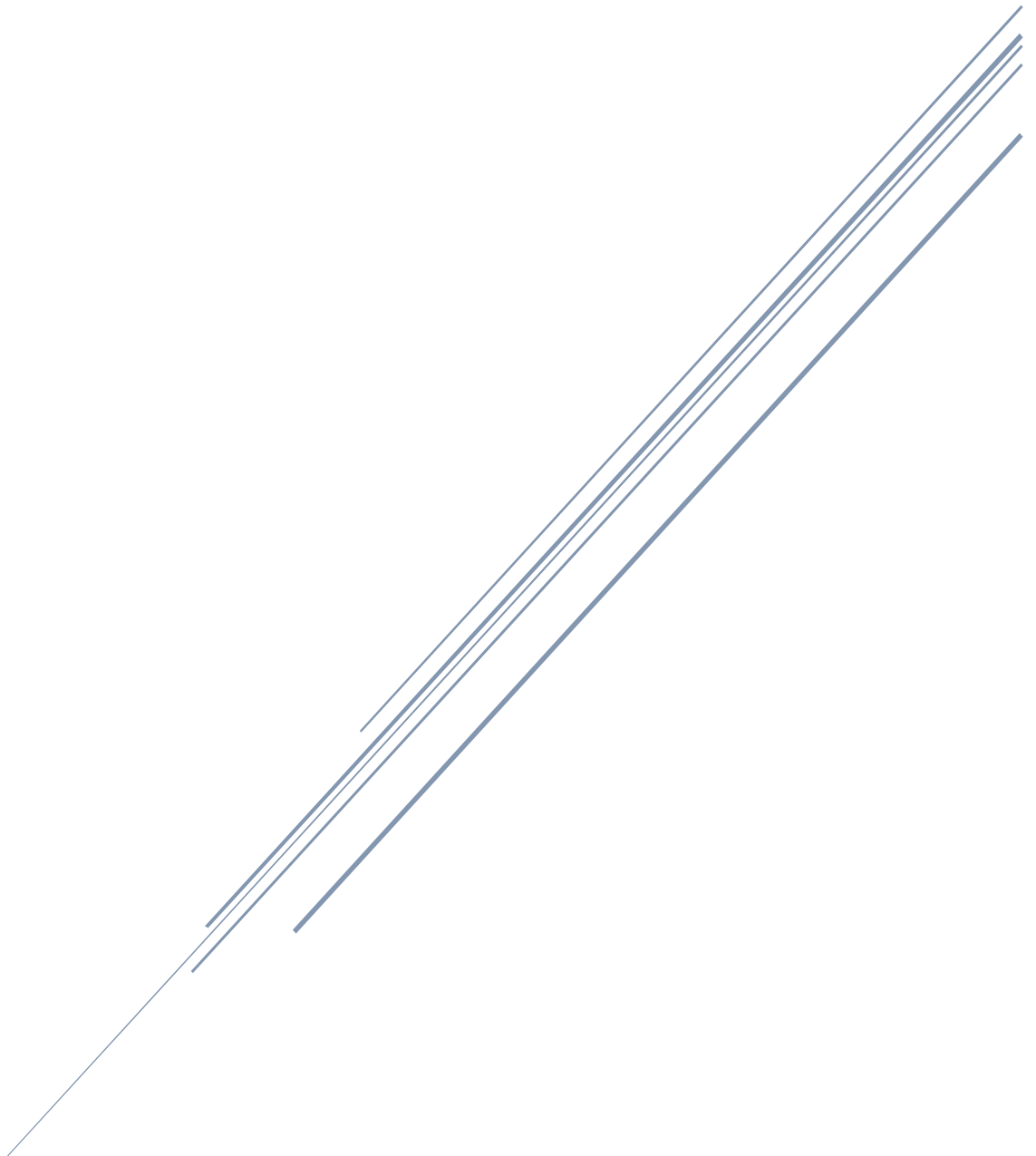


# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FAQ

Thammasat University



Faculty of Public Health  
PhD Global Health Program

With our scholarship applications FAQ, you'll find all the information you need on applying for scholarship support, with advice on where to find scholarship support, how to submit your application and what to include. Good luck!

### 1. What types of scholarships are available?

There are scholarship opportunities available for graduate students, ranging from partial scholarships, which cover some tuition fees, to full scholarships, which cover the duration of your studies. The majority of scholarships cover tuition fees only, leaving students to cover their own living costs.

There are also different types of scholarships for international students from certain countries, or even students studying in a certain field. For instance, students from developing countries, including parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, could be eligible to apply for specific scholarships, as can students looking to study in specific fields.

### 2. What are my chances of gaining scholarship support?

Don't be fooled, scholarships are highly competitive. After all, there are many students trying to get funding for their studies. Although scholarships may depend on outstanding academic records ('merit-based scholarships'), your nationality, and whether or not you are in financial need, your chances of success are often determined by the quality of your application.

Our program applies a need-blind admission policy, meaning that students' applications are considered regardless of their financial situation, with "tuition fees" covered partly by the program. Our consideration is based on merit and relevance of your interests to the research areas of the program.

There are a number of things you can do to improve your chances of gaining a scholarship. When applying for scholarship support, you should make sure to include all the documentation requested, and dedicate time to writing your application. In particular, it's important to clearly communicate your motivations for studying, and how gaining a scholarship will support your ambitions. Stay within the deadlines and, most importantly, show the reviewers you have the potential to greatly contribute to the program!

### 3. Where do I go to find scholarship opportunities?

To find scholarship support you are eligible for, look at the information provided below. Keep in mind though that in many cases you will not be able to apply for scholarship support until you have gained acceptance onto the PhD Global Health program. If you are relying on a scholarship support for funding your studies, please see question five below.

Besides university scholarship support (funded by Thammasat University), there may also be external scholarships you can apply for, such as:

- **Government scholarships**  
If you work as a civil servant you might be able to access a scholarship from your government.
- **University scholarships**  
If you work as an academic employee with a university you might be able to access a scholarship from your employer.

- **Thammasat University Scholarship**  
Thammasat University offers scholarship support for qualifying international students. Contact our Admissions Associate at: [qip-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th](mailto:qip-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th)
- **Global Health Scholarship**  
The Global Health Program offers merit-based partial scholarships for qualifying students from the top 50 countries listed in the fragile states index of the Fund for Peace. Visit following webpage to check for eligibility <http://fundforpeace.org/fsi/>
- **Open Society Scholarship**  
Open Society Scholarship provides support to individuals motivated to improve the social, political, intellectual, and economic environments in their home countries. It aims to promote critical thinking, free and open intellectual inquiry, and cross-cultural tolerance and respect. Visit the agency webpage at: <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/programs/scholarship-programs>
- **Prospect Burma Scholarship**  
Prospect Burma offers scholarships for qualifying students from Myanmar. The application deadline is in December. Check out the agency's webpage at <https://prospectburma.org>
- **TICA Scholarship**  
The Thai International Cooperation Agency (TICA) offers scholarships for qualifying government employees of selected countries. Visit the agency webpage at: <http://www.tica.thaigov.net>

#### 4. Can I apply for a scholarship before being accepted into the university program?

If you're relying on scholarship funding in order to be able to study, you should let the Global Health Admissions Associate know of your situation. We allow you to apply to the program before gaining scholarship support, on the understanding that you let us know as soon as possible if you have to reject the place due to lack of funding.

#### 5. How do I apply for scholarship support?

In most cases, governments and external agencies will list their scholarship opportunities online, with details of how to apply found alongside these listings. Most will allow you to submit your application online, accompanied by any supporting documentation you are asked to provide. If you have any specific queries about applying for scholarship support, contact the concerned agency using the contact information found on their official websites.

As for Thammasat University scholarship support, you need to request the application form from the Global Health Admissions Associate at [qip-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th](mailto:qip-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th)

#### 6. How do I know if I am eligible to apply?

You will know if you are eligible to apply for a particular scholarship scheme by reading the details on eligibility found on the provider's website. Eligibility may depend on nationality, if the scholarship in question is targeted at students from specific regions.

Government scholarships will have designated funds for domestic students, as well as separate funds for international students, so make sure you have found the correct scholarship scheme before applying.

Common eligibility requirements for external funding agencies include: the relevance of your prior degree for global public health, good grades at prior level of study, a degree from a reputed university (for graduate scholarships), and proficiency in English (e.g. TOEFL/IELTS).

Thammasat University scholarships are only open to students whose application to the PhD Global Health program has been accepted for admission. Candidates have to be nationals from the top 50 countries listed in the Fragile States Index <http://fundforpeace.org/fsi/data/>; hold a master's degree in a relevant discipline; having obtained a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 or equivalent in their graduate studies; have an evidence of English language proficiency (TOEFL PBT 575 or IELTS 6.5 or TU-GET 575); and have a professional experience.

## 7. What should I submit with my scholarship application?

Specific queries for external scholarship schemes such as: Government, Prospect Burma, Open Society or TICA contact the concerned agency using the contact information found on their official websites.

For Thammasat University scholarship support, in addition to a completed application form, which will include information about yourself and your contact details, you will be required to provide:

- 1 page (500 words) essay addressing the following question: "How will studying in the program further my career goals?"
- A financial plan for discussion

You may also be asked to provide the following documentation to support your application:

- A copy of your prior degrees
- A copy of your transcripts of grades
- A copy of your TOEFL or IELTS test score report
- Demonstrated professional experience
- Letters of recommendation

## 8. What should I include in my essay?

The simple answer would be: anything that makes you stand out. Anything relevant to your studies, that is! The majority of reviewers want to know why they should fund you rather than any other applicant, so use your essay as a chance to prove your worth; mention your academic achievements, what you could bring to the program, your ambitions and your interests and how they relate to the program you are applying for.

## 9. When is the best time to apply for study abroad scholarships?

This depends on the funding agency. For exact dates, be sure to check the details provided on the website of the scholarship provider.

Applications for Thammasat University scholarship support should be submitted before 31 March.

#### 10. How do I get help with my scholarship application?

If you need help gathering information about particular external scholarship programs, you should get in contact with the scholarship provider directly.

If you want advice and guidance on your application for Thammasat University scholarship support you can contact our Admissions Associate [ojp-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th](mailto:ojp-admissions@fph.tu.ac.th)

#### 11. How are Thammasat University scholarship applications reviewed?

Awarding scholarship support is at the discretion of the Curriculum Committee and based on eligibility criteria, completeness of the application requirements, and selection criteria.

Other factors that affect awarding of scholarship support are date of submission, availability of scholarship funds, and your timely notification of acceptance of an awarded scholarship.

##### **Selection criteria**

- **Initiative:** Has the candidate demonstrated efforts to explore other channels of financial aid for graduate studies?
- **Tilt factor:** Overall, does it seem like this candidate could contribute and be interesting to have enrolled in the program?