

ANNOUNCEMENT
USAID/RDMA E4SEA GENDER INCLUSIVE ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP AND
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
PROGRAM COMPONENT 1: MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Enhancing Equality in Energy for Southeast Asia (E4SEA) is an Activity being funded by the Regional Development Mission for Asia, U.S Agency for International Development (RDMA/USAID). CORE International, Inc. is the Implementing Partner (E4SEA IP) for the Activity. A major program under the Activity is Gender-Inclusive Energy Scholarship and Internship Program. In order to seek implementation support, the E4SEA IP has selected the Thammasat University Research and Consultancy Institute (TU) to provide strategic support for this program. The Gender Inclusive Energy Scholarship and Internship Program has three components as follows:

1. **Component 1: Master's Degree Scholarship Program**
2. Component 2: One-Semester Credit Transfer Scholarship Program
3. Component 3: Four-Month Energy Internship Program.

While E4SEA has been implementing a regional energy sector workforce development program including selecting students from countries in the SEA Region to intern at energy companies in the region, this program is open only for Laotian students to study and intern at universities and energy sector entities in Thailand.

This announcement is for **Component 1: Master's Degree Scholarship Program**, which is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The goal of this gender inclusive program is to enhance opportunities for women and persons of all genders to enter and prosper in the transitioning energy sector in the region. Specifically, the goal of the program is to create educational opportunities within the STEM and non-STEM fields relevant to energy sector careers and provide scholarships to deserving students with a strong interest in the energy sector. The Master's Degree scholarships provided under the program would cover costs for full-time studies at Thai universities leading to successful graduation with a Master's Degree in a field relevant to energy sector careers.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Type of scholarship

- Two (2) selected students will be fully funded for a two-year master's degree program in Thailand.

2. Scholarship period

- Two (2) years (August 2024 – May 2026)
**This is subject to change as needed.*

3. Qualifications

- 3.1. Must be a Lao student accepted into a master's degree program at a Thai university, with a strong interest in working within the energy sector.

- 3.2. Must hold Laotian nationality.
- 3.3. Must meet a minimum GPA requirement of 3.00 in a 4.00 system.

4. Selection criteria

- 4.1. The E4SEA/TU Team will establish a Selection Committee to ensure full transparency of the application review and applicant selection process that will be documented.
- 4.2. The applicant consideration, review, and selection process will be divided into two parts: (1) contents of the application and (2) interview result.
- 4.3. Selection criteria include:
 - o Ability and attitude
 - o Personality and skills
 - o Attitudes toward gender equality in the workplace
 - o Academic performance (Grade Point Average - GPA)
 - o Language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or other required by the Master’s degree program)
 - o Acceptance letter into a master’s degree program at a Thai institution
 - o Examples of prior activity (such as summer studies) that demonstrate the applicant’s interest in the energy sector
- 4.4. It is important to note that the E4SEA Selection Committee will select only those applicants who meet the scholarship criteria and eligible to be nominated. The final decision to accept and nominate applicants’ rests with the E4SEA Selection Committee at its discretion and shall be deemed final.
- 4.5. The scholarship will be provided to the student by the E4SEA Activity and will be subject to the provisions of the E4SEA Activity.
- 4.6. Provision of scholarship funds for the second year will be contingent on satisfactory academic performance, course grades and other factors as included as part of the admissions requirements.

5. Application conditions

- 5.1. Selected students must commence their required studies at the specified Thai University, following the university requirements and conditions of their admission and continuation of studies.
- 5.2. The E4SEA Selection Committee has full authorization not to nominate applicants who do not comply with the conditions, regulations, and procedures as specified above.

Scholarship coverage:

6. Master’s degree Scholarship coverage

The scholarship will cover the following costs for the selected applicants:

Covered Expenses/Costs	Approximate Amount	Remark
Tuition and Fees	Full	Subject to satisfactory academic performance and continuation of studies leading to graduation.
Living Expenses	\$420 (monthly)	This will cover housing allowance, food, and miscellaneous expenses.

Travel Expenses	\$280 <i>(*max)</i> / time	This will cover round-trip economy travel tickets between Lao-Thailand; one time per year for 2 years
Health Insurance	\$280 <i>(*max)</i> / year	

- 6.1. The student must enter into a scholarship agreement with E4SEA/TU and perform according to the requirements of the agreement.
- 6.2. The selected student will be under the supervision of the program and shall report their performance record to E4SEA at the end of the scholarship including providing a copy of the report card and grades after the completion of each semester of studies.

Application Process:

7. Required documents

- 7.1. Application form
- 7.2. An academic transcript
- 7.3. Bachelor's Degree Certification
- 7.4. Language Proficiency Test Scores (TOEFL, IELTS, or other required by the Master's degree program)
- 7.5. Acceptance letter into a master's degree program at a Thai institution
- 7.6. A copy of the Passport (with certification of the applicant's signature)

8. How to apply

- 8.1. Submit an application form via the link: <https://form.jotform.com/240248748431458>

Or, scan the QR code:



9. Application deadline and interview date

- 9.1. The deadline is April 30, 2024
- 9.2. Interviews will be held Interviews will be held soon after the application deadline and will be announced.