



-Translated Version-

**Announcement of Walailak University**  
**On Ph.D. Scholarship for Outstanding International Students**

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According to the Announcement of Walailak University, given on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, on Ph.D. Scholarship for Outstanding International Students, the University has announced the following:

By virtue of Section 24(1) of the Walailak University Act B.E. 2535 (1992) in conjunction with Article 10 of the Regulation of Walailak University on Research Funding B.E. 2540 (1997) and Article 12 of the Regulation of Walailak University on Finance and Assets B.E. 2547 (2004), the University has hereby cancelled the aforementioned announcement and issued the Announcement of Walailak University on Ph.D. Scholarship for Outstanding International Students. The new announcement was to revise criteria and conditions to be more appropriate in accordance with the University's policy on the distribution of scholarships to high potential international students for studying in Ph.D. programs. The details are as follows:

**1. Objectives**

- 1.1 To increase the number of high potential international students
- 1.2 To promote the postgraduate curriculum and research of the University
- 1.3 To increase academic research at the international level
- 1.4 To drive the University's policy on being a world class university

**2. Consideration**

2.1 The Committee of the Ph.D. Scholarship for Outstanding International Students considers selecting Ph.D. thesis advisors from the qualified curriculum. Lecturers who wish to receive scholarship students must follow the specified procedures.

2.2 Ph.D. candidates must apply for the scholarship directly with the thesis advisor who is selected by the scholarship committee. After the Committee of the Postgraduate Program has considered selecting scholarship candidates, a request should be sent to the scholarship committee for scholarship-approval consideration.

In some cases, the scholarship committee may interview the candidate as a part of the scholarship-approval consideration and may invite experts to review the candidate's suitability and his/her proposed thesis proposal.



### 3. Consideration Criteria

#### 3.1 Curriculum

A Ph.D. program Plan 1 with a 3 year-study program and the graduation condition of publishing a research article in an international database in accordance with the Announcement of the Civil Service Commission in Higher Education Institution or the Regulations of the Higher Education Commission on Criteria for Considering Academic Journal for Dissemination of Academic Publication B.E. 2556 (2013).

#### 3.2 Advisor's Qualifications

- 1) Have all qualifications to become a Ph.D. thesis advisor
- 2) Have publications in an international academic journal as follows:

##### **Science and technology and health sciences field**

Candidate must have research articles or review articles published in an international academic journal, indexed in ISI or Scopus, and not a journal in Beall's list (at the time of submission). The candidate must be the first author or corresponding author of those articles which are not a part of the thesis research, or the candidate is an owner of a patent or petty patent. Consideration is based on a review of the research publications over the past 5 years.

##### **Social sciences, humanities and management field**

Candidate must have research articles or review articles, indexed in ISI or Scopus database or published in an international academic journal approved by the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC) and the Thailand Research Fund (TRF). The candidate must be the first author or corresponding author of those articles which are not a part of the thesis research. Consideration is based on a review of the research publications over the past 5 years.

#### 3.3 Student's Qualifications

- 1) Any nationality, except Thai
- 2) Candidate must have obtained a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree with the following:

Full scholarship	GPAX from Bachelor's Degree not lower than 3.25 out of 4.00
	GPAX from Master's Degree not lower than 3.70 out of 4.00
Partial scholarship	GPAX from Bachelor's Degree not lower than 3.00 out of 4.00
	GPAX from Master's Degree not lower than 3.50 out of 4.00
- 3) Candidate passes the selection process to further study in the Ph.D. program from the Committee of the Postgraduate Program



4) Candidate must have English language proficiency test scores as follows:

- TOEFL PBT not lower than 500 or
- TOEFL CBT not lower than 173 or
- TOEFL IBT not lower than 61 or
- IELTS not lower than 6.0

The exception is for a native English speaker or the one who has gained a Bachelor’s Degree or a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s Degree from a native English speaking country, excluding the one who gained only a Master’s Degree from a native English speaking country.

In case the candidate’s qualifications are not in accordance with the above criteria, it will be depend on the discretion of the scholarship committee.

#### 4. Scholarship Duration and Coverage

##### 4.1 Scholarship Duration

3 academic years or 36 months

##### 4.2 Scholarship Coverage

1) Full scholarship

Scholarship Coverage	A Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree holder studying in a Ph.D. Program
1. Tuition fee	Full
2. On-campus dormitory fee	Full
3. Monthly allowance	10,000 baht a month

2) Partial scholarship

Scholarship Coverage	A Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree holder studying in a Ph.D. Program
1. Tuition fee	Full
2. On-campus dormitory fee	Full

##### 4.3 Disbursement

- 1) Tuition and dormitory fees will be deducted from the budget of the Center of International Affairs and transferred to the Division of Finance and Accounting.
- 2) Monthly allowance will be transferred to student’s bank account every month.

#### 5. Scholarship Conditions

5.1 Student signs the contract with the University as a scholarship grantee.

5.2 Scholarship student must submit a study and research progress report to the scholarship committee every 6 months until graduation by using the provided form.



5.3 Scholarship student must work as a teaching assistant or research assistant as specified by the advisor or the curriculum or assist in the University’s work/activities as specified by the Center of International Affairs as follows.

Types of scholarship grantee	Teaching assistant or research assistant or assist in the University’s work/activities
For full scholarship grantee	Not less than 24 hours a month
For partial scholarship grantee	Not less than 16 hours a month

In case the student is assigned to conduct Ph.D. research outside the University for more than a month, the advisor is responsible for proposing to the Center of International Affairs for approval consideration.

5.4 The scholarship grantee must not receive any other scholarship or monthly allowance from Walailak University.

5.5 Changing thesis title to differ from the proposed proposal (before the start of the scholarship) can be done in accordance to the University and curriculum’s regulations. In this case, the scholarship committee must be notified within a month after the approval of thesis title changing.

5.6 Taking study leave, the scholarship grantee must follow the Walailak University’s Regulations on Leave and Status Maintenance for Postgraduate Students B.E. 2549 (2006), given on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006. However, inform the Center of International Affairs within 15 days prior to the absence. The student will be solely responsible for the study leave fee.

## 6. Work Submission After Graduation

### 6.1 Research Output

Scholarship grantee must have research output as follows:

1) Number and Quality of Publications

Research articles are published in an international database in accordance with the Announcement of the Civil Service Commission in Higher Education Institution or the Regulations of the Higher Education Commission on Criteria for Considering Academic Journal for Dissemination of Academic Publication B.E. 2556 (2013).

2) The scholarship grantee must be the first author or corresponding author of at least 2 articles and display the following sentence “Financial support from Walailak University, Thailand, through the Ph.D. Scholarship for Outstanding International Students (Grant No. ...) is acknowledged.” or a similar sentences of the same meaning in those articles.



### 6.2 Work submission

It is a requirement to submit the following documents to the Center of International Affairs within 2 months after the graduation date in order to end the scholarship contract.

- 1) A summary report on the study result, publications, and Ph.D. graduation request
- 2) A copy of thesis submission form with the abstract
- 3) Copies of research articles published in academic journals.
- 4) Copies of proceedings from academic conferences or research outputs in other forms at either the national or international level and all sorts of award (if any).

For document No. 1), submit both original document and electronic file (.pdf).

For document No. 2) 3) and 4), submit only electronic files (.pdf).

If the scholarship grantee is unable to submit all the required work as specified, the thesis advisor will not be considered for this scholarship until the work submission is completed.

### 7. Termination or Cancellation of Study and Scholarship Reimbursement

7.1 In case the scholarship grantee terminates or cancels the study, experiment, or research, or is expelled from the Ph.D. program, a notification letter must be sent to the scholarship committee describing the reasons for the scholarship cancellation. If the scholarship grantee is unable to receive an approval from the scholarship committee, the scholarship grantee must reimburse the full amount of received expenses to the University within a specified time. If there is a default in the debt payment then interest, not exceeding the rate prescribed by Thai law, will be applied.

7.2 If the thesis topic and proposal have not been approved within a year from the 1<sup>st</sup> date of the scholarship. The University will stop paying the expenses until the thesis topic and proposal are approved. However, it can be delayed not more than 3 months from the specified time. Otherwise, the scholarship will be terminated and the scholarship grantee must reimburse the full amount of received expenses to the University within a specified time.

### 8. Copyright or Patent

Any copyrights or patents received during the scholarship duration, including benefits from the commercial use of the research output, must be in accordance with the Announcement of Walailak University on the Guidelines and Benefit Distribution Related to the Intellectual Property, given on 23<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The President is in charge and in control of the execution of this announcement. Any decisions made by the President are final.

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