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## **Announcement**

Year 2021 (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)

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

### **Call for Applications (Scholarship Applicants)**

#### **Education Promotion Scholarships (good academic performance)**

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The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is accepting enrollment and scholarship applications for the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Governance and Development.

Applications are accepted between **March 8 – June 25, 2021**.

#### **1. Available Scholarships**

1.1 Category 1: Recipients will be received.

- 1) All tuition fees will be waived throughout the program.
- 2) The recipients will receive financial support for personal expenses:  
30,000.- baht per semester and 15,000.- baht per summer semester.

1.2 Category 2: Recipients will be exempted from credit fees throughout the program.

1.3 Category 3: Recipients will be waived half of the credit fees throughout the program.

All three Categories of scholarships shall have a duration of 3 years starting from the first day of registered as a student.

#### **2. Eligibility Requirements for Scholarships and Applicant Qualifications**

2.1 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.

2.2 In order to qualify for Category 1 scholarships, applicants must have at least GPA 3.50 at the master's degree level.

2.3 In order to qualify for Category 2 and Category 3 scholarships, applicants must have at least GPA 3.25 at the master's degree level.

2.4 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

2.5 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:

- 1) NIDA Graduate School of Language and Communication (GSLC)  
Siam Boromrajakumari Building, 13<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
148 Seri-Thai Rd., Klong Chan, Bangkok, Bangkok 10240  
(Contact Mr. Phanuwat Phumisart at 0-2727-3142 or [phanuw.p@nida.ac.th](mailto:phanuw.p@nida.ac.th) for further information).

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

Applicants must 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.

**Exceptions** 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.**

### **3. Rules for scholarship acquisition, scholarship suspension and scholarship reimbursement.**

3.1 The recipients of Category 1 education promotion scholarships (full scholarships) must obtain a cumulative grade point average for each semester of not less than 3.50 to be eligible for semester personal allowance. If the cumulative grade point average is below 3.50, they are not eligible for personal expenses support. However, if the cumulative grade point average is not lower than 3.30, all tuition fees will be waived. If they receive a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.30 in any semester, they will not be eligible for the scholarship.

3.2 The recipients of Categories 2 and 3 education promotion scholarships must obtain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.30 in each semester. If they receive a cumulative grade point average below the specified threshold in any semester, they will not be eligible for the scholarship.

3.3 Scholarship recipients will no longer be eligible for the scholarship if they are later found requesting to resign or ceasing to be students. In case they are unable to graduate as specified in the regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on graduate studies, all scholarship funds received must be returned to the institution.

3.4 If the scholarship recipient resigns or ceases to be a student and is unable to graduate as specified in the regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on graduate studies or requests cancellation of the scholarship, all funds received must be returned to the institution.

3.5 In the event that the scholarship recipient has to re-register for a particular course, he or she will not be exempted from the tuition fees in the re-enrolled course.

3.6 The scholarship recipient must work for the faculty or the institute for at least 6 hours per week.

3.7 The recipient of this scholarship does not have the right to apply for any other grant of the institution except for thesis publication from the National Budget.

#### **4. Conditions for recipients of Category 1 scholarships**

4.1 Scholarship recipients will be funded for personal expenses each semester only when they are enrolled in Semesters 1 and 2 for not less than 9 credits per semester or register in accordance with the program study plan. The summer semester requires enrollment of at least 3 credits as regulation for eligible for received scholarship support.

4.2 Scholarship recipients will be exempted from the application fee for the first comprehensive examination only.

4.3 Scholarship recipients will pay for the status maintenance fee if their enrollment exceeds the scholarship period.

4.4 The copyright of the thesis shall be joint copyright between the scholarship recipients and the institution for a period of 5 years. After that, the copyright of the thesis is awarded to the scholarship recipients. If the scholarship recipients take any action, which is considered an infringement of intellectual property rights or any rights, the "recipients" are solely responsible for any damage through the infringement of that right.

4.5 The scholarship recipients shall pay the fees for thesis format examination/E-THESIS information system service.

4.6 The doctoral thesis work must be published or has been accepted for publication in an international journal that has been attended by outside directors (Peer Review) prior to publication. In this regard, international journals must comply with the criteria set forth by the Office of the Civil Service Commission in Higher Education Institutions (OCSC) or the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program (RGJPHD), excluding Proceedings.

**NOTE: Scholarship recipients must follow the regulation of the Announcement of the National Institute of Development Administration On qualifications, criteria, and conditions for education promotion scholarships (Which be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2021)**

## 5. Application Procedures

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

5.2 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.

5.3 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.

5.4 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandha Building, NIDA or
- The online upload at <http://entrance.nida.ac.th> or
- E-mail: [entrance@nida.ac.th](mailto: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).**

## 6. Required Documents

- 6.1 Completed application form
- 6.2 Statement of purpose
- 6.3 Two letters of recommendation
- 6.4 Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 6.5 Two (1 inch) photos
- 6.6 For foreign applicants: One copy of passport  
For Thai applicants: One copy of ID card and one copy of household Registration

- 6.7 Copy of bachelor's and master's degree certificates (one for each)
- 6.8 Copy of bachelor's and master's degree transcripts (one for each)
- 6.9 Copy of proof for a minimum TOEFL scores or IELTS scores;  
TOEFL ITP of 550 (testing only at GSLC NIDA) or TOEFL iBT of 79 or  
IELTS scores of 6

## **7. Interview**

Applicants will be invited for interviews which will be held **on July 1, 2021 at Meeting Room 102, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **8. Selection Process**

Scholarships are awarded to the most qualified applicants only and in accordance with the availability of funds. Selection of applicants is based on the submitted application documents and interviews. Any decisions regarding the awarding of scholarships and admission of students are subject to the discretion of the selection committee. The criteria applied in making these decisions are to be in accordance with official NIDA announcements. Students that have been selected for admission without being offered a scholarship may still register as regular fee paying students.

## **9. Announcement of Successful Applicants**

The names of successful applicants will be announced on **July 9, 2021**. Applicants that have not been selected will not be notified.

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