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ANNOUNCEMENT

**National Institute of Development Administration
Master of Economics Program (English Program)
Application for Tuition Fee Scholarship
Academic Year 1/2018**

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is accepting applications for admission to the Master of Economics Program (English Program). NIDA is granting scholarships. The scholarships granted are classified into two types:

- 1. Scholarship Type 1** Scholarship recipients shall be waived from tuition fees throughout the program of study. Monthly allowances and other educational support will also be provided throughout the program.
- 2. Scholarship Type 2** Scholarship recipients shall be waived from tuition fees throughout the program of study.

1. Qualification of Applicants

1.1 Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in any field or major from an accredited academic institution. All applicants must have a minimum cumulative of 2.75 GPA in their Bachelor's degree.

1.2 Applicants, currently employed, must obtain written approval from their employer to pursue full time study at NIDA.

1.3 Applicants must submit a test score of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The TOEFL or IELTS results must be no more than two years after the score reporting date.

Note: Applicants who have no the TOEFL or IELTS results can submit a test score of NIDA TEAP (Test of English for Academic Purpose) which is organized by NIDA Center for Language and Communication Development and Services, Graduate School of Language and Communication, NIDA. The NIDA TEAP result must be no more than one year after the score reporting date.

2. English Competency

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

2.1 Applicants who are native English speakers or have obtained their Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees (not more than three years ago) from international academic institutions where English was the medium of instruction and communication must submit a test score of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and their TOEFL or IELTS results will not be determined a minimum score. The TOEFL or IELTS results must be no more than two years after the score reporting date.

2.2 Applicants who fail to meet the requirement of 2.1 must 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 minimum IELTS score is 6.0 points. The TOEFL or IELTS results must be no more than two years after the score reporting date.

2.3 Applicants who fail to meet the requirement of 2.1 and 2.2 can submit a test score of NIDA TEAP (Test of English for Academic Purpose). The minimum NIDA TEAP score is 660 points. The NIDA TEAP result must be no more than one year after the score reporting date

2.4 Applicants who fail to meet the requirement of 2.1 , 2.2 and 2.3 must register for an English course of their study. Students must pass the course with the results "S" (Satisfactory) before graduation.

3. Application Forms and Fees

3.1 Application forms can be obtained by contacting the Educational Service Division, 3rd Floor, Prince Naradhip Bongsrabandha Building between 8.30 – 16.30 hrs (except government holidays) or the Graduate School of Development Economics, 14th Floor, Navamindrachiraj Building, NIDA, Seri Thai Road, Bangkok District, Bangkok

3.2 Application forms can be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.econ.nida.ac.th>.

- **First Round** : Now – February 9, 2018
- **Second Round** : February 10 – April 5, 2018

Note: The downloaded application form must be printed out on A4 paper only. Do not change the format of the form, otherwise, it will not be accepted for the application process.

3.3 Applications, accompanied by an application fee of 200 baht, must be submitted to the Educational Service Division at the Financial Division, 3rd Floor, Prince Naradhip Bongsrabandha Building between 8.30 – 16.30 hrs (except government holidays).

- **First Round** : Now – February 9, 2018
- **Second Round** : February 10 – April 5, 2018

4. Application Materials

- 4.1 Completed application form
- 4.2 One copy of Bachelor's Degree diploma
- 4.3 One copy of complete official transcript(s) of undergraduate studies
- 4.4 One copy of personal identity card (if applicable)
- 4.5 One copy of passport (non-Thai applicants)
- 4.6 One copy of evidence of any change of name (if applicable)
- 4.7 Two 1-inch photo taken no more than six months prior to application date
- 4.8 For applicants who graduated from an institute outside Thailand:
 - 4.8.1 A Letter of Confirmation on Standard Curriculum for the Bachelor's Degree.
This can be obtained from the Bureau of Standards and Evaluation at the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
Tel: +66 2354 5500-19 ext. 724, 725, 727 or 728
(Contact the Educational Service Division for more information)
 - 4.8.2 An Official Letter of Certification for their Bachelor's Degree with their University Council's approval as well as a complete transcript with the specified date of graduation which must be sent directly from the applicant's university to the address below:

Director of the Educational Service Division, NIDA
Educational Service Division, 3rd Floor,
Prince Naradhip Bongsrabandha Building,
118 Seri Thai Road, Klongchan, Bangkok District, Bangkok 10240
THAILAND

Note: The documents mentioned in 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 above, must be submitted before the start of the semester. Applicants who fail to submit all required documents will not be admitted to the program.

The Institute reserves the right to verify the applicants' qualifications at any time. Applicants who do not have the required qualifications will not be admitted to the program. No refunds will be issued. If an applicant has already been accepted but is subsequently determined to be unqualified, scholarship awards will be canceled.

5. Selection Procedures

The program committee will decide applicants who are to be interviewed by the faculty members of the Graduate School of Development Economics. The committee will evaluate applicants based on credentials, education, and experience.

Date : February 15 – 28, 2018 for the first round
April 17 – 30, 2018 for the second round
Place : 14th Floor, Navamindrathiraj Building, NIDA

The Graduate School of Development Economics, NIDA will announce a list of application who are eligible to be interviewed on February 16, 2018 for the first round and April 20, 2018 for the second round at <http://econ.nida.ac.th/>

6. Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Recipients

6.1 Eligibility for Scholarship

6.1.1 Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Recipients of Type 1 (Full Scholarship) or Type 2 Scholarship must have a minimum at 2.75 GPA in their Bachelor's Degree

6.1.2 Scholarship for International Cooperation

The recipient of Scholarship for the International Cooperation must be foreign students from the countries with relationship or memorandum of understanding (MOU) with NIDA. In this regard, the scholarship is subject to the approval of the Dean/Director Meeting for Education.

6.2 Funding for Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Scholarship for International Cooperation

6.2.1 Students who receive Type 1 Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Full Scholarship) will get:

- 1) Waiver of tuition fees for the entire period of study. The exception of the fees for special activities shall accord with each program's announcements in relation to its academic fee; and
- 2) Monthly stipend of THB 10,000, which the Institute will first deduct the premium for health insurance policy (in the case of international students).

6.2.2 Students who receive Type 2 Scholarship for Academic Excellence will get waiver of tuition fees for the entire period of study.

6.3 Requirements and Conditions for Scholarship

6.3.1 Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Recipients of the Scholarship Type 1 (Full Scholarship) and Type 2 shall maintain a minimum GPA of 3.30 in each semester. If the GPA fails to meet the criterion for any semester, the scholarship shall be immediately discontinued.

6.3.2 Scholarship for International Cooperation

Recipients of the Scholarship Type 1 (Full Scholarship), and Type 2 shall maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in each semester. If the GPA fails to meet the criterion for any semester, the scholarship shall be immediately discontinued.

6.3.3 A 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.

6.3.4 If a 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.

6.3.5 In the event that scholarship recipients have to repeat any course, they shall not be exempt from the tuition fee for such re-enrolled class.

6.3.6 In the event that scholarship recipients wish to enroll in any course beyond their study plan, they shall be exempt from the tuition fee of such class upon recommendations in respect of the advisor only.

6.3.7 Scholarship recipients shall work for the graduate school or the Institute at least 6 hours a week.

6.3.8 The recipient has 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.

6.4 Requirements and Conditions for recipients of Type 1 Scholarship (Full Scholarship) (both Academic Excellence and International Cooperation)

6.4.1 Recipients who study Master's Degree has to study under Plan A (Thesis required).

6.4.2 Waiver is granted for the fee of the first qualifying examination fee only.

6.4.3 After the scholarship period ends, the student status retention fee shall be paid by scholarship recipients.

6.4.4 Copyrights in the thesis 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.

6.4.5 Scholarship recipients are responsible for the fees related to thesis proofreading.

6.4.6 Master-level thesis is required to be published or accepted to be published in national-level journals listed in the TCI database (only those in group 1 and group 2), proceedings not included.

6.5 Requirements and Conditions for recipients of Type 2 Scholarship (both Academic Excellence and International Cooperation): articles from Thesis or Independent Study courses, or courses under curriculum shall:

6.5.1 Be published in national-level/international-level peer-reviewed academic journals, or

6.5.2 Be presented to peer-reviewed academic conference with proceedings in a published full-paper format, or

6.5.3 Receive award from competition or academic contest which are approved by the respective Dean of department, or

6.5.4 Be presented to organizations or communities for development, which are approved by the Dean. Such work presented must be recognized by the Executives of the organizations or communities.

6.6 Scholarship recipients who are international students shall abide by the health insurance policy stipulated by the Institute. Otherwise, scholarship shall be forfeited.

6.7 Duration of scholarship (from the first day of the academic year which the recipients are registered as a student)

Scholarship covers a period of 2 years.

7. Announcement of Results

A list of successful applicants admitted to the program will be announced on **March 19, 2018 for the first round and May 14, 2018 for the second round** at the Educational Service Division, 3rd Floor, Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building. The list will also be posted at <http://www.econ.nida.ac.th>.

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