



Announcement

Year 2021 (1st Semester)

Admissions to the Doctor of Philosophy Program
in Governance and Development
Graduate School of Public Administration
National Institute of Development Administration

Call for Application (Self-financed Applicants)

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is accepting enrollment applications for the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Governance and Development. Applications are accepted between **March 8 – June 25, 2021**.

1. Applicant Qualifications

1.1 As a minimum qualification applicants must hold a master's degree in any field from a university accredited by the Civil Service Commission of the Royal Thai Government.

1.2 Applicants who have graduated from a university outside of Thailand must obtain a *Letter of Confirmation on Standard Curriculum for Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree* from the Commission on Higher Education at the Ministry of Education. This letter can be obtained by submitting a request along with required documents directly to the Bureau of Standards and Evaluation (8th floor) at the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education: 328 SriAyutthaya Rd., Ratchathewi District, Bangkok 10400; 0-2354-5577, 0-2610-5381-2

1.3 Applicants must be proficient in communicating with English throughout the program. English language proficiency must be attested through official TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>) or IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) scores. In addition to official ETS TOEFL scores, NIDA accepts only TOEFL ITP scores from GSLC at NIDA:

NIDA Graduate School of Language and Communication (GSLC)
Siam Boromrajakumari Building, 13th Fl.

148 Seri-Thai Rd., Klong Chan, Bangkok, Bangkok 10240

(Contact Mr. Phanuwat Phumisart at 0-2727-3142 or phanuw.p@nida.ac.th for further information).

Applicants may be admitted into the program according to the following plans:

Plan 1: Applicants submit application documents including official test scores that meet the following criteria:

- 1) TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 550 or above (testing only at GSLC NIDA)
- TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 79 or above
- IELTS 6.0 or above
- 2) Test scores must not be older than 2 years at the time of submission.

Students admitted through plan 1 are not subject to additional conditions.

Plan 2: Applicants submit application documents including official test scores that fall into the following criteria:

- 1) TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 530 to 549 (testing only at GSLC NIDA)
 TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 71 to 78
 IELTS 5.5 to 5.9
- 2) Test scores must not be older than 2 years at the time of submission.

Students admitted through plan 2 are required to enroll in no less than 2 additional non-credit English language courses according to NIDA regulations.

Plan 3: Applicants submit application documents including official test scores that do not meet the proficiency levels of plan 1 or plan 2.

Students admitted through plan 3 are required to enroll in no less than 2 additional non-credit English language courses according to NIDA regulations. They are further required to submit official English language proficiency test scores that meet the following criteria prior to the defense of their doctoral dissertation:

- 1) TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 530 or above (testing only at GSLC NIDA)
 TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 71 or above
 IELTS 5.5 or above
- 2) Test scores must not be older than 2 years at the time of submission.

Exception from the need to provide English language proficiency scores are granted in the following cases:

Applicants who have been awarded master's degrees from international academic institutions where English was the medium of instruction and study. Such master's degree must not be older than 5 years at the time of registration. In addition, the grade point average for the applicant's master's degree must not be below 3.25

Proper documentation of proof is required.

NOTE: Applicants are responsible to check that application forms are complete and make sure that they qualify for admission as announced above. Applicants whose application documents are incomplete or who do not meet the required qualifications will not be considered for admission and may be expelled at any time if found to be in violation of the above qualifications. Any fees paid are non-refundable.

2. Application Procedures

2.1 Applicants can print an application form out via the school's website <http://gsipa.nida.ac.th> or collect the form at the Office of the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Governance and Development (International) on 10th Floor, Navamindradhiraj Building.

2.2 The application documents must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of 1,300 Baht. The application fees can be paid in cash at the Educational Service Division on the 3rd floor of Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building, NIDA, Bangkok, or via bank transfer to

Bank: Bangkok Bank (SWIFT Code: BKKBTHBK)
Account Name: NIDA. Doctor's Degree and Part-time Master's Degree Program
School of Public Administration Saving A/C
Account Number: 9440013895

Applicants using bank transfer are required to attach proof of payment (copy of transfer order) to their application documents. The completed application must be received by the Division during office hours (8:30-16:30 hours) no later than **June 25, 2021**.

2.3 Online application is only available at <http://entrance.nida.ac.th>. The application fee of 1,300 Baht; non-refundable; should be made within June 25, 2021 at Bangkok Bank or Counter Service. Applicants using bank transfer are required to attach evidence of payment (copy of transfer order) to their application documents. The application documents must be submitted along with the application fee receipt.

2.4 To facilitate the applicants, NIDA provides 4 application channels which will be chosen for sending the required documents during admission period: March 8 – June 25, 2021 via:

- Apply in person: Education Service Division, 3rd floor,
Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building, NIDA or
- The online upload at <http://entrance.nida.ac.th> or
- E-mail: entrance@nida.ac.th or
- Post: Educational Service Division
National Institute of Development Administration
148 Seri Thai Road, Bangkok 10240, Thailand
Tel. 0-2727-3365-77

Please indicate on the envelope in parenthesis "The document for applying in Ph.D. in Governance and Development".

The completed application must be received by the Division during office hours (8:30-16:30 hours) within **June 25, 2021. (Postal deadline – Postmark date by this date).**

3. Required Documents

- 3.1 Completed application form
- 3.2 Statement of purpose
- 3.3 Two letters of recommendation
- 3.4 Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 3.5 Two (1 inch) photos
- 3.6 For foreign applicants: One copy of passport
For Thai applicants: One copy of ID card and one copy of household registration
- 3.7 Copy of bachelor's and master's degree certificates (one for each)
- 3.8 Copy of bachelor's and master's degree transcripts (one for each)
- 3.9 Copy of proof for a minimum TOEFL or IELTS as specified by NIDA's English language proficiency requirements.

4. Interview

Applicants will be invited for interviews which will be held **on July 1, 2021 at Meeting Room 102, 10th Floor, Navamindrachiraj Building**. The interviews will examine applicants' academic background and competencies as well as other relevant experience as indicated in their enrollment application. For foreign applicants who reside outside Thailand, the admission committee will consider only the application documents.

5. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The names of successful applicants will be announced on **July 9, 2021**.

Announcement as of March 2 , 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nada Chunsom".

(Assistant Professor Dr. Nada Chunsom)
Vice President for Academic Affairs