



Chiang Mai University Announcement
on
CMU Presidential Scholarships for the 2021 Academic Year

Chiang Mai University (CMU) is offering 200 Full Graduate Level Scholarships per year, an exciting opportunity to study at CMU for both Thai and international citizens who possess a high potential and who meet our requirements.

For the 2021 academic year, the starting date for the 1st Semester has changed to June 2021 and there will only be one application round for the Presidential Scholarships in 2021. If applicants are interested in applying for a study starting in the 2nd semester of 2021, they should contact the Program Administrative Committee Chair directly, in order to find a research topic and match with a Thesis Advisor and to apply for the scholarship in advance.

- Doctoral Degree Scholarships: 100 (in total per year)
- Master's Degree Scholarships: 100 (in total per year)

Criteria and Documents Required for the Scholarship Application:

Doctoral Degree Level

1. Bachelor's Degree Holder: GPA not less than 3.50 (based on the maximum of 4.00) or equivalent or

2. Master's Degree Holder: GPA not less than 3.50 (based on the maximum of 4.00) or equivalent. In case the applicant has studied in a master's degree program with thesis only, the applicant must have published good publication(s) or gained good results in their thesis work. (The publication should be published or accepted to be published by ISI, SCOPUS, IEEE, PubMed or by any other international publishers accepted by the Graduate School)

3. Research Plan provides a description, about 3-5 pages, explaining the research plans at Chiang Mai University. The scholarship is intended for original and publishable research (not for the compilation of textbooks or the writing of general surveys in the field that is studied. If possible, the applicant should contact in advance a professor at CMU in the field of intended to study to initiate the research plan together)

4. Certificate of English Language Proficiency dated within the last 2 years: IELTS or TOEFL only (IELTS score of 6.0, TOEFL score of 550 (PBT) or 183 (CBT) or 79 (IBT), except for applicants who are a Native English Speakers from the countries referred to below)

5. Two recommendation letters, one of which must be from the current or latest applicant's major advisor and the other should be from the person most familiar with his/her scholarly work (recommendations will receive a stronger consideration if they are from a professor at CMU who is expected to be his/her dissertation advisor).

Master's Degree Level

1. Bachelor's Degree Holder: GPA not less than 3.50 (based on the maximum of 4.00) or equivalent
2. An international or a regular graduate program while doing Master's Thesis (Type 1 or 2) only is applicable. (Programs with Independent Study are not applicable). International programs or programs taught in English will be given a higher priority.
3. Research Outline for the program applied for. At least 2 pages detailing the research outline, in addition to previous research experiences and the research work presented at the meeting and/or published to date. Please explain (i) why you are interested in the particular research area; (ii) why you should be awarded the scholarship; and (iii) how you propose to carry out the study.
4. Certificate of English Language Proficiency dated within the last 2 years: IELTS or TOEFL only (IELTS score of 6.0, TOEFL score of 550 (PBT) or 183 (CBT) or 79 (IBT), except for applicants who are Native English Speakers from the countries referred to below)
5. Two recommendation letters, one of which must be from the current or latest applicant's major advisor and the other should be from the person most familiar with his/her scholarly work (recommendations will receive a stronger consideration if they are from a professor at CMU who is expected to be his/her master's thesis advisor).

Criteria and Conditions for Graduation:

In order to graduate, the scholarship grantee must comply with the standard criteria set by the Graduate School and the additional criteria and conditions specified by the Scholarship Committee as in the following sections:

Doctoral Degree Level Type 1: Dissertation or Doctoral Thesis Only

- Type 1.1 (for Master's degree holder with a normal 3 years period of study):
 - At least 2 publications or acceptances to publish in an international journal. One of those must be in an ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database and must be in a quartile 1 or 2 ranked by SCImago with the student as the first author, and at least 1 publication in an international conference accepted by the field of study and the Graduate School.
 - The publications with the student as the first author must specify the "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School/Institute of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship" in the affiliation or acknowledgement.
- Type 1.2 (for Bachelor's degree holder with a normal 5 years period of study):
 - At least 2 publications or acceptances to publish in an international journal listed in an ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database. One of those must be in a quartile 1 or 2 ranked by SCImago with the student as the first author. And at least 1 publication in an international conference accepted by the field of study and the graduate school.
 - The publications with the student as the first author must specify the "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School/Institute of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship" in the affiliation or acknowledgement.

Doctoral Degree Level Type 2: Dissertation or Doctoral Thesis with Course Work

- Type 2.1 (for Master's degree holder with a normal 3 years period of study):
 - At least 1 publication or acceptance to publish in an international journal listed in an ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database and must be in a quartile 1 or 2 ranked by SCImago with the student as the first author, and at least 1 publication in an international conference accepted by the field of study and the graduate school.
 - The publications with the student as the first author must specify the "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School/Institute of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship" in the affiliation or acknowledgement.
- Type 2.2 (for Bachelor's degree holder with a normal 5 years period of study):
 - At least 2 publications or acceptances to publish in an international journal. One of those must be in an ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database and must be in a quartile 1 or 2 ranked by SCImago with the student as the first author, and at least 1 publication in an international conference accepted by the field of study and the graduate school.
 - The publications with the student as the first author must specify the "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School/Institute of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship" in the affiliation or acknowledgement.

Master's Degree Level Type 1: Master's Thesis Only

- At least 2 publications or acceptances to publish in an international journal listed in an ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database. One of those must specify the student as the first author with the affiliation or acknowledgement to specify "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship".

Master's Degree Level Type 2: Master's Thesis with Course Work

- At least 1 publication or acceptance to publish in an international journal listed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed or Web of Science database with the student as the first author with the affiliation or acknowledgement to specify "Graduate/PhD/Master's Degree Program in ..., Faculty/College/School/Institute of ..., Chiang Mai University, under the CMU Presidential Scholarship".

Termination of Scholarship (for both Doctoral and Master's Degrees):

1. Deceased
2. Resignation
3. Misbehaviour
4. Lack of a full-time student status or the eligibility to apply for the scholarship
5. Unable to live in Thailand due to the Laws, Rules or Regulations of Thailand or for any other reasons
6. Any other reason(s) that the advisor or Faculty/College/School/Institute has proposed to terminate the scholarship and the scholarship committee has approved the decision, *e.g.*, unable to study, not performing well, lack of study progress, *etc.*

Period of Study:

1. Doctoral Degree Level Type 1.1 and Type 2.1: normally 3 years, a maximum of 6 years
2. Doctoral Degree Level Type 1.2 and Type 2.2: normally 5, years, a maximum of 8 years
3. All types of Master's Degrees: normally 2 years, a maximum of 5 years

Scholarship Period:

The scholarship covers only the normal period of study for each program.

1. Doctoral Level Type 1.1 and Type 2.1: a maximum of 3 years
2. Doctoral Level Type 1.2 and Type 2.2: a maximum of 5 years
3. All types of Master's Degrees: a maximum of 2 years

Scholarship Payment (will be made via the bank account after all documents are approved and the contract is duly signed):

1. Tuition Fee: THB 50,000 to 200,000, depending on each program (will be paid directly to the Program as per actual fee)
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: THB 3,000 per year (will be paid directly to the insurance company)
3. Books and Stationery: paid in lump sum, THB 3,000 per semester
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month while staying in Thailand (if living or doing research outside Thailand, a special agreement is required and the living allowance provided by the scholarship must be approved by the committee)
5. Settlement Allowance: THB 6,000 on arrival
6. Thesis Publication Allowance: paid in lump sum, THB 6,000 (once when the manuscript has been accepted to publish)
7. Air Fare or any other travel expenses from hometown/ city/ country to CMU, and from CMU to hometown/ city/ country: as per actual cost with a maximum of THB 15,000 per trip (once for arrival and once for departure, reimbursement is based on actual receipts).

Restitution:

Scholarship Grantees may have to retribute a total or part of the received scholarship under any one of the following conditions.

1. Fails to Graduate within a certain period
2. The scholarship has been terminated due to one of the reasons mentioned above, except upon death.

Restitution may be exempt in an individual case upon the approval of the scholarship committee.

Others:

The scholarship grantees are required at times to contribute and engage in activities organized by the university, graduate school, faculty, affiliated college or institute on an appropriate regular basis and period.

In case the scholarship grantees cannot enter Thailand before the semester starts, the scholarship grantees can still study the course online but will not receive the Living Allowance.

The Living Allowance will cover only the period of living in Thailand but not longer than the normal period of study, starting from the student's first semester.

A student taking leave before their first semester shall be deemed to have waived their scholarship.

The scholarship is available only for Full-time Graduate Students, thus an Adjunct or Provisional Student shall not be considered for the scholarship.

Living Allowance is based on living in Thailand. A scholarship grantee living outside of Thailand or taking leave during the scholarship shall not receive the living allowance.

Certificate of English Proficiency must be IELTS or TOEFL only.

Application:

Apply and upload the required documents within the specified application period to:
https://www.grad.cmu.ac.th/grad_wp2/?page_id=65

Applicants are required to apply for an intended study program along with the scholarship application. All required documents as mentioned above should be in PDF or JPG format and must be submitted online, including bachelor's and master's transcripts (if available), English proficiency certificate, letters of recommendation, research plan and any other supporting documents such as publications and a letter of recommendation from a CMU potential major advisor that states the expected outcomes for the applicant. The applicants must present the originals and copies of Transcript(s), English test result and personal ID card/passport on student registration and contract signing day.

Applicants who have graduated internationally with a study record (transcript) and any other required documents not in English, must also attached the official translations in English.

If the Grading System is different from that of Thailand, the applicant must attach an official proof of equivalence to the Thailand Grading System.

Application Schedule for the 2021 Academic Year:

Processes	Period/Date Round 1	Period /Date Round 2
1. Application Period	1-27 Dec 2020	18 Feb - 25 April 2021
2. Student and Advisor Matching	4-8 Jan 2021	26 April - 7 May 2021
3. Screening by Graduate Level Scholarship Administration Committee	15 Jan 2021	14 May 2021
4. Approval by CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee	26 Jan 2021	20 May 2021
5. Scholarship Awards Announcement	29 Jan 2021	28 May 2021
6. Contract Signing	1-26 Feb 2021	1-30 June 2021
7. Report in Person and register as a Full-Time Student at the CMU Registration Office (originals and copies of required documents must be presented)	6 Feb 2021	5 June 2021
8. Beginning of the 1 st Semester of the 2021 Academic Year	21 June 2021	21 June 2021

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CMU Presidential Scholarship Payment for Doctoral Degree Level

First Year:

Allowances (in THB)	in total per yearly
1. Tuition Fee: will be paid directly to the program by CMU as per actual fee (depending on each program)	50,000-200,000
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: will be paid directly to the insurance company	3,000
3. Books and Stationery: THB 3,000 per semester (paid in lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000
5. Settlement Allowance: (Once on arrival)	6,000
6. Air Fare or any other travel from home town/city/country to CMU (Once on arrival): actual air fare cost but not more than THB 15,000	15,000

Second Year or the Year within the Period of Study:

Allowances (in THB)	in total per yearly
1. Tuition Fee: will be paid directly to the program by CMU as per actual fee (depending on each program)	50,000-200,000
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: will be paid directly to the insurance company	3,000
3. Books and Stationery: THB 3,000 per semester (paid in lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000

Final Year:

Allowances (in THB)	in total per yearly
1. Tuition Fee: will be paid directly to the program by CMU as per actual fee (depending on each program)	50,000-200,000
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: will be paid directly to the insurance company	3,000
3. Books and Stationery: THB 3,000 per semester (paid in lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month)	144,000
5. Thesis Publication Allowance in Lump-sum: THB 6,000	6,000
6. Air Fare from CMU back to home town/city/country (Once on leaving): actual air fare costs but not more than THB 15,000	15,000

CMU Presidential Scholarship Payment for Master's Degree Level

First Year:

Allowances (in THB)	in total per yearly
1. Tuition Fee: will be paid directly to the program by CMU as per actual fee (depending on each program)	50,000-200,000
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: will be paid directly to the insurance company	3,000
3. Books and Stationery: THB 3,000 per semester (paid in lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000
5. Settlement Allowance: (Once on arrival)	6,000
6. Air Fare or any other travel from home town/city/country to CMU (Once on arrival): actual air fare cost but not more than THB 15,000	15,000

Final Year:

Allowances (in THB)	in total per yearly
1. Tuition Fee: will be paid directly to the program by CMU as per actual fee (depending on each program)	50,000-200,000
2. Life, Accident and Health Insurance: will be paid directly to the insurance company	3,000
3. Books and Stationery: THB 3,000 per semester (paid in lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month)	144,000
5. Thesis Publication Allowance in Lump-sum: THB 6,000	6,000
6. Air Fare from CMU back to home town/city/country (Once on leaving): actual air fare costs but not more than THB 15,000	15,000

- Note:** 1) *Minor adjustments in the criteria and conditions may be made upon the conclusion of the scholarship committee who will announce these changes in advance.*
- 2) *The scholarship grantee must follow all the Rules and Regulations of CMU and also follow the Laws, Rules and Regulations of Thailand as applicable to a foreigner living in Thailand.*
- 3) *Native English Speakers are those who are born and living in the countries as referred to in this website: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/english-speaking-countries>.*

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