



**Thailand International Cooperation Agency
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand**

GUIDELINES

Master's Degree Scholarships

**In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations
between Thailand - Timor-Leste.**

1. Background

The Royal Thai Government has organized a series of projects, programmes and activities to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Thailand and Timor-Leste in 2022. In this regard, the Royal Thai Government, through Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, wishes to offer human resource development and capacity building programmes to Timor-Leste government officers.

Twenty (20) master degree's scholarships, that is four (4) scholarships a year from 2023 to 2027, shall be awarded to twenty (20) qualified candidates from Timor-Leste's government officials in the fields of study contributing to the Timor-Leste's strategic development plan, namely social capital, economic development and institutional framework and TICA will consider suitable universities/academic institutions for candidates. The remaining numbers of scholarship for each year (if any) will not be accumulated to next years.

2. Qualifications of candidates

- 2.1 Nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
- 2.2 Timor-Leste's government officers, age not over 35 years.
- 2.3 Complete bachelor's degree, earning at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA.
- 2.4 Good command of English.
- 2.5 Be in good health, physically and mentally.

5. Benefit of Awardees

The Royal Thai Government will bear following expenses for successful candidates during the study in Thailand. The expenses include:

5.1 Round trip economy class air tickets and airport pick - up service.

International travel:

Transit destination will be arranged, in case of a need for visa application to Thailand, with the most direct and the most economical route basis.

All booking and changes to ticket booking, including setting of date of arrival and departure, must be done by TICA only. Tickets will be issued in electronic form (e-ticket) only.

Baggage allowance quota is in line with the airlines' policy. Any purchase for extra baggage allowance is not covered by the award.

Domestic travel in Thailand

Domestic travel will be provided via the most economical route from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Thailand to the airport where the university is located.

When the scholarship is confirmed once the travel documents/flights are verified.

Airport pick - up service.

Airport transfer will be provided to awardees. TICA will coordinate directly with limousine service. Upon arrival at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport, please proceed to the AOT Limousine Customer Relations counter and present the instruction of scholarship award for airport transfer. A taxi fare paid by awardees cannot be reimbursed.

5.2 Monthly subsistence, settlement, books and thesis allowance

Monthly subsistence allowance

- Living allowance - Awardees will receive living allowance at the amount of 7,000 Baht per month.

- Accommodation allowance - Awardees will receive accommodation allowance at the amount of 7,000 Baht or 9,000 Baht per month

Awardees need to bring pocket money of approximately USD300 to cover the payment of rental deposit (usually for 2 months) and advance rental for 1 month as requested by most accommodation owners. TICA will not be responsible for the deposit since awardees will receive back the deposit when their accommodation contract terminated.

- Settlement allowance Awardees will receive the settlement allowance at the amount of 6,000 Baht on their first arrival to Thailand.

- Books allowance

Awardees will receive books allowance at the amount of 10,000 Baht per year.
(Only 4 semesters for Master's degree)

- Thesis allowance

Awardees are strongly recommended to make necessary data collection in relation to their proposed research topic, if it is to be done in their country, prior to coming to Thailand. Awardees will be given the thesis allowance as a lump sum amount of 20,000 Baht for compulsory fieldwork or data collection and a lump sum amount of 12,000 Baht for thesis printing or 8,000 Baht for independent study (IS) printing.

5.3 Visa arrangement

Awardees will be responsible for obtaining Non – immigrant visa Type “F” prior to their travel to Thailand. TICA will provide facilitation to awardees who require visa application i.e. liaising with the Royal Thai Embassy advising on appropriate procedure and necessary documents for visa application.

Awardees must cover all costs arising from visa application i.e. visa fee, travel cost to the Royal Thai Embassy (in case visa application is made by post,) transit visa fee (in case awardees needs to apply for visa to Thailand at a transit country). The visa fee can be reimbursed upon presenting an original receipt of the fee.

Awardees must not bring their family members with them during their scholarship programme. Awardees in the scholarship programme cannot be used as reference for visa application to Thailand of his/her family member.

5.4 Tuition fee

Awardees’ tuition fee will be directly reimbursed from TICA, except equipment insurance fee, transcript and certificate fee

5.5 Insurance

Accident and Hospitalization Insurance during the period of study in Thailand will be provided. Cost of pre - existing illnesses, dental treatment, brain disease, mental illness, pregnancy and glasses are NOT covered. Awardees are advised to obtain their own travel insurance which is fully covered for any costs arising from loss or theft of personal belongings.

6. Contact person :

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