

Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development

STRAND

S&T Graduate Scholarship Program

Where to Obtain and File Application Forms



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Accomplished application form and other documentary requirements may be submitted through e-mail to the Office of the STRAND Project Leader of the desired member-university on or before the deadline.

Hard copies of the same must be sent through mail.

Please scan all documents before mailing them.

Deadline

University	First Semester/Term AY 2024-2025	Second Semester/Term AY 2024-2025
MSU-Naawan	June 21, 2024	October 25, 2024
NVSU		December 16, 2024
BatStateU, CMU	June 30, 2024	November 15, 2024
MSU-Marawi		December 4, 2024
USTP-CDO	July 5, 2024	December 27, 2024
CNU	July 31, 2024	January 6, 2025
SLU, USEP		

Terms of Scholarship Award

- The scholarship award shall be for full-time graduate studies to ensure on time completion of Master's/Doctoral degree in any of the DOST identified priority fields.
- The scholar must not be employed or practicing his/her profession while on scholarship; he/she must secure approval for official leave of absence, if employed.
- The awardee shall execute a Scholarship Agreement with DOST-SEI and the Training Institution.
- The academic performance of the scholar shall be evaluated every school term based on established policies to determine his/her scholarship status.
- A service obligation to be rendered in the Philippines on full-time basis shall be required of the scholar after he/she finishes the Master's/Doctoral degree, i.e., one year service for every year of scholarship.
- Refund of scholarship grant with interest shall be required of the scholar for non-completion of his/her graduate program or failure to comply with the service obligation.

Selection of Awardees

- Evaluation of accomplished application form and requirements by the University.
- Validation and selection of qualifiers by SEI.
- Approval of the list of awardees by the DOST Secretary. The list of awardees approved by the DOST Secretary is final and unappealable.

Additional Process for DepEd Teacher-Applicants:

- DOST-SEI endorses to DepEd the list of potential qualifiers who are teaching and non-teaching personnel of DepEd with at least five (5) years in the service and at least very satisfactory performance rating for the last two years per DepEd D.O 68 s.2009.
- DepEd issues potential qualifier Certification re-Permit to go on Leave with Compensation.
- DepEd endorses to DOST-SEI the list of qualified DepEd Teachers and non-teaching personnel for final approval of the DOST Secretary.

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About STRAND

The Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) announces the availability of scholarships for qualified males and females to pursue Master's and Doctoral programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) courses including Science and Mathematics Education under the Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development (STRAND).

Objectives

The program aims to:

- strengthen the faculty profile of universities in the provinces by providing graduate scholarships to its faculty members who will eventually spur the research and development activities in the regions;
- train high-level human resources needed for S&T activities in the regions/provinces who will contribute to the country's global competitiveness and economic development; and
- provide opportunities to talented and deserving S&T professionals in the provinces to pursue advance degrees in STEM priority fields.

Type of Scholarships

- Master's in STEM programs (2 years)
- Doctoral in STEM programs (3 years)

STRAND Universities

The following universities were assessed and classified into these strands:

STRAND 1

This STRAND component shall strengthen the faculty profile of the university by granting graduate scholarships to its faculty members in identified fields where the university will niche. The scholar shall pursue graduate studies in any of the member-universities of the DOST-SEI Graduate Scholarship consortia, i.e., ASTHRDP-NSC, ERDT Consortium, and CBPSME-NCGSME, or in a foreign university with good track record and/or a recognized higher education/institution in the specialized field in S&T to be pursued.

University

- Palawan State University
- University of San Agustin

STRAND 2

This STRAND component shall provide scholarships for master's and/or doctoral in identified STEM degrees in identified universities as long as they strictly comply with the policies and standards on graduate education per existing CHED issuances. Moreover, the Program shall strengthen the faculty profile of a STRAND 2 university by granting graduate scholarships to its faculty members in identified STEM where it will niche.

Region	University	Master's	Doctoral
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CAR	Saint Louis University	Biology Environmental Engineering Information Technology Pharmacy	
I	Mariano Marcos State University	Agricultural Engineering Animal Science Biology Crop Science Mathematics	
II	Nueva Vizcaya State University	Agricultural Engineering Animal Science Crop Science Forestry Mathematics/Science Education (General Science)	Animal and Crop Science Forestry Mathematics/Science Education (General Science)
IV-A	Batangas State University	Civil Engineering Computer Engineering Computer Science Electrical Engineering Electronics Engineering Information Technology Mathematics	
VII	De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute	Public Health—Pathway 2	Health Sciences by Research
X	University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines—Cagayan de Oro City	Applied Mathematics Science Education (Chemistry) Electrical Engineering Information Technology	Applied Mathematics Mathematics Education
	Mindanao State University—Naawan	Aquaculture Marine Biology	Aquaculture Marine Biology

STRAND 2

Region	University	Master's	Doctoral
X	Central Mindanao University	Agronomy Animal Science Biology Education (Biology, Mathematics, General Science) Electrical Engineering Entomology Food Science Forestry Horticulture Mathematics Mechanical Engineering Plant Breeding Plant Pathology Soil Science	Agronomy Animal Science Biology Plant Pathology
XI	University of Southeastern Philippines	Applied Mathematics Biology Environmental and Resource Management Library Information Science	
BARMM	Mindanao State University—Marawi	Animal Science Biology Farming Systems Forestry Mathematics Physics	Biology Mathematics Physics

Documentary Requirements

- Accomplished STRAND Information Sheet
- Birth Certificate (Photocopy)
- Certified True Copy of the Official Transcript of Record
- Endorsement:
 - Master's — from two (2) former college professors.
 - Doctoral — from two (2) former professors in the Master's Program.

If employed:

- Recommendation from employer or head of agency
- Form 2A—Certificate of Employment and Permit to Study
- Form 2B—Certificate of DepEd Employment and Permit to Study (for DepEd employees only)
- Form A — Career Plans
- Form B — Research Plans
- Form C — Certification of Health Status
- Valid NBI Clearance
- Letter of Admission with **Regular status** from the Program Head of the accepting institution; should include the evaluation sheet
- Approved Program of Study

Additional Requirements for Lateral Applicants

- Certification from the university indicating the following:
 - ◆ Number of graduate units required in the program
 - ◆ Number of graduate units already earned with corresponding grades

Scholarship Privileges

Privileges	Master's	Doctoral
Tuition & other school fees		Actual
Stipend	30,000/mo.	38,000/mo.
Learning Materials and/or Connectivity Allowance		20,000/AY
Transportation Allowance*		1 actual economy class roundtrip fare/academic year
Group Accident and Health Insurance		Premium
Thesis/Dissertation, outright	60,000	100,000
Student Research Support Fund**	Research Grant Dissemination Grant Mentor's Fee	114,000 75,000 36,000
	253,000 150,000 72,000	

*Given only to those who will study outside their home province; on reimbursement basis.

**Must be applied by the scholar, subject to evaluation and approval. Grant approved is subject to liquidation.

Criteria of Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a Filipino citizen;
- not be more than 50 years old at the time of application;
- be in good health condition and of good moral character;
- pass the admission requirements for graduate studies in any of the STRAND 2 universities; STRAND 1 faculty-applicant must seek admission in any of the member-universities of the ASTHRDP-NSC or the ERDT Consortium or the CBPSME-NCGSME or in a foreign university.
- pass the interview and screening procedure.

Who else may apply?

- ✓ PhD graduate in a priority S&T program (scholar or non-scholar) who intends to pursue a second PhD degree.
- ✓ MS/PhD non-scholar graduate (not S&T related) who intends to pursue a second MS/PhD degree.

Who may NO longer apply?

- ✓ PhD graduate (scholar or non-scholar) who intends to pursue another MS degree program.
- ✓ MS graduate in a priority S&T program (scholar or non-scholar) who intends to pursue a second MS degree.