criteria.

1.1 Plan 1 (1.1) Dissertation

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1) Applicants completed a Master's degree in any field of study from an academic institution accredited by Thailand's Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation or Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC)

2) Applicants must demonstrate that they have relevant knowledge and research experience in addition to their Master's theses prior to the program application. They must submit either:

A) at least 1 research / academic article published in a peer-reviewed academic journal listed in Thailand Citation Index (TCI) tier 1 and tier 2 or international databases (i.e., ISI, Scopus) with 100 percent author contribution rate, or

B) at least 2 research / academic articles published in peer-reviewed academic journals listed in Thailand Citation Index (TCI) tier 1 and tier 2 or international databases (i.e., ISI, Scopus) with 50 percent author contribution rate. Applicants must also submit an additional author contributions form specifying the contribution of each author of the manuscript.

1.2 Plan 2 (2.1) Coursework and Dissertation

Applicants completed a Master's degree in any field of study from an academic institution accredited by Thailand's Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC) or Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC).

1.3 English Language Proficiency

Applicants whose first language is not English nor have not completed an English language or international Master's degree within 5 years prior to the application must satisfy the following English language proficiency requirements:

1) Applicants who have achieved the minimum score of 550 TOEFL ITP (administered by Center for Language and Communication Development and Services)/ 79 TOEFL iBT or 6.5 IELTS (valid within 2 years from the test date) will be exempted from the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses if admitted to the program.

2) Applicants who have achieved the minimum score of 500 TOEFL ITP/ 60 TOEFL iBT or 6.0 IELTS (valid within 2 years from the test date) can be admitted to the program on the condition that they are subject to the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses.

3) Applicants who have not obtained the required English proficiency score can be admitted to the program on the condition that they are subject to the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses and obtain the minimum score of 550 TOEFL ITP/ 79 TOEFL iBT/ 6.5 IELTS/ 650 NIDA EPT, or they can attend additional intensive English I and intensive English II courses with the minimum score of 70 before graduation.

Test scores must not be older than 2 years at the time of submission.

TOEFL ITP Test

Applicants can take TOEFL ITP administered by Center for Language and Communication Development and Services, IIE certified test center, on the third Wednesday every month at NIDA. Test fee is 1,500 Baht.

For more information, please contact Graduate School of Language and communication, 12A Floor Sayamboromrajakumari Building.

Telephone (66) 02-727-3142, 02-727-3147

e-mail: busarakam.mue@nida.ac.th

1.4 Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are requested to submit 2 letters of recommendation from academic referees who can provide insights into applicants' suitability for Ph.D. studies, namely applicants' capability for analysis and independent working during their graduate or undergraduate studies.

1.5 Students admitted to the doctoral program are required to be in attendance on a full-time basis and devote their time to coursework and research until graduation. They must also be obliged by the Institute's regulations on the language of dissertation (English/Thai) and research publication guidelines set by the school (GSDMS)/or the program that the manuscript be published in a peer-reviewed academic journal.

2. Application

Applicants can visit https://admission.nida.ac.th and must follow the following instructions :

1) Select the menu "Login"

2) Log in using an email address to receive an OTP (One-Time Password)

3) Select the menu "Apply for Admission"

4) Choose the program

5) Fill out profile information.

6) Upload all required application documents.

7) Submit the application.

8) Pay the application fee of 1,000 Baht (Payment fee/charge Depends on rate of each payment method /transaction) via the following options:

- Pay at any branches of Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited; or

- Pay at any Counter Service Center (at 7Eleven stores); or

- Pay via Internet/Mobile Banking ; or

- Pay via SWIFT payment

> **Bank name:** Bangkok Bank Public Company
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> **SWIFT Code:** BKKBTHBK
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> **Account Name:** National Institute of Development Administration
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> **Account Number:** 944-0-01341-6

9) Applicants are required to attach evidence of payment to their application documents.

Notes:

1) Applicants can check their payment status, examination date, time and venue, as well as the admission results via the main menu at https://admission.nida.ac.th, according to the schedule specified in the admission announcement.

2) The paid application fee is non-refundable.

3) All required application documents must be uploaded only through the online admission system

4) The submitted documents will not be returned.

5) If applicants are unable to complete the documentation and payment process, the application will be considered invalid and the applicants will not be eligible for any examinations for admission.

6) The examination application is complete when the Institute verifies the application documents and payment made within the prescribed time. Applicants can check their application status two days after the payment has been made at https://admission.nida.ac.th

7) If applicants are unable to complete the documentation and payment process by **December 3, 2025,** the application will be considered invalid and the applicants will not be eligible for any examinations for admission.

3. Required Documents

3.1 Completed application form

3.2 Payment evidence of 1,000 baht application fee

3.3 Copy of English language proficiency test result

3.4 Copy of degree certificates (Bachelor's and Master's)

3.5 Copy of academic transcripts (Bachelor's and Master's)

3.6 Copy of identification card or passport (for international applicants)

3.7 Two 1 x 1 inch photographs taken within the last six months

3.8 Two letters of recommendation

3.9 Documentary evidence to support a change of name (if applicable)

For applicants who graduated from institutions outside Thailand, the following documents are required:

3.10   A Letter of Confirmation on Standard Curriculum for the Master's/Bachelor's Degree, which can be obtained by submitting a request along with a copy of a complete transcript directly to the Bureau of Standards and Evaluation at the Commission on Higher Education in Bangkok, Thailand (Contact the Educational Service Division for more information)

3.11   Graduation certificates (Bachelor's and Master's) issued by academic institutions outside Thailand and their academic transcripts. These should be sent directly to

> Educational Service Division
> National lnstitute of Development Administration
> 148 Serithai Road, Klong Chan
> Bangkapi, Bangkok 10240, Thailand
> Fax (662) 377 – 7477

Note: International students admitted to the Institute are allowed to submit documents 3.10 and 3.11 until the start of the semester at the latest. Failure to submit all required documents will result in rejection of your application. The application fee is non refundable**.**

** Cautions for All Applicants **

The applicants must ensure they meet all the requirements announced by NIDA. Should the Institute find any applicant not meeting the requirements, that applicant will be disqualified and not eligible for consideration. Any payments previously made are non-refundable under any circumstances. In case the admission results are already announced, the application of the successful applicants who do not meet the requirements will be nullified.

Depending on the number of enrollees, the Institute reserves the rights not to offer any of the programs of study as specified in the curriculums in any given semester but may resume the program in a subsequent semester.

The Institute reserves the right to make adjustments relating to the admission schedules without prior notice.

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4. Selection Criteria

Successul applicants are considered from the following criteria:

4.1 Relevant educational backgrounds, research and/or work experience. Documentary evidence may include letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional referees providing insights into applicants. Academic/professional performances, and their personal qualities.

4.2 Dissertation proposals/interested research topics

4.3 English language skills examination

4.4 Interview

Note: The admission decision is made at the discretion of the student admission committee of National Institute of Development Administration. The admission decision of the committee is considered final.

5. Admission Schedules

Activity	Round 2
Announcement of applicants eligible for the interview	December 9, 2025 at http://gsdms.nida.ac.th
Interview	December 14, 2025
Announcement of the interview results	December 19, 2025 at http://gsdms.nida.ac.th
Registration and course enrollment	December 24 - 29, 2025
Tuition fees payment	December 24 - 30, 2025
Study SD 4000 (foundation course)	To be announced later
Classes begin	January 10, 2026
Orientation	August 8, 2026

6. Further Inquiries

      6.1 Graduate school of Social Development and Management Strategy

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      6.2 Education services Division

         Telephone (66) 02-727-3370-73

         E-mail : entrance@nida.ac.th   Website: http://edserv.nida.ac.th

7. Personal Data Protection

      According to Personal Data Protection Act, 2562 (2019), the Institute shall have the right to collect, use and/or disclose personal data of the selected applicants for the purpose of educational implementation in accordance with duty and authority of the Institute along with personal data protection.

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