



ANNOUNCEMENT

National Institute of Development Administration

Application for Admission

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Economics

(International Program, Class #22)

For the Academic Year 2025 – 2026

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) will accept applications for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Economics (International Program), School of Development Economics for the academic year 2025 – 2026. The detail of the admission is as follows.

1. Qualification of Applicants

1.1 Plan 1 (1.1): Research only, a total of 48 credits

Applicants must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent from an institution accredited by the following: the Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation or the standard organizations is required or by approval of the Council of the institute. Consideration for applicants will be made based upon the applicant's scholastic records, statement of purpose, experiences, english language proficiency and dissertation proposals.

1.2 Plan 2 (2.1): Research and coursework requirements, a total of 66 credits

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1.3 Plan 2 (2.2): Research and coursework requirements, a total of 90 credits

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution accredited by the following: the Office of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation or the standard organizations is required or by approval of the Council of the institute and the must obtain the bachelor's degree with first class honors or have GPA. not less than 3.50. Consideration for applicants will be made based upon the applicant's scholastic records, statement of purpose, english language proficiency and interview.

For applicants who graduate from the non-Thai Institute, they may contact directly to the Quality Enhancement on Higher Education Management Division, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation at <http://dqe.mhesi.go.th/bhes1/foreignDegreeEquivalence.htm>. Tel: +66 2039 5612, +66 2039 5636 – 38 for an accredited letter of the institute.

2. English Proficiency

2.1 Applicants must conform to the requirements of NIDA's current announcement on English proficiency requirements for the International Program students as follows:

- 2.1.1 Unless applicants are native English speakers or have obtained their bachelor's and/or master's degrees (not more than five years ago) from international academic institutions where English was the medium of communication, they are required to submit a test score of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum TOEFL score is 550 for the paper-and-pencil test, 213 for the computer-based test or 79 for the internet-based test. For the IELTS, the minimum score is 6.5 points. (TOEFL or IELTS score taken for not more than two years)
- 2.1.2 Applicants who can be exempted from the requirement in 2.1.1 shall meet one of the following criteria.
 - 1) For those who enter into the Program with Bachelor's degree qualification, students must have completed a degree in a curriculum taught in English within the past 5 years from the starting date of the semester the students are registered with the Program.
 - 2) For those who enter into the Program with Master's degree qualification, students must have completed a Master's degree taught in English within the past 5 years from the starting date of the semester the students are registered with the Program, with a GPA of no less than 3.25.
- 2.1.3 Applicants who fail to meet the requirement of 2.1.1 and 2.1.2, but may be accepted to the program. However, they must register for an English course(s) recommended by the School of Language and Communication in the first semester and pass the English course(s) with the result "S" (Satisfactory) within one academic year. Otherwise, they will not be allowed to continue their program of study.
- 2.1.4 Students can graduate from the Program only if their English proficiency meets the following standards
 - Students must hold TOEFL score of 550 paper-based or 213 computer-based or 79 internet-based score or higher, or IELTS score of 6.5 or higher, or NIDA EPT score (English Proficiency Test) of 650 or higher, or Completed Intensive English I and II training courses with a score of at least 70. The scores must not be older than 2 years until the submission date.
- 2.1.5 Applicants who want to take the TOEFL/ITP exam must contact the School of Language and Communication, the National Institute of Development Administration only. For more information about TOEFL/ITP please contact the School of Language and Communication, NIDA, 148 Seri Thai Road, Klongchan, Bangkok District, Bangkok 10240, THAILAND. Tel. +66 2727 3142, +66 2727 3147, +66 2727 3143.

3. **Selection Procedure**

Admission consideration will be made based on the applicant's scholastic records, statement of purpose, experiences, english language proficiency and /or interview.

Note: NIDA reserves the right to examine documents and qualifications of an applicant at any time.

Should it is found that an applicant does not meet the required qualifications, and the admission has already been made, the announcement of the admission shall be cancelled.

4. **Online Application Procedure**

Online Application (Self-application only)

- Plan 2 (2.2): Now – November 28th, 2025
- Plan 1 (1.1): Now – February 13th, 2026
- Plan 2 (2.1): Now – March 13th, 2026

4.1 Applicants access NIDA's website at <https://admission.nida.ac.th/>

4.2 Select the "Login" menu

4.3 Log in with E-Mail to receive OTP code

4.4 Select the "Apply for Admission" menu

4.5 Choose the program of interest

4.6 Save applicant information

4.7 Attach application documents

4.8 Submit the application

4.9 Print a bill payment for the application and the payment must be made by November 28th, 2025 (for Plan 2 (2.2), February 13th, 2026 (for Plan 1 (1.1)) and March 13th, 2026 (for Plan 2 (2.1)) at any branches of Bangkok Bank or Counter Service in Thailand.

- Application fee 1,000 baht
- Payment fee/charge depends on rate of each payment method/transaction
- Internet/Mobile Banking
- For Payment by Credit Card, please see the details at <https://edserv.nida.ac.th/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/credit-payment.pdf>

- Note:
1. The application payment is non-refundable.
 2. The application is complete when the institute verifies the application documents and payment made within the prescribed time.
 3. Applicants can monitor application status after the payment has been made for 2 day at <https://admission.nida.ac.th/> payment menu.

5. Required Application Materials and Fees

5.1 Required Documents for Plan 2 (2.2):

- 5.1.1 Completed application form (<https://econ.nida.ac.th/2019/06/phdecon-admission/> and <https://econ.nida.ac.th/doctoral-program-in-economics-international-program/>)
- 5.1.2 One copy of Bachelor's degree transcript (s), including graduation certificate. In the case of applicant is waiting for the official degree approval with conferred date, applicant is allowed to submit the official transcript (s) with conferred date to NIDA's Educational Service Division before the first day of the first semester within January 9th, 2026 (for Plan 2 (2.2)).
- 5.1.3 A statement of purpose no longer than two A4 pages
- 5.1.4 Three letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes (<https://econ.nida.ac.th/2019/06/phdecon-admission/>)
- 5.1.5 One copy of personal identity card (if applicable)
- 5.1.6 One copy of passport (non-Thai applicants)
- 5.1.7 Evidence of any change of name (if applicable)
- 5.1.8 TOEFL or IELTS score report (if applicable)
- 5.1.9 One 1-inch photos taken no more than six months prior to application date

5.2 Required Documents for Plan 1 (1.1) and Plan 2 (2.1):

- 5.2.1 Completed application form (<https://econ.nida.ac.th/2019/06/phdecon-admission/> and <https://econ.nida.ac.th/doctoral-program-in-economics-international-program/>)
- 5.2.2 One copy of Master's degree transcript (s), including graduation certificate. In the case of applicant is waiting for the official degree approval with conferred date, applicant is allowed to submit the official transcript (s) with conferred date to NIDA's Educational Service Division before the first day of the first semester within August 7th, 2026 (for Plan 1 (1.1) and Plan 2 (2.1)).
- 5.2.3 One copy of Bachelor's degree transcript (s), including graduation certificate
- 5.2.4 Dissertation proposals (for Plan 1 (1.1) only)
- 5.2.5 A statement of purpose no longer than two A4 pages
- 5.2.6 Three letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes (<https://econ.nida.ac.th/2019/06/phdecon-admission/>)
- 5.2.7 One copy of personal identity card (if applicable)
- 5.2.8 One copy of passport (non-Thai applicants)
- 5.2.9 Evidence of any change of name (if applicable)
- 5.2.10 TOEFL or IELTS score report (if applicable)
- 5.2.11 One 1-inch photos taken no more than six months prior to application date

5.3 Application fee 1,000 Baht

Applicants within Thailand

- Pay in cash if application is made in person.
- Cash transfer can be made via the Bangkok Bank to National Institute of Development Administration, Account No. 944-3-00042-8, Bangkok Bank, National Institute of Development Administration Sub-branch.

Applicants outside Thailand

- Cash transfer can be made via the Bangkok Bank to National Institute of Development Administration, Savings Account No. 944-0-01411-7, Bangkok Bank, National Institute of Development Administration Sub-branch. Money orders and bills of exchange are not accepted.

6. Requirements and Conditions for Scholarship

Types of Scholarship	Requirements and Conditions
<u>Type 1 (Full Scholarship)</u> - Duration of 3 years from the first day of the academic year; - Waiver of tuition fees (Not cover the special activity fees); - Stipend of THB 30,000 per academic semester and THB 15,000 per summer semester (If registered); - Waiver of the Qualifying Examination fee for the 1st registration only.	1. Applicants must obtain a minimum cumulative 3.50 GPA in their Master's Degree; 2. The recipient must work as directed by the Faculty or Institute for 6 hours a week; 3. The scholarship recipient shall achieve the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of no less than 3.50 to be eligible for the stipend for that semester. If the cumulative GPA is lower than 3.50, they would not receive the stipend. If the cumulative GPA is not lower than 3.30, they shall be exempt from paying any fees related to education affairs. But once the cumulative GPA drops below 3.30 for any semester, the scholarship shall be terminated immediately; 4. The recipient's leave of absence for any semester shall result in immediate cancellation of the scholarship. In the event of resigning from the Institute or having student status terminated after unable to complete the study per the Institute's requirement, the recipient shall reimburse the awarded scholarship in full to the Institute, unless the Committee considers otherwise; 5. The recipient resigns from the Institute or has his/her student status terminated due to being unable to complete the study per the Institute's requirement, or requests to terminate scholarship, the recipient shall reimburse the awarded scholarship in full to the Institute, unless the Committee considers otherwise; 6. In the event that scholarship recipient have to repeat any course, the tuition fee shall be paid by the scholarship recipient for such course; 7. In the event that scholarship recipient wish to enroll in any course beyond their study plan, the tuition fee shall be paid by the scholarship recipient for such course;

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<u>Type 2</u> - Duration of 3 years from the first day of the academic year; - Waiver of tuition fees (Not cover the administration fee, library fee, IT fee, special activity fees and qualifying examination fee).	1. Applicants must obtain a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA in their Master's Degree; 2. The recipients must work as directed by the Faculty or Institute for 6 hours a week; 3. The scholarship recipients shall achieve the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of no less than 3.30. Scholarship will be immediately terminated should the recipients fail to maintain the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) above the required level; 4. The recipient's leave of absence for any semester shall result in immediate cancellation of the scholarship. In the event of resigning from the Institute or having student status terminated after unable to complete the study per the Institute's requirement, the recipient shall reimburse the awarded scholarship in full to the Institute, unless the Committee considers otherwise;

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<u>Type 3</u> - Duration of 3 years from the first day of the academic year; - Partial tuition and fees; - Not cover the administration fee, library fee, IT fee, special activity fees and qualifying examination fee.	1. Applicants must obtain a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA in their Master's Degree; 2. The recipients must work as directed by the Faculty or Institute for 6 hours a week; 3. The scholarship recipients shall achieve the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of no less than 3.30. Scholarship will be immediately terminated should the recipients fail to maintain the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) above the required level; 4. The recipient's leave of absence for any semester shall result in immediate cancellation of the scholarship. In the event of resigning from the Institute or having student status terminated after unable to complete the study per the Institute's requirement, the recipient shall reimburse the awarded scholarship in full to the Institute, unless the Committee considers otherwise; 5. The recipient resigns from the Institute or has his/her student status terminated due to being unable to complete the study per the Institute's requirement, or requests to terminate scholarship, the recipient shall reimburse the awarded scholarship in full to the Institute, unless the Committee considers otherwise; 6. In the event that scholarship recipients have to repeat any course, the tuition fee shall be paid by the scholarship recipients for such course; 7. In the event that scholarship recipients wish to enroll in any course beyond their study plan, the tuition fee shall be paid by the scholarship recipients for such course; 8. When the scholarship period ends, the student status retention fee shall be paid by scholarship recipients; 9. Copyrights in the dissertation shall be jointly owned by the scholarship recipients and the Institute for a period of five years. After such period, ownership belongs to the recipients. If the recipients violate copyrights or any legal rights of other individuals, the "scholarship recipients" will be the sole responsible party to damages incurred; 10. The scholarship recipients have no rights to apply for any other scholarships of the Institute, except for the financial aids for research conduct and publication process allocated from the state budget;

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7. **Application Schedule** (Scholarship Application and Normal Application) as follows:

Activity	Plan 2 (2.2) (For Semester 2/2025)	Plan 1 (1.1) (For Semester 1/2026)	Plan 2 (2.1) (For Semester 1/2026)
Date of Application	Now to November 28 th , 2025	Now to February 13 th , 2026	Now to March 13 th , 2026
Announcement for Interview Schedule for Admission	December 3 rd , 2025	February 18 th , 2026	March 18 th , 2026
Interview for Screening	December 6 th – 7 th , 2025	February 21 st – 22 nd , 2026	March 21 st – 22 nd , 2026
Result Announcement	December 12 th , 2025	March 2 nd , 2026	March 27 th , 2026
New student's registered confirmation (Online)	December 15 th – 16 th , 2025	March 2 nd – 4 th , 2026	March 30 th – 31 st , 2026
Sending how to registration online document	December 17 th – 19 th , 2025	March 4 th – 6 th , 2026	April 1 st – 3 rd , 2026
Receiving registration documents	December 22 nd – 25 th , 2025	March 9 th – 12 th , 2026	April 7 th – 10 th , 2026
Registration	December 22 nd – 26 th , 2025	March 9 th – 13 th , 2026	April 7 th – 17 th , 2026
Orientation	January 12 th , 2026	June 13 th , 2026	June 13 th , 2026
Basic Course	Will be announced later in the Announcement of Successful Candidates	(Refresher Course) June 14 th – August 2 nd , 2026	(Refresher Course) June 14 th – August 2 nd , 2026
Commencement date for study	January 12 th , 2026	August 10 th , 2026	August 10 th , 2026

8. Information for Class Hours, Fees and Credits

8.1 Classes are normally held on weekends during 9.00 hrs. – 16.00 hrs. Students are required to take three courses per semester.

8.2 Tuition fees are 6,000 THB/Credit.

Registration fees are 4,000 THB/Semester.

Special Activity Fees are 20,000 THB/Semester.

Tuition Fees for students who do not hold Thai citizenship are 60,000 THB/Person.

Tuition Fees for students who hold citizenship of an ASEAN country or a low-income country based on the low-income countries from <https://data.worldbank.org/country/xn> are 48,000 THB/Person.

Other expenses should be expected.

8.3 Total credit requirements are as follows:

	<u>Plan 1 (1.1)</u>	<u>Plan 2 (2.1)</u>	<u>Plan 2 (2.2)</u>
- Coursework	18 credits	30 credits	42 credits
	(Non credit)		
- Dissertation	<u>48</u> credits	<u>36</u> credits	<u>48</u> credits
- Total	<u>48</u> credits	<u>66</u> credits	<u>90</u> credits

9. Inquiries

For more information, please contact the Graduate School of Development Economics, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), 148 Seri Thai Road, Klongchan, Bangkok District, Bangkok 10240, THAILAND. Tel. (+662) 727 3640 or a Mobile number: +66 92 516 9988 or Email: phdecon@nida.ac.th or Line Official Account: @econnida or Facebook: ECON NIDA Fanpage.

10. Personal Data Protection

According to Personal Data Protection Act, B.E. 2562 (2019), the Institute shall have to 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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