



Science and Education for Agriculture and Development

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Attention: Dr. Ananto Kusuma Seta
Head, Bureau for Planning and International Cooperation

Your Excellency:

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites applications from qualified nationals of your country for graduate scholarship (MS and PhD) in agriculture and related fields focused on agricultural competitiveness and natural resource management for **School Year 2013-2014**.

We are also sending letters inviting applications for the SEARCA scholarship through the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Forestry, as well as agricultural universities and schools in Indonesia. We have informed them that they may conduct preliminary screening of applications they receive and submit the names of their nominees with the application documents to your Ministry. These names are to be included in the final list of nominees your Ministry will submit to SEARCA. All scholarship nominees from Indonesia will be interviewed between September and December 2012 at a venue to be identified by the Ministry of National Education.

The list of applicants accompanied by a complete set of requirements must be received by SEARCA not later than **30 July 2012**.

The following documents should be fully accomplished and submitted by each nominee:

1. SEARCA Scholarship Application Form (three copies), two copies to be submitted to the Ministry of National Education and one copy to be submitted directly to SEARCA;
2. Application forms for admission to the Graduate Schools of any three (3) universities listed in the SEARCA Scholarship application form where the applicant would like to pursue graduate studies;

3. Original transcript of academic records bearing the seal of the University and fresh signatures of the Registrar or Head of the University. Applicants for MS degree should submit their original Bachelor of Science (BS) transcript of records. PhD degree applicants should submit their original BS and MS transcripts of records;
4. Certification of employment;
5. Endorsement from employer;
6. Updated curriculum vitae;
7. Brief description of the research the applicant plans to conduct for thesis/dissertation. The research topic must be in line with the thrusts of SEARCA's Ninth Year-Five Plan i.e., agricultural competitiveness, sustainable land use and water management, and biodiversity conservation by addressing economic and institutional constraints, expanding access to productive resources and technology, and strengthening local governance capability to deliver agricultural services. SEARCA's Ninth Five-Year Plan may be accessed from <http://www.searca.org>.
8. Two copies of passport-size photo of the applicant;
9. Certification from a medical doctor that the applicant is in good physical and mental health condition and is fit to undertake graduate studies; and
10. A passing TOEFL score of 550 or IELTS results of 6.0.

Please be informed that applications with incomplete documents will not be evaluated. Furthermore, submission of complete application documents does not automatically entitle the nominee to a scholarship award. The number of scholarship awards given to a particular country depends on the availability of funds and fulfillment of the requirements for graduate school admission. Nominees/applicants who are denied admission by the concerned Graduate School will not be considered.

Moreover, all applicants/nominees for both MS and PhD programs must not be older than 35 years old at the time of application.

To facilitate the fulfillment of the application requirements, we have enclosed the following:

1. SEARCA Application form (three copies);
2. Information brochures on the graduate study programs of the University Consortium namely: the University of the Philippines Los Baños, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Kasetsart University, Institut Pertanian Bogor, and Universitas Gadjah Mada.
3. Application forms for admission to the graduate study programs of above-mentioned universities (two copies each); and
4. List of priority courses, major fields and areas of specialization in agriculture and related sciences.

Two (2) copies of the announcement regarding this scholarship are also enclosed for dissemination to interested universities and agencies and for posting in bulletin boards. The announcement may be reproduced, as your Ministry deems appropriate. More information about the scholarship and downloadable application forms are available at SEARCA's website http://www.searca.org/web/scholarship/regular_scholarships/degree/index.html.

We look forward to receiving the list of nominees and their application documents on or before **30 July 2012**. In case you decide not to submit any nominations for School Year 2013/2014, we would appreciate receiving your notice via fax at (63-49) 536 7164 on or before 30 July 2012.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of our highest esteem.

Very truly yours,



Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.
Director

Enclosures: as stated

Copy to: Prof. Dr. Ir. Suryo Hapsoro Tri Utomo, Director, Research and Community Services
Development, Directorate General of Higher Education, MONE, Indonesia and Country
Representative to the SEARCA Governing Board