

WU Global Scholarships

Doctoral scholarships for international students from **Low- and Lower-Middle-Income Countries** and **Target Countries**

Advancing academic excellence and international recognition through a strategic global scholarship initiative



Full tuition waivers and monthly living allowances for talented doctoral candidates from World Bank low-income and lower-middle-income economies, and from Walailak University's designated target regions.

TYPE 1**Low-Income Countries**

25 eligible countries

THB 10,000 / month · 100 places

TYPE 2**Lower-Middle-Income & Target Countries**

50 eligible countries + target regions

THB 5,000 / month · 100 places

200 PLACES · 13 DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

SECTION 01 — OVERVIEW

Building a Global Research Community

Walailak University is committed to becoming one of Thailand's top five universities, as measured by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. A key part of that journey is strengthening our doctoral programmes — building a vibrant, high-quality and international research community.

The College of Graduate Studies has therefore launched a strategic scholarship programme to welcome talented doctoral students from low-income and lower-middle-income countries (as classified by the World Bank), as well as from the University's designated target regions. The programme offers financial support — tuition fee waivers and monthly living allowances — to remove financial barriers and open the door to world-class doctoral education.

Scholars who join become part of Walailak University's growing international academic network, contributing to research, publications and a global reputation that benefits both their careers and the University's standing on the world stage.

Why Choose This Scholarship

- Full tuition fee waiver for the entire duration of study.
- A monthly living allowance to support day-to-day life in Thailand.
- Access to high-quality English-medium doctoral programmes.
- Hands-on experience as a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA), building valuable teaching and research skills.
- Close mentorship from experienced faculty advisors with strong international publication records.
- Membership in a growing global network of Walailak University alumni and researchers.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME TITLE

EN — Strategic Doctoral Scholarship Program for International Students from Low- and Lower-Middle-Income and Target Countries: Advancing Academic Excellence and International Recognition.

Short name — WU Global Scholarships, used throughout this booklet and on the University website.

WHAT THIS BOOKLET COVERS

Two scholarship types across 13 doctoral programmes, their benefits, eligibility criteria, the countries that qualify, how scholarships are awarded, and the conditions that apply throughout the scholarship period.

SECTION 02 — AT A GLANCE

Two Scholarship Types

One programme, two types, tailored to the applicant's country of origin — both covering full tuition for every semester of doctoral study conducted in English.

200

SCHOLARSHIPS

2

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

13

DOCTORAL
PROGRAMMES

40

MAXIMUM AGE

Benefits Compared

BENEFIT	TYPE 1 LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES	TYPE 2 LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME & TARGET COUNTRIES
Tuition fee waiver	Full waiver, every semester	Full waiver, every semester
Monthly living allowance	10,000 THB / month	5,000 THB / month
Scholarship places	100	100
Funding duration — entering from a master's degree (Plan 1.1 / 2.1)	6 consecutive semesters	6 consecutive semesters
Funding duration — entering from a bachelor's degree (Plan 1.2 / 2.2)	8 consecutive semesters	8 consecutive semesters

Both scholarship types apply to doctoral study conducted in English-medium programmes or programmes with English-language instruction.

General Requirements — Both Types

- 1 Applicant must be a national of a Low-Income Country, a Lower-Middle-Income Country, or one of Walailak University's designated Target Countries — see the country lists in Section 05.
- 2 Applicant must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Applicant must meet Walailak University's published English-language proficiency requirement for graduate admission.

SECTION 03 – TYPE 1

Low-Income Countries Scholarship

For international doctoral students who are nationals of a Low-Income Country under the World Bank classification – the fullest package the programme offers.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Full tuition fee waiver **every semester**, plus a monthly living allowance of **THB 10,000**.

100 scholarship places, allocated across 13 doctoral programmes.

DURATION

6 consecutive semesters entering from a relevant master's degree (Plan 1.1 / 2.1).

8 consecutive semesters entering directly from a bachelor's degree (Plan 1.2 / 2.2).

Eligibility of Applicants

- 1 Must be a national of a Low-Income Country as classified by the World Bank (see Section 05).
- 2 Must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Must meet Walailak University's published English-language proficiency requirement for graduate admission.
- 4 Entering with a relevant master's degree (Plan 1.1 or 2.1): cumulative GPA of at least **3.40 / 4.00** or equivalent.
- 5 Entering directly with a bachelor's degree (Plan 1.2 or 2.2): cumulative GPA of at least **3.60 / 4.00** or equivalent.

GPA CONSIDERATION

Applicants who completed a thesis-only master's programme and have a research article published in a Scopus-indexed journal may still be considered on a case-by-case basis, even if their GPA does not meet the standard threshold.

ALONGSIDE THE FUNDING

Recipients serve as a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant, work under a faculty advisor with a strong international publication record, and join Walailak University's global network of researchers and alumni.

SECTION 04 – TYPE 2

Lower-Middle-Income & Target Countries

For international doctoral students who are nationals of a Lower-Middle-Income Country, or of one of Walailak University's designated target regions in Europe, the Americas and Southeast Asia.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Full tuition fee waiver **every semester**, plus a monthly living allowance of **THB 5,000**.

100 scholarship places, allocated across 13 doctoral programmes.

DURATION

6 consecutive semesters entering from a relevant master's degree (Plan 1.1 / 2.1).

8 consecutive semesters entering directly from a bachelor's degree (Plan 1.2 / 2.2).

Eligibility of Applicants

- 1 Must be a national of a Lower-Middle-Income Country as classified by the World Bank, or of a designated Target Country (see Section 05).
- 2 Must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Must meet Walailak University's published English-language proficiency requirement for graduate admission.
- 4 Entering with a relevant master's degree (Plan 1.1 or 2.1): cumulative GPA of at least **3.20 / 4.00** or equivalent.
- 5 Entering directly with a bachelor's degree (Plan 1.2 or 2.2): cumulative GPA of at least **3.40 / 4.00** or equivalent.

GPA CONSIDERATION

Applicants who completed a thesis-only master's programme and have a research article published in a Scopus-indexed journal may still be considered on a case-by-case basis, even if their GPA does not meet the standard threshold.

TARGET REGIONS

In addition to lower-middle-income countries, Type 2 is open to applicants from Walailak University's designated target regions: **Europe, the Americas, and Southeast Asia**.

SECTION 05 – ALLOCATION

Programmes & Scholarship Quotas

Scholarships are available across 13 doctoral programmes, with a combined total of 200 places on offer – 100 for Type 1 and 100 for Type 2.

NO.	DOCTORAL PROGRAMME	TYPE 1 QUOTA	TYPE 2 QUOTA
1	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Health Sciences (International Programme)	5	5
2	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Agriculture and Food Science	5	5
3	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Sustainable Business Management	5	5
4	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Pharmacy and Health Innovation (International Programme)	5	5
5	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Artificial Intelligence and Digital Media Innovation	5	5
6	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Science (International Programme)	5	5
7	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (International Programme)	5	5
8	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Innovative Science and Technology	30	30
9	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Biomedical Sciences and Health Innovations (International Programme)	10	10
10	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Public Health Research (International Programme)	5	5
11	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Health, Environment and Safety	5	5
12	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Liberal Arts (International Programme)	10	10
13	Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Engineering (International Programme)	5	5
Total		100	100

Quotas may be adjusted by the Scholarship Allocation Committee if the number of qualified applicants does not match the figures above.

SECTION 06 — ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Countries

Country classifications follow the World Bank's income-group definitions.

LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES — TYPE 1 · 25 COUNTRIES

Afghanistan	Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Liberia	South Sudan
Burundi	Madagascar	Sudan
Central African Republic	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Mali	Togo
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Mozambique	Uganda
Eritrea	Niger	Yemen, Rep.
Gambia, The	Rwanda	
Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone	

LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES — TYPE 2 · 50 COUNTRIES

Angola	India	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	Jordan	Philippines
Benin	Kenya	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kiribati	Senegal
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao PDR	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lebanon	Tajikistan
Comoros	Lesotho	Tanzania
Congo, Rep.	Mauritania	Timor-Leste
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tunisia
Djibouti	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Eswatini	Namibia	Viet Nam
Ghana	Nepal	West Bank and Gaza
Guinea	Nicaragua	Zambia
Haiti	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Honduras	Pakistan	

TARGET COUNTRIES — TYPE 2

In addition to lower-middle-income countries, Type 2 scholarships are also open to applicants from Walailak University's designated target regions: countries in **Europe**, countries in **the Americas**, and countries in **Southeast Asia**.

SECTION 07 — PROCESS

How Scholarships Are Awarded

A three-stage review, followed by continuous monitoring for the duration of each recipient's scholarship.

1 • Programme-level review

Each programme's Graduate Studies Committee reviews applications on eligibility, academic potential — particularly the probability of publishing research before graduation — and other relevant qualifications.

2 • CGS proposal

The College of Graduate Studies forwards its recommended candidates to the University's Scholarship Allocation Committee for Graduate Students.

3 • Decision & announcement

Applicants who do not fully meet the standard eligibility criteria may still be considered, with supporting documentation, at the discretion of the programme committee. The decision of the Scholarship Allocation Committee is final.

Keeping Your Scholarship — What's Expected

- ✓ Pass your thesis proposal examination within the required timeframe: **2 semesters** entering from a master's degree, or **3 semesters** entering from a bachelor's degree, counted from the first semester of enrolment.
- ✓ Maintain satisfactory research progress each semester, in line with your programme's requirements.
- ✓ Publish research in line with your field's expected quality standards, working closely with your thesis advisor.
- ✓ Fulfil your assigned duties as a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA).
- ✓ Acknowledge Walailak University's support in every publication and in your thesis, using the statement: *"This work has been supported by Walailak University graduate scholarships."*
- ✓ Submit a copy of your published article, or a letter of acceptance, when applying for graduation.

SECTION 08 – CONDITIONS

Good to Know

The practical conditions that apply once a scholarship is awarded – worth reading before you accept

- 1 Scholarships run for a fixed period based on your programme of entry – see the Scholarship Types & Benefits table in Section 02.
- 2 If you take a leave of absence, you are responsible for the related fees yourself, and the living allowance for that semester will not be provided.
- 3 You may travel outside the university for personal reasons for up to **30 consecutive days** per semester, with prior written approval from the College of Graduate Studies. Beyond 30 days, your monthly allowance will be paused for the extra time.
- 4 If your scholarship ends early due to specific conditions – such as insufficient research progress or a disciplinary issue – you may be required to repay the scholarship amount you received, plus **5% annual interest**, within a specified period.
- 5 Unforeseeable events (force majeure) – such as natural disasters, war, or serious disease outbreaks – will be considered individually under the University's guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Approved on **24 July 2026**. This scholarship programme applies to students who begin their studies from **Semester 2 of the 2026 academic year (2569 B.E.)** onward.

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Ready to Apply?

For full details, application timelines, and guidance on how to apply, please contact the College of Graduate Studies.

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