



ANNOUNCEMENT

National Institute of Development Administration
Graduate School of Public Administration
Admission for the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Governance and Development
(International Program)
Semester 2, Academic Year 2026

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is accepting applications for the Ph.D. program in Governance and Development.

Applications are accepted from **September 1st to December 1st, 2026.**

1. Applicant Qualifications

1.1 Regular Applicants

1.1.1 **Minimum Qualification:** Applicants must hold a master's degree in any field from an institution accredited by the Civil Service Commission of the Royal Thai Government.

1.1.2 Applicants who graduated from an international university outside of Thailand must submit a Letter of Confirmation on Curriculum Standards for their bachelor's and master's degrees from the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

To request this letter, submit the required documents directly to the Bureau of Standards and Evaluation (8th Floor), Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education: 328 Sri Ayutthaya Rd., Ratchathewi District, Bangkok 10400. Phone: 0-2354-5577 or 0-2610-5381-2.

1.1.3 Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency throughout the duration of the program. English proficiency must be verified by submitting official test scores from TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>), or IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>).

In addition to official ETS TOEFL scores, NIDA accepts TOEFL ITP scores only if issued by NIDA's Graduate School of Language and Communication (GSLC). Location: Siam Boromrajakumari Building, 13th Floor. 148 Seri-Thai Rd., Klong Chan, Bangkok, Bangkok 10240 Contact: Mr. Phanuwat Phumisart / Phone: 0-2727-3142 / Email: phanuw.p@nida.ac.th.

Applicants may be admitted into the program according to the following plans:

Plan 1: English Proficiency Test Score Exemptions:

Applicants who earned a master's degree from an international institution where English was the primary language of instruction. The degree must have been conferred within five years prior to the first semester of enrollment, and the applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a 4.00 scale.

Plan 2: Applicants must submit application documents along with official English proficiency test scores that meet or exceed one of the following minimums:

- TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 550 or higher (administered only by GSLC NIDA)
- TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 79 or higher
- IELTS 6.5 or higher

Plan 3: Applicants must submit application documents along with official English proficiency test scores that meet or exceed one of the following minimums:

- TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 500 or higher (administered only by GSLC NIDA)
- TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 71 or higher
- IELTS 5.5 or higher

Students admitted under Plan 3 are required to complete two non-credit English language courses in accordance with NIDA regulations. Additionally, students must submit official English proficiency test scores prior to their dissertation defense. Acceptable tests and minimum required scores are listed below

- TOEFL (TOEFL ITP) 550 or higher (administered only by GSLC NIDA)
- TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 79 or higher
- IELTS 6.5 or higher
- NIDA EPT (English Proficiency Test) 650 or higher

(Note: All English proficiency test scores must be valid and earned within two years prior to the date of application submission.)

English Language course exemption.

Applicants who meet the criteria below **are exempt** from enrolling in LC 4003 Advanced Reading and Writing in English for Graduate Studies and LC 4004 Advanced Integrated English Language Skills Development:

-Prior English-Medium Master's Degree:

Holds a master's degree from an international institution where English was the medium of instruction, conferred within five years prior to the first semester of enrollment, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale).

- Qualifying Test Scores:

Submits official test scores no more than two years old at the start of the first semester of enrollment meeting these minimums: TOEFL ITP 550, TOEFL iBT 79, or IELTS 6.5.

- Native Speaker Status:

Provides official documentation verifying birth or citizenship in a country where English is the primary official language.

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their application forms are complete and that they meet all admission qualifications outlined above. Incomplete applications or failure to meet the required criteria will result in disqualification. If an applicant is later found to be ineligible or in violation of these qualification standards, they may be dismissed from the program at any time. All application fees are non-refundable

1.2 Scholarship Applicants

1.2.1 **Minimum Qualification:** Applicants must hold a master's degree in any field from an institution accredited by the Civil Service Commission of the Royal Thai Government.

To be eligible for scholarships, applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale) at the master's degree level.

1.2.2 Scholarships will be awarded as Category 3 (Partial) Scholarships. Recipients will receive a 50% tuition fee waiver for all course credits throughout the duration of the program.

1.2.3 Scholarships are valid for a duration of three years, starting from the student's initial date of enrollment.

1.2.4 Applicants must submit the English proficiency test scores. The score must be the official test scores from TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>), or IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>).

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TOEFL (TOEFL iBT) 79 or higher

IELTS 6.5 or higher

(All English proficiency test scores must be valid and earned within two years prior to the date of application submission.)

1.2.5 Applicants who do not possess the English proficiency test scores specified in item (1.2.4) must hold a master's degree from an international institution where English was the primary medium of instruction. To be eligible for enrollment, the degree must have been conferred within five years prior to the first semester of registration, and the applicant's cumulative GPA must satisfy the requirements outlined in item (1.2.1).

1.2.6 Applicants who have graduated from a university outside of Thailand must obtain a Letter of Confirmation on Standard Curriculum for Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from the Commission on Higher Education at the Ministry of Education. This letter can be obtained by submitting a request along with required documents directly to the Bureau of Standards and Evaluation (8th floor) at the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education: 328 SriAyutthaya Rd., Ratchathewi District, Bangkok 10400; 0-2354-5577, 0-2610-5381-2

2. Application Process

2.1 Online Application Portal

- Website: <http://admission.nida.ac.th> (Online self-registration only)
- Application Period: From September 1st to December 1st, 2026.

2.2 Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Go to <http://admission.nida.ac.th> and click Login.
2. Enter your email address to log in and receive an OTP.
3. Click “Apply for Admission” and select your preferred program.
4. Complete the application form.
5. Upload required documents.
6. Submit application
7. Pay the application fee: 1,300 THB

****Service charge may applied depending on payment methods****

1) Bangkok Bank (All branches)

Bank: Bangkok Bank (SWIFT Code: BKKBTHBK)

Account Name: NIDA. Doctor’s Degree and Part-time Master’s Degree Program
School of Public Administration Saving A/C

Account Number: 9440013895

2) Internet/mobile banking

NOTE: 1. Applicants can check their payment status, examination dates, testing locations, and application results at <http://admission.nida.ac.th> according to the timeline outlined in the official announcement.

2. Application fees are strictly non-refundable once payment is completed.
3. Application documents must be submitted exclusively through the official online portal. Submissions via other channels will not be accepted.
4. Applicants who fail to upload the required application documents will be deemed ineligible and will not be listed as qualified candidates.
5. An application is considered complete only after NIDA has verified payment against the official statement in accordance with the application schedule. Applicants may check their application status online two business days after payment at <http://admission.nida.ac.th>.

3. Required Documents

3.1 Completed application form

3.2 Statement of purpose

3.3 Two letters of recommendation

3.4 Curriculum Vitae (CV)

3.5 Two (1 inch) photos

3.6 **For foreign applicants:** One copy of passport

For Thai applicants: One copy of ID card and one copy of household registration

3.7 Copies of bachelor's and master's degree certificates (one for each)

3.8 Copies of bachelor's and master's degree transcripts (one for each)

3.9 Copies of proof for a minimum TOEFL, or IELTS as specified by NIDA's English language proficiency requirements.

4. Scholarship Rules: Maintenance, Suspension, and Reimbursement

4.1 Partial scholarship recipients must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 in each semester of study. Failure to meet or maintain this cumulative GPA threshold in any semester will result in the suspension/forfeiture of scholarship benefits.

4.2 Scholarship recipients will automatically lose their scholarship eligibility if they voluntarily withdraw, resign from the program, or lose student status.

In the event that a recipient fails to fulfill graduation requirements within the timeframe specified in NIDA's graduate study regulations, all scholarship funds disbursed to date must be repaid in full to the Institute.

4.3 Scholarship recipients are required to reimburse the Institute for all financial support received if they resign from the program, cease to be registered students, request a cancellation of their scholarship award, or fail to complete degree requirements in accordance with the regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on Graduate Studies.

4.4 If a scholarship recipient is required to re-register for or retake any course, the tuition fee waiver will not apply. The recipient is fully responsible for paying all tuition fees associated with the re-enrolled course.

4.5 Scholarship recipients are required to fulfill a service commitment of at least **6 hours per week** supporting faculty or institutional operations.

4.6 Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for or receive any other grants or funding from the Institute, with the sole exception of thesis publication grants funded by the National Budget.

NOTE: Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to the most qualified applicants, subject to funding availability. Selection is based on the review of submitted application documents and performance in the admissions interview. **All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee shall be deemed final.**

5. Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview conducted between December 14th and December 17th, 2026. The interview will evaluate the applicant's academic background, core competencies, and relevant professional experience as detailed in their application materials. For applicants unable to attend the interview in person or online, the Admission Committee will evaluate candidacy based solely on the submitted application documents.

NOTE: 1. Admissions decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Program Standing Committee and the Institute's Admissions Committee. All decisions rendered by the committees shall be deemed final.

2. If enrollment in any course, program, or major falls below the minimum number required by the Institute, NIDA reserves the right to cancel or withhold offering that course, program, or major. Under no circumstances shall applicants be entitled to bring legal action or claims of any kind against the Institute regarding such decisions.

3. Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring that their application forms are complete and that they satisfy all eligibility criteria stated in this announcement. Incomplete applications or those failing to meet the required qualifications will not be considered. NIDA reserves the right to dismiss any enrolled student at any time if they are found to have misrepresented their credentials or failed to fulfill eligibility standards. All fees paid are strictly non-refundable under any circumstances.

6. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The names of successful applicants will be announced **on December 21st, 2026.**

Announced on August 31 , 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sombat', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(Associate Professor Dr. Sombat Kusumavalee)
Vice President for Academic and International Affairs