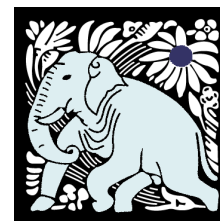


Asia Pacific Scholarship Consortium

Masters Scholarships for Individuals from Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand and Lao PDR



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The Asia Pacific Scholarship Consortium is an informal network of universities in Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia and the Philippines that aims to facilitate scholarships in high quality postgraduate courses for individuals from Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand and Lao PDR who require financial support to study. The Consortium was established in 2007.

Program Overview

All applications must be submitted by **November 15, 2011**. No late applications will be accepted.

PURPOSE

To provide opportunities and scholarships for high quality, post-graduate study in fields relevant to the development of the Mekong Sub Region, for individuals who demonstrate both academic and professional excellence and potential to become leaders in the following fields:

- Community Health
- Education
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Policy, Law & Administration
- Development
- Environment
- Media
- Social Work

Successful students will study at prestigious international universities in Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia or the Philippines. Scholars will undertake masters degrees by coursework. Courses typically take one to two years to complete. Scholars must complete the course within the specified time period on a full time basis.

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

Successful students will be eligible to apply for an APSC Research Grant to conduct master's research in their home countries, under the guidance of a university advisor. Also, APSC graduates may apply for the APSC Internship Program. Interns will be placed in organizations and institutions within the Southeast Asia region for a period of 1-6 months, so as to further develop skills acquired during formal degree study.

AWARD STRUCTURE

APSC is a full scholarship program, so successful applicants will not be required to contribute any of their own money. The following costs will be fully covered at a basic level under the award:

- Academic tuition and mandatory fees for the duration of the course, including examination and thesis costs.
- A monthly stipend for room and board, and living expenses sufficient for a single student. There will be no support for students' families.
- Basic medical insurance for the duration of study.
- Support for educational supplies and materials.
- Transport for the student to travel one time from their home to the campus and to return at the end of the program.
- All costs related to securing and maintaining a student visa for the duration of study.
- Professional development fund available to cover support for academic development such as computer, attendance of academic conferences or subscription to journals.
- Full support to attend the annual APSC Student Conference for one weekend each year.
- Research and internship funding will be available on a competitive basis for students who wish to undertake thesis research in their home country or work as interns in a different country.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Hold an undergraduate degree at the time of application deadline with an excellent academic record;
- Be a citizen of and currently living in home country (Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand or Lao PDR);
- Have experience working in at least one of the fields listed above in home country;
- Be proficient in English;
- Be committed to returning to home country after completion of the program to continue work and impart knowledge gained during studies.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the application materials and submit them to APSC by **November 15, 2011**. Hand-written or scanned copies of these documents are acceptable only if you have difficulties completing these documents electronically using Adobe Reader (version 7.0 or higher). If you do not have the free Adobe Reader, you can download it here: http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html

The application materials required for this program are as follows:

- 1) APSC 2012 Scholarship Application
- 2) One academic letter of reference (sent directly by referee using the APSC 2012 Reference Form).
- 3) One professional letter of reference (sent directly by referee using the APSC 2012 Reference Form).
- 4) Scanned copies of previous university-level educational transcripts (or explanation as to why these are unavailable).
- 5) Scanned copy of your passport photo page (if available). Do not include scans of stamped visa pages.
- 6) Scanned copies of one of the following:
 - a. Any official English language exams you have taken, such as TOEFL or IELTS
 - b. EPOP TOEFL Diagnostic Exam

SELECTION & UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS

The APSC selection committee is a team of leading scholars and experts who will interview shortlisted candidates and make final selection decisions. Successful candidates will be invited to apply for a specific APSC partner university based on their interests and positions available.

Due to limitations in funding and the number of positions available at each university, final decisions about where successful applicants study will be made by the university and the APSC selection committee.

In most cases APSC will assist successful applicants to apply to partner universities after they have been notified about winning APSC. **Please note that applicants interested in the Master of Public Health at Mahidol University must apply independently by January 31: http://www.ph.mahidol.ac.th/Webpages_MPH/.**

Masters courses will start between March and November 2012 depending on the prospective university. Support will be provided for all logistics related to travel and registration at the respective universities.

ENGLISH EXAMINATION PROCESS

APSC partners with the Exam Preparation Outreach Program (EPOP) to offer free, online diagnostic English examinations to applicants who do not already have a TOEFL or IELTS score. The EPOP test enables APSC to estimate how the student would score on a formal TOEFL test.

If you already have an English score and include it with your application, you do not need to take the EPOP exam. If you do not have a score already, you must register and complete the online diagnostic exam with EPOP before the November 15th Deadline. Please email apsconsortium@gmail.com to request instructions on how to take the online exam. If you are in a remote area with unreliable internet access and are concerned that you cannot take the exam, please email apsconsortium@gmail.com for assistance.

APSC understands that not all interested students have had a chance to take formal English exams, and hopes that this partnership with EPOP will enable many applicants to assess their English abilities.

TIMELINE FOR 2012 SELECTION PROCESS

- ▶ **November 15, 2011:** Application deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.
- ▶ **December 5-16, 2011:** Shortlisted applicants will be notified.
- ▶ **January 9-20, 2012:** Interviews held in each participating country. Dates will vary depending on location.
- ▶ **February 6-11, 2012:** Successful applicants notified.

Please refer to the following pages to fill out the first page of the APSC Scholarship Application.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of community health:

- ◆ **Gerontology** aims to develop professionals who will devote themselves to the study of aging and the provision of clinical services in order to enable older adults deal better with stressful factors common in later life. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Health Social Science** is designed for those who need the theoretical bases of and specialized skills in the social science aspects of research as well as program design, management, and evaluation as applied to community and culture-based health issues. Available at Mahidol University and De La Salle University.
- ◆ **Public Health** exposes medical doctors to six core areas of public health: biostatistics, epidemiology, health services administration, health education, behavioral science and environmental science. Available at Mahidol University and Thammasat University. **Applicants who wish to apply for Master of Public Health at Mahidol University must apply to the university directly by January 31, 2011: http://www.ph.mahidol.ac.th/Webpages_MPH/.**
- ◆ **Rehabilitation Science** focuses on human function and disability. Students are trained to become practitioners working to enhance physical and psychosocial functioning and quality of life of for people with disabilities Available at University of the Philippines Manila.

DEVELOPMENT

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of development:

- ◆ **Community Development** provides advanced training in key aspects of community development, including organizing, developmental planning and organizational development. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Development Management** equips students with knowledge and skills in development theories, management dimensions in development, program administration, financial planning and change. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Development Policy** integrates the systematic training in the conceptual and methodological tools of public policy analysis with the lessons and insights gained in the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of development policies, programs, and projects. Available at De La Salle University.
- ◆ **Development Studies** aims to provide advanced training in policy analysis, situational knowledge, administrative planning and management of key development issues. Available at City University of Hong Kong and Chulalongkorn University.
- ◆ **Gender & Development Studies** highlights the role of gender in relation to various development issues such as health, technology, enterprise, rural livelihoods, culture, human rights and politics. Available at Asian Institute of Technology.
- ◆ **Human Resource Development** aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge to implement and manage all aspects of personnel in organizations. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Local Governance & Development** provides individuals with theoretical knowledge and skills to work with local government. The course covers development theory and concepts, delivery systems, fiscal management, human resource management and organizational development within local government. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Regional & Rural Development Planning** focuses on rural poverty, improvement of the quality of life, and sustainable social and economic development of rural areas. Stressing a participatory and integrated approach, attention is paid to management of development Institutions, infrastructure and physical resources. Available at Asian Institute of Technology.

EDUCATION

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of education:

- ◆ **Agricultural Education** enables students to become instructors about crop production, livestock, soil and water, food and nutrition in order to help farmers increase production, conserve resources, and produce nutritious crops. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Early Childhood Education** aims to prepare teachers to provide significant learning experiences for young children. Available at De La Salle University and Miriam College.
- ◆ **Educational Administration, Leadership & Management** provides educators with the theoretical background and research capacity to lead, understand and analyze administration and management in education. Available at The University of Hong Kong, University of Malaya, De La Salle University and University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Educational Guidance & Counseling** aims to provide foundations of attitude, knowledge and skills to enable students to carry out guidance responsibilities in educational settings. This subject will include approaches derived from counseling and guidance psychology, approaches to service delivery and the broader aspects of the work of teachers working in guidance. Available at The University of Hong Kong and University of Malaya.
- ◆ **English Language Teaching** aims to provide experienced qualified English teachers and language specialists with an appropriate theory-based framework within which to understand and investigate issues involved in English language education and to develop competencies in teaching. Available at De La Salle University and The University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **General Education Studies** is targeted to educators who may be interested in, for example, curriculum studies, educational management, theories of learning, values in education, and psychology of education. This program allows the flexibility to choose from subjects across the broad field of education. Available at The University of Hong Kong and University of Malaya.
- ◆ **Higher Education** examines national and local policies and institutional strategies in the dynamic higher education systems of Asia. Special attention is given to the roles of world class universities and their global impact on reforms in post-secondary education. Available at The University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Instructional Management** is intended for teachers, administrators and other educational personnel aiming to become educational or instructional managers. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Learning & Teaching** is designed for teachers and educational practitioners who already have adequate levels of content knowledge in their subjects/courses, but would like to develop deeper and more principled understanding of the learning and teaching processes. Available at De La Salle University.
- ◆ **Measurement & Evaluation** aims to develop practical skills necessary to manage and interpret statistical data related to education, including the use of computing for educational research. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Science Education** aims to develop the scientific and pedagogical skills of elementary and high school science teachers. Graduates of the program are expected to be able to follow the latest developments in the field and become active researchers in science education. Available at De La Salle University and The University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Special Education** is designed to equip education professionals with requisite knowledge, competencies, values and skills to meet the unique learning needs of people with disabilities. Available at De La Salle University, Miriam College and The University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Values Education & Development** is designed to help professionals in the exploration of human values which contribute to the development of a fully-integrated person. Utilizing a philosophical, psychological and social framework, the program aims to develop skills in values clarification and development in the teaching-learning situation, whether in formal or community-based settings. Available at Miriam College.

ENVIRONMENT

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of environmental studies:

- ◆ **Agriculture** is a major that prepares students for a broad variety of careers in agriculture. Topics of focus may include organic methods, crop production, livestock, and sustainable resource management. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation & Management** aims to instill the necessary interdisciplinary capacities to manage and minimize the effects of disasters in people on the front-lines of disaster response and preparedness. Available at Asian Institute of Technology.
- ◆ **Environmental Management** provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of environmental science and management, preparing them to become leaders in solving environmental problems of the 21st century. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos and Miriam College.
- ◆ **Environmental Studies** provides students with a holistic perspective of viewing the environment, practical skills in Environmental Impact Assessment, and broader scientific skills and perspectives. Available at Miriam College and University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Natural Resources Management** emphasizes land, forest and wild animal resources and examines conservation concerns. It addresses problems of deforestation, ecosystem degradation, biodiversity depletion, water supply, and other environmental pressures on local, national, regional and global ecosystems. Available at Asian Institute of Technology.
- ◆ **Social Forestry** develops knowledge and skills in forestry management and policy, forestry program development, alternative theories of natural resource policy analysis and social impacts of forestry policy and programs. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **Sustainable Agriculture & Integrated Watershed Management** serves students who want to deepen their knowledge of the complexity of watershed agro-ecosystems, sustainable agricultural practices and new pathways of integrated watershed management. Available at Chiang Mai University.
- ◆ **Wildlife Studies** provides knowledge and skills in wildlife management, conservation and population dynamics. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The following are descriptions of available courses in the fields of humanities and social sciences:

- ◆ **ASEAN Studies** provides an advanced level of understanding of the political, economic, social, and cultural forces which shape ASEAN as well as the attendant policy process in a range of issue areas. Available at University of Malaya.
- ◆ **International Studies** prepares students with necessary knowledge and skills to analyze key issues and processes in international relations, peace and conflict, diplomacy and globalization. Available at Miriam College, Rangsit University and The University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Migration Studies** focuses on the study and research of the root causes, consequences, socio-economic, political and cultural issues arising from the migration phenomenon. Emphasis will be given to gender dimensions of migration and social impact on women, families, and communities. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Political Science** aims to equip students with the analytical tools that will enable them to teach political science at the secondary and tertiary levels, conduct research and understand political theory. Available at De La Salle University.

MEDIA

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of media:

- ◆ **Development Communication** focuses on utilizing media as a tool of development. Students can specialize in community broadcasting, development journalism, educational communication and general development communication. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.
- ◆ **International Journalism Studies** provides studies in international journalism with a particular emphasis on the pan-China area and the wider East/Southeast Asian region. The course examines media systems, news production and content and their interplay with political, economic, social, and cultural forces. Available at Hong Kong Baptist University.
- ◆ **Journalism** trains students in the core skills of journalism – reporting, writing, broadcasting, new media, media law, and media standards and ethics – from Asian and global perspectives. Available at The University of Hong Kong.

POLICY, LAW & ADMINISTRATION

The following are descriptions of available courses in the fields of policy and administration:

- ◆ **Economics** studies the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos, University of Malaya and University of the Philippines Dilliman.
- ◆ **International Public Affairs** provides conceptual knowledge and in-depth understanding of Asian and global affairs which are needed to meet the career challenge of globalization and international changes in today's world. Available at University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Law** provides students with a background in the legal sector with advanced training, understanding of theory and a solid background in the underpinnings of international law. Available at University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Public Administration** aims to provide candidates with conceptual knowledge and skills needed to understand and manage the structure and operation of the public sector. Available at University of Hong Kong.
- ◆ **Strategic Planning & Public Policy** helps students understand the concepts and analytical skills needed for public service leaders to influence how public policy is planned and choices are made. Available at University of the Philippines Los Banos.

SOCIAL WORK

The following are descriptions of available courses in the field of social work:

- ◆ **Family Psychology** is designed for professionals in counseling, teaching, training, and advocacy involving the family. The program utilizes interdisciplinary and holistic perspectives in the study of the family in its global and Philippine settings. Available at Miriam College.
- ◆ **Family-centered Practice & Family Therapy** provides students with opportunities to learn updated knowledge, develop specialist skills, and turn them into reflective, competent practitioners/therapists in working with couples and families with complex problems. Available at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- ◆ **Guidance & Counseling** is designed to provide students with the necessary theory and skills for working with individuals, couples, and families in a variety of counseling settings. Available at De La Salle University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Miriam College.
- ◆ **Psychology** involves the scientific study of mental processes and behavior. Courses in psychology are available with specializations in family psychology, clinical psychology, human development, measurement, social cultural psychology and cognitive psychology. Available at University of Hong Kong, De La Salle University and Miriam College.
- ◆ **Social Policy & Social Development** aims to enable students to gain solid critical knowledge and skills in economic and social development, through comparative appreciation of local and global issues for formulating, analyzing and delivering social policies that lead to effective, appropriate and sustainable social well being. Available at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- ◆ **Social Work** prepares students for leadership in social policy advocacy and development of innovative social work practice models. Available at University of Hong Kong.

APSC Agreement with ASEAN Foundation



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APSC is pleased to announce its partnership with ASEAN Foundation to support students selected for a Master's Degree program at **University of the Philippines Los Banos**.

The ASEAN Foundation is an inter-governmental, non-profit organization established by the ASEAN Leaders to bring about shared prosperity and sustainable future for the peoples of the ASEAN Member Countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. Through its Post-Graduate Scholarship Program, the ASEAN Foundation in partnership with like-minded institutions, provides opportunities to ASEAN nationals to pursue graduate studies in various universities to develop quality human resources, build the capacities of ASEAN nationals and bridge the development gap between developed and less developed ASEAN countries.

**Selection of these scholars will be done jointly with ASEAN Foundation based on a set of mutually agreed upon criteria*