

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDIES IN PUBLIC AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT SHINAWATRA UNIVERSITY ('SIU') COMMENCING IN JANUARY 2016

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Policy

Shinawatra University ('SIU') Thailand shall make a total of 20-25 scholarships equivalent to full tuition fees available to candidates chosen in accordance with the criteria specified below. SIU retains absolute discretion at all times over the award, allocation, tenure, duration and terms of such scholarships.

Nomenclature and Rationale

The nomenclature for this arrangement shall be the Shinawatra University "*Brightest and Best in ASEAN and Globally*" scholarship scheme, January 2016.

The purpose of this scholarship scheme is to contribute to the harmonisation of perspectives and practices, to expedite the progress of interdisciplinary cross-fertilisation and to facilitate opportunities for the sharing of information and expertise and the development of academic knowledge and professional skills across ASEAN, adjacent territories and globally in Public and Business Administration.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to the equivalent of full tuition fees throughout the coursework element of candidates' doctoral studies at Shinawatra University (for 2-3 years). Scholarship holders remain responsible for meeting their own separate education fee, accommodation, subsistence, travel and miscellaneous costs.

Please find details of some of the foregoing costs, which students who receive scholarships are still responsible for meeting, listed below:

- The education fee amounts to B 15,000 per semester.
- Monthly accommodation costs (for a room shared between 3 residents) at SIU's main campus amount to B 3,000 per month.
- Health insurance costs amount to B 7,000 per academic year.

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<<http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>>. Please note that this facility is referred to for general information and guidance purposes only. The details it contains are subject to fluctuation; Shinawatra University offers no warranty as to their continuing accuracy after the date on which the site is accessed and accepts no liability for any changes to currency equivalents after this date.

Special dispensation

Special dispensation for scholarship candidates who in every other respect meet Shinawatra University's suitability criteria under this scheme but are unable to meet the education fee costs referred to *supra* may - at the university's discretion - be granted whereby such costs are waived in consideration of the candidate's undertaking an assignment as a Teaching Assistant at the university with responsibility for **either** teaching one course per academic year (subject to their being able to offer classes consistent with the university's academic provision) **or** carrying out administrative work under the university's direction.

Further information about this facility may be obtained via the contact details set forth in the section entitled "**Scholarship Candidate Recommendation Procedure**" below.

Eligibility for Tenure of Scholarships

Scholarship candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- They must hold a Master's degree from a recognised higher education institution;
- They must **either** have secured a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent at Master's level **or** produce evidence that they have acquired work experience of at least 3 years' duration at a senior professional / managerial level in an organisation whose operations encompass public and/or business administration;
- Non-native users of English must be able to demonstrate the attainment of an English Language proficiency standard equivalent to TOEFL 550 at the inception of their doctoral studies (those with a lower TOEFL score may still be considered but must attend English Language classes at Shinawatra University to raise their proficiency standards to the required standard);
- They must also pass Shinawatra University's Advanced English Course (English for Public and Business Administration) before graduation;
- Native English users and candidates who have already received degrees delivered solely in English as a medium of instruction are exempt from the foregoing two requirements;
- They should submit a preliminary doctoral dissertation proposal deemed acceptable by Shinawatra University (for which the latter is able to confirm its ability to arrange suitable academic supervision) within 4 months of their arrival at Shinawatra University. Guidance will be provided by Shinawatra University to expedite the successful fulfilment of this requirement at the designated time;
- They should provide originals or certified, legalised or notarised copies of their academic transcripts and related documents together with an academic testimonial / letter of recommendation from a suitable person: preferably one related to the candidate's university degrees (Shinawatra University reserves the right to subject the foregoing documentation to due scrutinisation and to reject any items of paperwork and concomitant scholarship applications that fail to satisfy its due diligence requirements).

Scholarship Candidate Application Procedure

The scholarship application process shall commence on 1st October 2015. Interested parties are kindly requested to submit applications by 17.30 (Thailand time) on Friday 1st January 2016 sent by international air mail, electronic mail or facsimile communication using the following contact details:

- Institute of Public Administration and Governance (IPAG)
Shinawatra University
c/o Centre for International Studies and Continuing Education (CISCE)
Room 202
BBD Building
Viphavadee Rangsit Road
Samsennai
Phayathai
Bangkok 10400
Kingdom of Thailand
- Email: <cisce@siu.ac.th>
- Facsimile + 66 (2) 650 6033

Enquiries should be addressed to Mr Andrew Elliott.

Conferment of Scholarships

Shinawatra University is pleased to welcome and consider scholarship recommendations from all suitably qualified applicants. It will select scholarship awardees from such applications during the period referred to hereinbefore and notify successful recipients accordingly. Shinawatra University reserves the sole and exclusive right to determine (at its absolute discretion) the outcome of such recommendations and to decide which candidates receive scholarships.

While scholarships are normally extended for the duration of a successful applicant's doctoral studies in the field in question, Shinawatra University further reserves the right at its absolute discretion to suspend or terminate a scholarship at any time in the event that a scholarship holder should be deemed by the university to be in material breach of its regulations concerning adherence to its terms or conditions, the submission of required documentation, satisfactory conduct, academic progress or attendance or to be suffering from serious ill health or other indisposition likely or liable in the opinion of Shinawatra University adversely to affect or to prevent his or her being able to attend fully to their academic studies.