



Mahidol University Announcement  
On Scholarships for Ph.D. Student, Fiscal Year B.E. 2566 (2023)

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The announcement is issued to establish appropriate regulations and approaches to managing scholarships for Ph.D. students.

By virtue of Article 22.7 and Article 23 of Mahidol University Announcement on Regulations and Approaches to Receiving, Maintaining, Disbursing, Paying, and Controlling Money, B.E. 2551 and its revisions, which is under Section 38 of Mahidol University's Regulations on Budget and Financial Administration, B.E. 2551 and its revisions, the President of Mahidol University has issued this announcement as follows:

Article 1 Mahidol University Announcement On Scholarships for Ph.D. Student, B.E. 2566 (2023) issued on 30 November 2022 and Mahidol University Announcement On Scholarships for Ph.D. Student, B.E. 2566 (2023) (No.2) issued on 21 December 2022 shall be cancelled and replaced by the present Announcement

Article 2 In this announcement,

“University” refers to Mahidol University.

“President” refers to President of Mahidol University.

“Scholarship” refers to Scholarships for Ph.D. Students.

“Committee” refers to the committee responsible for the consideration and management of the scholarship.

“Ph.D. Student” refers to a student who starts their Ph.D. program in the Academic Year of 2023.

Article 3 Objectives

To increase the number of Ph.D. students and support Ph.D. students to produce quality research projects and publish them in academic journals in leading international research databases such as Scopus or Web of Science to continuously improve the university's ranking.

Article 4 The University will allocate the scholarship to support the academic expenses of Ph.D. students according to the period of his/her study with the details as follows:

- 4.1 The expenses for the maximum amount of 300,000 baht per year include
- (1) Tuition fee and other academic expenses as seen appropriate by the advisor
  - (2) Monthly allowance

4.2 The scholarship funding period:

- (1) The scholarship is awarded for four years for Ph.D. students who apply with a bachelor's degree.
- (2) The scholarship is awarded for three years for Ph.D. students who apply with a master's degree.

In this regard, according to the consideration of the committee, the University will allocate one scholarship for each advisor holding the scholarship (in case a small number of advisors apply for the scholarship, more than one scholarship might be allocated to one advisor depending on the discretion of the committee).

Article 5 Qualifications of advisors eligible to apply for the scholarship

5.1 Being a public officer, a university staff, a university staff (division), or a university employee in the position of a lecturer, or a researcher, or a research specialist employed by the University who can be a principal thesis advisor for Ph.D. students as required in Mahidol University Regulations on Graduate Studies, B.E. 2563 (2020).

5.2 Thai or foreign nationality.

5.3 Having constant research experience; being a first author or a corresponding author of at least three publications published in Q1 international academic journals such as Scopus by SJR within the past five years (2018-2022).

5.4 Having a H5-index score of at least 5. For an applicant with an H-index score less than 5 with good track record, the applicant can request for the committee's consideration on a case-by-case basis.

5.5 Having potential and experience in administering a research project; being the principal researcher of a research project funded by an external funding source. The funded project must last for at least two years and is conducted by at least two researchers.

5.6 Not currently receiving any scholarships that support tuition fee, expenses, or any other scholarships with similar benefits for the same Ph.D. student from either domestic or international funding sources; and

5.7 Having time to advise and supervise the Ph.D. student to complete his/her study within the scholarship period.

#### Article 6 Qualifications of Ph.D. students eligible to apply for the scholarship

6.1 Being no more than 40 years of age (from the last day of the application submission to the advisors holding the scholarship).

6.2 Being a Thai or foreign student who holds a bachelor's degree or a master's degree (equivalent educational certificates are not applicable).

6.3 Having the accumulative GPA of

(1) at least 3.25 for Ph.D. students who apply with a bachelor's degree;

(2) at least 3.50 for Ph.D. students who apply with a master's degree.

6.4 Having one of the following English proficiency test scores. The test must be taken within two years (from the last day of the application submission to the advisors holding the scholarship). The scores must not be lower than the University's criteria as follows:

(1) IELTS (W = 6.0, S = 6.0) with the overall score of at least 6.0.

(2) TOEFL-iBT (W = 23, S = 19) with the overall score of at least 79.

(3) MU GRAD Plus (MU GRAD Test + Speaking) (W=12, S=12) with the overall score of at least 90.

6.5 Not currently receiving any scholarships with similar benefits as offered in this announcement from either domestic or international funding sources.

6.6 Having good health and not suffering from any infectious diseases.

#### Article 7 Responsibilities of the advisor and the Ph.D. student

7.1 The advisor holding the scholarship is responsible for

(1) Recruiting a Ph.D. student with the qualifications as required in this announcement within three months from the day the University announces the list of the advisors who are awarded the scholarship.

(2) Signing contract with the University using the form specified by the university after the committee has approved the list of Ph.D. students.

(3) Giving advice and supervising the Ph.D. students to complete their study according to the terms and conditions required.

(4) Ensuring that the performance of the Ph.D. students is in accordance with the scholarship contract and monitoring the spending of the scholarship by making an income and expenditure account and collecting evidences of the spending according to the regulations of the affiliate division and the University for the inspection of the University and relevant authorities.

(5) Submitting a written notice to the University in advance in case the advisor holding the scholarship wishes to relinquish the scholarship.

7.2 The Ph.D. student who receives the scholarship is responsible for

(1) Being a full-time Ph.D. student throughout the scholarship period.

(2) Maintaining the accumulative GPA of at least 3.50 in each semester.

(3) Submitting a performance report and a thesis progress report approved by the advisor holding the scholarship to the committee within 30 days from the day after the late day of the semester for every semester.

(4) The student must publish at least one review article in a Q1 international academic journal within the second year of the study.

(5) Before graduation, the student must be the first author of at least one publication published in a Q1 international academic journal. In the acknowledgement states the following message, "The research project was partially supported by Scholarships for Ph.D. Student from Mahidol University."

(6) Regarding a foreign Ph.D. student, if the student needs to defer his/her arrival in Thailand, the advisor holding the scholarship must submit a request for change of the arrival date to the University, and the request must be approved before the student's visa expires.

#### Article 8 Termination of the scholarship

8.1 The qualifications of the advisor holding the scholarship are not in accordance with the requirements; or the advisor's job responsibilities or works do not meet the requirement.

8.2 The student status of the Ph.D. student is terminated.

8.3 The Ph.D. student resigns from the program; or the students has temporarily withdrawn or been out of the country for more than two months without a reasonable cause.

8.4 The accumulative GPA of the Ph.D. student is less than 3.50 for two consecutive semesters.

8.5 If the Ph.D. student fails to submit a performance report or a progress report of his/her thesis or fail to publish a review article within the time required, the scholarship will be terminated under any circumstances unless the failure is due to extenuating circumstances. In that case, the advisor holding the scholarship must approve and submit a letter of explanation with the head of the affiliate division as the guarantor to the University. The University will consider the request on a case-by-case basis.

8.6 The Ph.D. student has displayed unethical behaviors regarding ethical standards for students and researchers.

8.7 Under the consideration of the advisor holding the scholarship and the committee, both parties agree to terminate the scholarship.

8.8 The advisor holding the scholarship wishes to relinquish the scholarship.

#### Article 9 Application process

Advisors who wish to apply for the scholarship must submit their CV and the application form, which can be downloaded from the website of Division of Planning, according to the details in Article 4. The application and the CV must be approved by the head of the affiliate division or the authorized person appointed by the head of the affiliate division and submitted to Division of Planning, Office of the President by 28 February 2023.

#### Article 10 Selection process

The committee will select advisors who have applied for the scholarship according to the criteria specified in this announcement. The result will be issued as the University's announcement with 30 days from the last day of the application (30 March 2023).

#### Article 11 Scholarship disbursement

The scholarship will be disbursed when the advisor holding the scholarship has signed the scholarship contract with the University and has the Ph.D. student under his/her supervision. The University will transfer the scholarship of 300,000 baht to the advisor's affiliate division every year according the number of years specified in the scholarship contract. If there is extra money remaining at the end of the year, the money can be used in the following year until the expiration of the scholarship contract.

Article 12 Upon the expiration or the termination of the scholarship or when the University cancel the scholarship, if there is extra money remaining as stated in Article 10, the division must return the remaining principal balance to the University within 30 days from the date of the expiration or the termination of the scholarship.

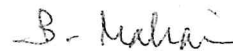
In case the advisor holding the scholarship relinquishes the scholarship, the division must immediately return the scholarship that have previously been awarded or disbursed to the University either in full or partially depending on the return conditions made at the discretion of the committee and the approval from the president.

Article 13 Any copyrights, patents, or intellectual properties earned as a result of the scholarship as well as any benefits from commercial application of the study results must be in accordance with the University's regulations.

Article 14 Should there be any difficulties following the details stated in this announcement, the arbitral power shall be made at the discretion of the president based on the committee's suggestions, and his decision is considered final.

The Announcement shall be effective from 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 onwards

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