



Announcement of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital
Subject: Criteria and Rates of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students
2023

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The Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital Mahidol University aims to develop graduates for excellence. Therefore, scholarships for students with high potential have been established to allow students to devote their time and energy to research and expand their knowledge to help the faculty, as well as producing research works of international standards during their academic years. However, due to the changing situation, it is necessary to improve the criteria and rates of scholarships and grants for appropriateness and efficiency.

By virtue of Clause 22.4 of the Mahidol University Announcement on Criteria and Methods for Receiving Money, Money Storage, Withdrawal, Payment and Supervision of Payments B.E. 2551 (2008) and its amendments issued according to Item 38 of the Mahidol University Regulations on Budget and Financial Management B.E. 2551 (2008) and its amendments, with approval of the Faculty Board at the meeting No. 9/2023 on 16th March 2023, the announcement has been made by the Dean as follows:

Item 1 the Announcement of Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital on Criteria and Rates of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students B.E. 2564 (2021) dated 19th February 2021 shall be canceled.

Item 2 within this announcement

“Faculty” means Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University.

“Faculty of Graduate Studies” means Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

“Students” means students studying in a graduate program.

“Graduate Program” means master's and doctoral programs, all graduate diploma programs, and higher graduate diploma programs responsible by the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital or jointly responsible for as a major project.

“Advisor” means the main advisor of a student who is eligible for scholarships and/or grants in graduate programs.

“Teaching assistant” means a student in graduate programs who acts as an assistant in teaching and learning process as part of the curriculum of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital.

“Committee” means the committee appointed by the Dean to consider scholarships and grants for graduate students of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital.

Item 3 The objectives of granting scholarships and grants are as follows:

(1) To create incentives for students with good academic performance and high potential to study at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which will increase the competitiveness of each program in the faculty as well as the competitiveness for the country.

(2) To support scholarships for students to study and conduct full-time research with their advisors on respective thesis topics, along with producing better research in terms of quantity and quality at the international level.

(3) To increase high quality research works of the students that meet international standards to comply with the faculty's strategic plan.

(4) To support students in becoming researchers or academics with good teaching skills and the ability to conduct quality research, along with liaison with the faculty and can utilize their knowledge and ability to develop the faculty.

Item 4 Expected Benefits

(1) Increase in quality research output that are published in international academic journals for the faculty to promote the vision and mission of Mahidol University in becoming a national research university.

(2) Promotion of the potential of researchers of the faculty to conduct research under an international environment and personnel.

(3) Creation of a new generation of researchers with high research ability to increase the faculty's potential in the long term and encourage good relationships between professors, students, and research groups.

(4) High potential students choose the faculty to study as the first choice due to scholarships that are equivalent to or better than other educational institutions in similar fields.

Item 5 Scholarships and grants according to this announcement are divided into 7 categories as follows:

(1) Ph.D. Scholarship with Outstanding Potential

(2) Postgraduate Scholarship

- (3) Master Degree Student Research Assistantship
- (4) Ph.D. Student Research Assistantship
- (5) Teaching Assistantship
- (6) Research Scholarship
- (7) Award for Student Graduating within the Curriculum Plan with International Publication

Item 6 Selection and announcement of scholarships and Awards

- (1) The committee shall consider and decide the deserving candidate from the list of applicants that the program has ranked for the scholarships, grants, and prizes.
- (2) Once the committee has considered, the list of deserving candidates shall be presented to the Dean for approval and further processing.
- (3) Decision of the Dean is considered final.
- (4) The list of scholarship and award recipients shall be announced within 15 days from the date the Dean approves the scholarship recipient list.

Item 7 Ph.D. Scholarship with Outstanding Potential

7.1 Scholarship rate and duration

- (1) Not exceeding 240,000 THB per year.
- (2) Scholarship period shall not exceed 3 years, with an annual assessment to consider the scholarship for the following year.

7.2 Qualifications of the main advisors eligible to apply for scholarships for students

- (1) Must be the main advisor of the student applying for the scholarship.
- (2) Has published research paper in an international academic journal or journal with an impact factor and indexed by PubMed or Scopus in the past 3 years.
- (3) Must provide a laboratory or a place for research work, including materials, equipment, and research facilities for the scholarship candidate.
- (4) Must be able to provide sufficient time to advise the scholarship candidate.
- (5) In case of an instructor who has previously applied for this scholarship, he/she must not have pending report completion for closing of the research funds, and have published the work of students who have graduated within 1 year after graduation in an international academic journal or journal with an impact factor and indexed by PubMed or Scopus and in Quartile 1 (Q1) of the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) or Journal Citation Reports (JCR) database at the time of publication.

7.3 Qualifications of students eligible to apply for the scholarship

(1) Must be a Thai or foreign first-time student entering a Ph.D. program of the graduate program and is able to study full-time while receiving the scholarship.

(2) For a foreign student, if he/she has graduated from institutions that have Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mahidol University or other documents of the same nature will be considered first.

(3) Obtained very good academic results with a GPA of at least 3.00 in bachelor's degree or at least 3.50 in master's degree. In case the institution where the student has graduated from does not have a grading system, it shall be within the discretion of the committee.

(4) Must pass the English language test according to the standard criteria of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or as specified by the program.

(5) Has high potential for research, such as having published works or academic awards and being able to publish at least 1 research paper in an international academic journal within 5 years.

Item 8 Postgraduate Scholarship

8.1 Scholarship rate and duration

(1) Not exceeding 8,000 THB per month for master degree

(2) Not exceeding 10,000 THB per month for doctoral degree

(3) Scholarship period shall not exceed 2 years, with an annual assessment to consider the scholarship for the following year.

8.2 Qualifications of students eligible to apply for the scholarship

(1) Must be a Thai or foreign first-time student entering a Ph.D. or master's degree program of the graduate program and is able to study full-time while receiving the scholarship.

(2) Obtained a GPA of at least 3.00 in bachelor's degree or at least 3.50 in master's degree.

(3) Must pass the English language test according to the standard criteria of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or as specified by the program.

Item 9 Master Degree Student Research Assistantship

9.1 Scholarship rate and duration

(1) Not exceeding 120,000 THB per year.

(2) Scholarship period shall not exceed 1 year.

9.2 Qualifications of students eligible to apply for the scholarship

(1) Must be a Thai or foreign master's degree student in a graduate program and be able to study full-time while receiving the scholarship by being a first-year student in the second semester onwards and has passed the thesis proposal examination as well as the thesis advisory committee and thesis topic have been appointed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

(2) Obtained a GPA of at least 3.25 in master's degree programs.

(3) Must pass the English language test according to the standard criteria of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or as specified by the program.

9.3 Qualifications of the main advisors eligible to apply for the scholarship for the student

(1) Must be the main advisor of the student applying for the scholarship.

(2) Has published in an international academic journal or journal with an impact factor and has been indexed by PubMed or Scopus in the past 3 years.

(3) A research project to support student research has been finalized.

(4) Must provide a laboratory or a place for research work, including materials, equipment, and research facilities for the scholarship candidate.

(5) Must be able to provide sufficient time to advise the scholarship candidate.

(6) In case of an instructor who has previously applied for this scholarship, he/she must not have pending submission of research papers of the students who have completed their studies within 2 years

9.4 The scholarship recipient is obligated to undertake full-time planned research with the main advisor accordingly throughout the scholarship period and have his/her work published in international academic journals together with the advisor as a co-author upon graduation.

Item 10 Ph.D. Student Research Assistantship (Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital and Faculty of Graduate Studies jointly pay)

10.1 Scholarship rate and duration

(1) Not exceeding 80,000 THB per year and the Faculty of Graduate Studies pays an additional contribution of 40,000 THB per year or as specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

(2) Scholarship period shall not exceed 2 years, with an annual assessment to consider the scholarship for the following year.

10.2 Qualifications of students eligible to apply for the scholarship according to the conditions in the Announcement of Faculty of Graduate Studies regarding Research Assistantships (RA) program in the latest academic year.

Item 11 Teaching Assistantship

11.1 Scholarship rate and duration

(1) Not exceeding 8,000 THB per month, not more than 5 months per semester.

(2) Scholarship period is 1 semester.

11.2 Qualifications of applicant

(1) Must be a student in a graduate program

(2) Must be a graduate student in the second year or higher with cumulative GPA until the time of scholarship application as follows:

(2.1) A master's degree student with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 and the evaluation of all subjects have been completed.

(2.2) A Ph.D. student with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 and the evaluation of all subjects have been completed.

(3) Must be a person who has been nominated by the Program Chair or at least one instructor in charge of the course for which the applicant is the teaching assistant, where the necessity of a teaching assistant in the course and the duties that students must perform have been clearly specified.

(4) Must be a person with good behavior with no record of disciplinary violations as specified by the university's regulations or announcements.

11.3 Duty of teaching assistants

(1) Functional duties to assist in course activities such as

(1.1) Lecture

(1.2) Operation control /laboratory monitoring

(1.3) Advise on writing and editing thesis for graduate students

(1.4) Act as mentors for undergraduate students such as in medical student research

(1.5) Other activities as specified by the course.

(2) Must have working hours relating to teaching and learning not less than 4 hours per week or 16 hours per month, but not more than 100 hours per semester.

(3) Must work with diligence and are responsible for the assigned duties throughout the scholarship period.

Item 12 Research Scholarship

12.1 Scholarship rate and duration

- (1) Not exceeding 30,000 THB per scholarship for master's degree.
- (2) Not exceeding 50,000 THB per scholarship for Ph.D.
- (3) Applicants are entitled to apply for the scholarship only once throughout the study period in the graduate program.

12.2 Qualifications of applicant

- (1) Must be a Thai or foreign master's or Ph.D. student in a graduate program and is able to study full-time while receiving the scholarship by being a first-year student from the second semester onwards and has passed the thesis proposal examination, while the thesis advisory committee and thesis topics have been appointed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- (2) Must pass the English language test according to the standard criteria of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or as specified by the program.

Item 13 Award for Student Graduating within the Curriculum Plan with International Publication

13.1 Objectives

- (1) To honor and glorify students who have graduated in the program.
- (2) To promote the quality and elevate thesis standards of graduate students.
- (3) To increase international publications for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

13.2 Qualifications of applicant

- (1) Must be a graduate of a graduate program.
- (2) Must have graduated according to the study plan of the graduate program.
- (3) Must have his/her research, thesis, or dissertation published in the international academic journal indexed by PubMed or Scopus and placed in Quartile 1 (Q1) or Quartile 2 (Q2) of the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) or Journal Citation Reports (JCR) database at the time of publication.

13.3 Prize rates

- Not exceeding 5,000 THB for master's degree.
Not exceeding 10,000 THB for Ph. D.

The committee will select the deserving candidate based on the results of the study, published journals, behavior, and other qualifications such as awards received while studying to nominate to the Dean for approval and further processing, whilst decision of the Dean's is considered final.

Item 14 Granting of scholarships under Item 7 to Item 11 shall terminate according to the following conditions:

(1) When the scholarship recipient undertakes the thesis defense examination and obtains a "Pass" result.

(2) When the scholarship recipient refuses or terminates the scholarship with a reasonable cause.

(3) When the scholarship recipient has been ordered to retire or resign from being a student.

(4) When the scholarship recipient stops conducting research or takes leave of absence without a reasonable cause.

(5) When the scholarship recipient gives false information or neglects to notify the Faculty of funding information from other sources while also receiving this scholarship.

(6) When the scholarship period ends.

(7) When the semester evaluation committee has considered terminating the scholarship.

Item 15 In the event that there is one of the reasons for the termination of the scholarship as specified in Items 14 (3), (4) or (5), the scholarship recipient must reimburse twice the amount of the scholarship received, unless the committee deems it appropriate otherwise.

Item 16 The payment of Ph.D. Scholarship with Outstanding Potential, Postgraduate Scholarship, Master Degree Student Research Assistantship, Teaching Assistantship, and Research Grant shall be paid after the student has signed the scholarship contract with the faculty. On the other hand, the payment of Ph.D. Student Research Assistantship shall be paid after the student has signed the contract (if any) or proceed as specified in the Announcement of Faculty of Graduate Studies regarding Research Assistantships (RA) program in the academic year for which the scholarship has been applied.

Item 17 According to the Announcement of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital on Criteria and Rates of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students B.E. 2564 dated 19th February 2021, the scholarship or prize recipient before the effective date of this announcement and the scholarship period has not yet expired shall continue to receive the scholarship or grant according to the mentioned announcement until the due date of receiving the scholarship or there is a reason for the termination of the scholarship according to the announcement.

The committee and relevant persons shall proceed in accordance with the contract made according to the Announcement of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital on Criteria and Rates of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students B.E. 2564 dated 19th February 2021, which still has binding effect until the contract is terminated for other reasons.

Item 18 Results of scholarships and grants consideration by the scholarship committee according to the Announcement of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital on Criteria and Rates of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students B.E. 2564 dated 19th February 2021 that has been considered shall continue in accordance with the said announcement until its completion.

Item 19 The Graduate Studies Program Administrative and Graduate Scholarships Committee according to the Order of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital No. 384/2564 on the Appointment of the Graduate Program Administrative and Graduate Scholarship Committee dated 30th April 2021, shall act as the committee under this announcement until the Dean vacates office or otherwise instructed.

Item 20 The Dean has the authority to interpret and diagnose problems regarding the implementation of this announcement and is considered as final.

Item 21 Disbursement of scholarships according to this announcement shall be made from the income of the faculty according to Mahidol University Regulations on Budget and Financial Management B.E. 2551 (2008) and its amendments.

This document is effective from now onwards.

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