

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



Tuition fee 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 per academic year

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

50 eligible countries + target regions

THB 5,000 / month · 100 places per academic year

200 PLACES PER ACADEMIC YEAR · 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 every semester of the funded period – 6 or 8 consecutive semesters, depending on your entry route.
- A monthly living allowance to support day-to-day life in Thailand.
- Access to high-quality international and English-medium doctoral programmes.
- Opportunities to gain 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 research output required of recipients, 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 the funded period.

200PLACES PER
ACADEMIC YEAR**2**

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

13DOCTORAL
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 of the funded period	Full waiver, every semester of the funded period
Monthly living allowance	10,000 THB / month	5,000 THB / month
Scholarship places	100 per academic year	100 per academic year
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
Required research output SEE SEC. 05	≥ 3 Scopus Q1 articles, percentile ≥ 85	≥ 3 Scopus Q1 articles

Both scholarship types apply to doctoral study in international programmes or programmes taught in English.

General Requirements — Both Types

- 1 Applicant must come from a Low-Income Country, a Lower-Middle-Income Country, or one of Walailak University's designated Target Countries — see the country lists in Section 07.
- 2 Applicant must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Applicant must meet the English-language proficiency criteria in the Walailak University Announcement on Foreign Language Proficiency Assessment Criteria for Graduate Admission, B.E. 2565 (2022).

SECTION 03 – TYPE 1

Low-Income Countries Scholarship

For international doctoral students from a Low-Income Country under the World Bank classification — the fullest package the programme offers.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

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

100 scholarship places per academic year, 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 come from a Low-Income Country as classified by the World Bank (see Section 07).
- 2 Must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Must meet the English-language proficiency criteria in the Walailak University Announcement on Foreign Language Proficiency Assessment Criteria for Graduate Admission, B.E. 2565 (2022).
- 4 Cumulative GPA: **bachelor's degree** — at least **3.40 / 4.00** or equivalent; or **master's degree** — at least **3.60 / 4.00** or equivalent.
- 5 Applicants who completed a **research-only (thesis-only) master's programme** must have a research article published in an international academic journal indexed in **Scopus**.

IF YOUR GPA IS BELOW THE THRESHOLD

Any applicant whose cumulative GPA does not meet the criteria above may have their research published in Scopus-indexed international journals considered in its place, on a case-by-case basis.

RESEARCH OUTPUT REQUIRED OF RECIPIENTS

At least **three (3) articles** published, or accepted for publication, in Scopus-indexed international journals ranked **Q1** with a **percentile of at least 85** — required before graduation. See Section 05 for all scholarship obligations.

SECTION 04 – TYPE 2

Lower-Middle-Income & Target Countries

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

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

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

100 scholarship places per academic year, 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 come from a Lower-Middle-Income Country as classified by the World Bank, or from a designated Target Country (see Section 07).
- 2 Must be no older than 40 years of age.
- 3 Must meet the English-language proficiency criteria in the Walailak University Announcement on Foreign Language Proficiency Assessment Criteria for Graduate Admission, B.E. 2565 (2022).
- 4 Cumulative GPA: **bachelor's degree** — at least **3.20 / 4.00** or equivalent; or **master's degree** — at least **3.40 / 4.00** or equivalent.
- 5 Applicants who completed a **research-only (thesis-only) master's programme** must have a research article published in an international academic journal indexed in **Scopus**.

IF YOUR GPA IS BELOW THE THRESHOLD

Any applicant whose cumulative GPA does not meet the criteria above may have their research published in Scopus-indexed international journals considered in its place, on a case-by-case basis.

RESEARCH OUTPUT REQUIRED OF RECIPIENTS

At least **three (3) articles** published, or accepted for publication, in Scopus-indexed international journals ranked **Q1** — required before graduation. See Section 05 for all scholarship obligations.

SECTION 05 – OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship Obligations & Research Output

Every recipient takes on clear academic commitments. These are conditions of the scholarship, and they must be fulfilled before you can apply for graduation.

Obligations Compared

OBLIGATION	TYPE 1 LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES	TYPE 2 LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME & TARGET
Semester GPA (Plan 2.1 / 2.2)	At least 3.30 / 4.00 in every semester	At least 3.30 / 4.00 in every semester
Progress reporting	Academic and research progress reported to the College of Graduate Studies every semester until graduation	Academic and research progress reported to the College of Graduate Studies every semester until graduation
Required publications	At least 3 articles in Scopus-indexed international journals ranked Q1 , with a percentile of at least 85	At least 3 articles in Scopus-indexed international journals ranked Q1
Publication status accepted	Published, or accepted for publication	Published, or accepted for publication
Thesis proposal examination	Pass within 2 semesters (Plan 1.1 / 2.1) or 3 semesters (Plan 1.2 / 2.2), counted from the first semester of enrolment	

REQUIRED BEFORE GRADUATION

You may request approval for graduation only after fulfilling all scholarship obligations above. When you submit your graduation request, include a reprint of each published article or the journal's letter of acceptance.

ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

State in every published research output and in the acknowledgements of your thesis: *"This work has been supported by Walailak University graduate scholarships."*

IF AN OBLIGATION IS NOT MET

Failing the thesis proposal examination in time, or thesis progress below the required standard, ends the scholarship, and the full amount received must be repaid — see Section 09.

SECTION 06 – ALLOCATION

Programmes & Scholarship Quotas

Scholarships are available across 13 doctoral programmes, with 200 places offered each academic year – 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 per academic year		100	100

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

SECTION 07 – 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 08 – PROCESS

How Scholarships Are Awarded

A three-stage review, followed by announcement of results and monitoring every semester until the scholarship ends.

1 • Programme-level review

Each programme's Graduate Studies Committee selects suitable candidates based on (1) the eligibility criteria in this booklet, (2) high academic potential — particularly the likelihood of publishing research before graduation — and (3) other qualifications at the committee's discretion.

2 • CGS proposal

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

3 • Decision

The Scholarship Allocation Committee decides on the awards. An applicant who does not fully meet the eligibility criteria may still be considered if they submit supporting documents and the programme committee finds them suitable; the selection then rests with the Scholarship Allocation Committee, whose decision is final.

Announcement & monitoring

The College of Graduate Studies announces the results for all scholarship types and monitors each recipient every semester until the scholarship ends.

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. If you do not, the scholarship ends.
- ✓ Maintain a GPA of at least **3.30 / 4.00** every semester (Plan 2.1 / 2.2 students).
- ✓ Report your academic and research progress to the College of Graduate Studies every semester.
- ✓ Keep your thesis progress at or above the standard set by your programme, school or college.
- ✓ Achieve the required research output for your scholarship type — see Section 05.
- ✓ 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 reprint of your published article, or a letter of acceptance, when applying for graduation.

SECTION 09 – 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 entry route – see the Benefits Compared table in Section 02. If that period ends before you graduate, the tuition fee waiver ends immediately and you pay tuition fees at the standard rate from then on.
- 2 If you take a leave of absence, you follow Walailak University regulations and pay the leave-of-absence fee yourself, and you are treated as not receiving scholarship support for that semester.
- 3 You may be away from the University for personal reasons for up to **30 consecutive days** per semester, with prior written approval from the College of Graduate Studies each time. Beyond 30 days, the monthly allowance is suspended for the whole period over the limit, and this cannot be claimed back.
- 4 The scholarship ends when you: do not pass the thesis proposal examination in time; graduate; lose your student status; reach the end of the funding period; fall below the required thesis progress; or commit academic misconduct, are suspended on disciplinary grounds, or behave in a way the thesis advisory committee, with the programme committee's approval, considers grounds for ending the scholarship.
- 5 If the scholarship ends because you did not pass the proposal examination in time, lost your student status, fell below the required thesis progress, or for misconduct, you **must repay the full amount** you received (the actual amount waived) to the University within the specified period. If you fail to repay on time, **5% annual interest** is charged.
- 6 If force majeure – such as natural disasters, war or unrest, serious disease outbreaks, or other events beyond anyone's control – prevents you from graduating within the scholarship period, your case is considered under the definitions and guidelines annexed to the programme.

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.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE

This booklet is a redesigned summary of the official scholarship programme document of the College of Graduate Studies, approved by the President of Walailak University on 24 July 2026. The original Thai-language document, in full, remains the authoritative source in case of any discrepancy.

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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