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The Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED) program

Guidelines

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Scholarships and educational exchanges will contribute towards all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) through, for example, women's studies, political science, anthropology, and economics; and Goal 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts) through, for example, environmental sciences/policy examining climate change mitigation and adaptation, energy, peatlands and other land use effects and strategies, and forestry.

SEED scholarships are facilitated through institutional collaborations and student exchange agreements between Canadian and ASEAN institutions. These agreements are created between colleges, technical or vocational institutions and universities. Students or researchers, hereby referred to as "candidates", remain registered as full-time students in their home institution during this exchange.

Eligibility

Candidates must be citizens of an ASEAN member state (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos (Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)), Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, or Vietnam).

Candidates:

- who have obtained Canadian citizenship or who have applied for permanent residency in Canada are not eligible;
- already participating in an exchange scholarship program funded by the Government of Canada are not eligible;

- already enrolled in a degree or diploma program at a Canadian university or college are not eligible;
- must be enrolled full-time at a post-secondary institution in an eligible country and paying any tuition fees regulated by that institution for the full duration of the exchange;
- must choose a field of study or research that is aligned with, and contribute to, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- must submit a letter of intent (maximum one page) outlining how the chosen field of study or research contributes to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and how the candidate will apply the learning to help combat poverty and narrow the development gap in the ASEAN region; and
- must take the responsibility for applying for a study or work permit (generally a study permit is required for course work and a work permit is required for research).

Southeast Asian candidates

Candidates interested in this scholarship program should contact their home institution to:

- make their interest known;
- find out if there is an existing institutional collaboration and student exchange agreement with a Canadian institution; and
- request information about the application process and selection criteria specific to the Canadian institution.

Selected candidates are encouraged to:

- ensure that they fulfill the requirements of the Canadian institution including academic requirements and language proficiency;
- initiate the process for the transfer of credits to their home institution as soon as their Canadian courses have been identified; and
- follow the procedures as outlined by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (generally a study permit is required for course work and a work permit is required for research).

Supporting documents for application

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