

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WALAILAK UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

Walailak University is a research-oriented university equipped with modern educational facilities, services and accommodation for students and staff, located against a beautiful backdrop of mountainous scenery in Thasala District, Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Southern Thailand. The University has a total area of 3,600 acres, making it the largest campus of any university in Thailand. Besides the main campus at Thasala, Walailak University also has a coordinating office in Bangkok and a service center in neighboring Surat Thani province.

The University was formally established in 1992 and officially opened in 1998. It is a fully self-autonomous government university under the supervision of the University Council and the Ministry of Education. The University's personnel administration is wholly outside the Thai civil service system. Walailak is a comprehensive university offering a wide range of degree programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in science, liberal arts, engineering and resource management, agricultural technology, economics and management, information technology, allied health sciences and public health, nursing, medicine, pharmacy, and architecture and design.

GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDIES PROJECT

The University offers 10 scholarships to international students (Non-Thai Citizenship) to study and enroll at WU, in the form of tuition and on-campus dormitory fees waiver. Successful applicants will have to support their own roundtrip transportation from and back to their country. The duration of the scholarship is 2 years for master's degree and 3 years for doctorate degree. This graduate scholarship program emphasizes on the thesis research. However, coursework is required in some programs.

Successful applicants will be assigned to perform as a teaching assistant, or a research assistant, or other specific works under their academic advisors' consent. Outstanding applicants who possess Bachelor's/Master's GPA of 3.5 or maintain their study with GPA of 3.50 after enrolment at the university and/or perform assignment satisfactorily will be granted a monthly allowance of 2,000 THB for the time to be specified.

Graduate Studies System

The school year of Walailak University is a trimester system by dividing the school academic year into three terms or trimesters, each term with duration of not less than 12 weeks:

Trimester 1 August - November Trimester 2 December - March

Trimester 3 April - July

The students take specified courses in their program of specialization to earn a number of required course units, and each course unit is equivalent to 3 credits in the semester system or 5 ECTS in the European Credit Transfer System.

Duration of Study

1. Master's Degree Curriculum requires a duration of 2-years study, however students may spend not more than 5 years to complete the program, and the students who are unable to graduate within the limit of time will be disqualified from the program of study.

2. Doctoral Degree Curriculum requires a duration of 3-years study, however students may spend not more than 6 years for the students who possess a master's degree, while not more than 8 years for the students who possess a baccalaureate degree to complete the program, and the students unable to graduate within the time limits as such will be disqualified from the program of study.

Graduate Studies Admissions Requirements

All applicants need to meet WU Graduate Studies admission requirements and documentation requirements:

Master Degree Program

In general, the University requires:

- A bachelor degree or equivalent in the related field
 - (a) A GPA of 2.50 or equivalent or
 - (b) A GPA of 2.00 or equivalent and a GPA of 2.75 in major of related field of study will be taken or equivalent or
 - (c) A GPA of 2.00 and certificate from supervisor showing work experiences in related field of study for at least 1 year or
 - (d) Approved from postgraduate program committee
- Meet special qualifications requirement determined by the postgraduate program committee
- Health certificate signed by medical practitioner showing that the applicant does not have any symptoms or suffering from contagious or acute diseases.

Doctoral Degree Program

In general, the University requires:

- A master degree or equivalent in the related field, or
- A good bachelor degree with GPA 3.25 or equivalent in the related field and posses published academic output or patented output, and
- Meet special qualifications requirement to be determined by the postgraduate program committee
- Health certificate signed by medical practitioner showing that the applicant does not have any symptoms or suffering from contagious or acute diseases.

English Language Requirements

All applicants are expected to have a practical command of the English Language: TOEFL score of 500 or equivalent

In order to meet the WU Graduate Studies criteria and requirements, applicants must contact their intended graduate programs for details regarding prospective supervisor and specific admissions criteria and documentation requirements. Please visit http://intergrad.wu.ac.th/ for detail about program offered.

Application for Graduate Studies Scholarships Program

Each applicant must complete and submit the following documents in order to applying for the Graduate Studies Scholarship Program under the Development of the International Graduate Studies Project.

- 1. a completed application form (To be downloaded from http://intergrad.wu.ac.th)
- 2. a copy of the passport's master page
- 3. a resume
- 4. a research proposal
- 5. two (2) academic referee forms (To be downloaded from http://intergrad.wu.ac.th): one of your referees should be a thesis/academic supervisor from your degree's institution. The forms must be sent directly by the referees to the scholarship program via juthapad.be@wu.ac.th.

- 6. a copy of applicant's degree certificates with certified English translations
- 7. a copy of certified academic transcripts or grade reports with certified English translations
- 8. a copy of English examination report card and certifying English Proficiency, the test date must be within the previous 2 years:

Either a TOEFL Paper-Based score report (500+),

TOEFL Computer Based score report (173+),

TOEFL Internet Based score report (61+), or

IELTS score report indicating 5.5 or higher

9. Other documents such as a copy of letter certifying work experience or relevant professional license

In order to apply for the Graduate Studies Scholarship Program, the applicants must have applied for and gained admission to a Master or PhD program.

The completed applications must be submitted to Scholarship Coordinator, Miss Juthapad Benjapong, <u>juthapad.be@wu.ac.th</u>. The scholarship consideration process will take 3-4 months.

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