Chiang Mai University Announcement
Amendment to the CMU Presidential Scholarship Academic Year 2025

Referring to the Chiang Mai University Announcement titled "CMU Presidential Scholarship Academic Year 2025", dated April 8, 2025.

As it has been found that the English version contains certain content that is not entirely consistent with the Thai version. To ensure alignment between the two versions and to facilitate the smooth implementation of the CMU Presidential Scholarship following its intended objectives, the University hereby issues the following amendment:

1. The content under Item 6: Scholarship Conditions, section 2) Doctoral Program (Plan 1.2) of the aforementioned announcement is hereby revoked and replaced with the following:

" 2) Doctoral Program (Plan 1.2)

- Two publications derived from the thesis must be published or accepted for publication in an international journal indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science. At least one of these must be in a journal ranked in Q1 or Q2 according to SCImago, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship""

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President of Chiang Mai University

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CMU Presidential Scholarship Academic Year 2025

Chiang Mai University is offering full graduate scholarships to support outstanding Thai and international students in pursuing their master's degree and doctoral degree at Chiang Mai University. This initiative aims to foster high-quality research publications, enable divisions responsible for graduate programs to recruit highly qualified students who align with their objectives. For the academic year 2025, a total of 240 scholarships will be awarded, categorized as follows:

- Doctoral Degree Scholarships: 100 awards
- Doctoral Degree Scholarships (Active Recruitment): 40 awards
- Master's Degree Scholarships: 100 awards

1. <u>Qualifications</u>

1.1 Applicants must obtain confirmation from the divisions responsible for their program that they have been assigned a thesis advisor. The advisor must meet the following qualifications:

1.1.1 Be eligible to serve as a thesis advisor according to Chiang Mai University announcement.

1.1.2 Possess expertise in the student's thesis topic, with a proven academic or research record, such as publications in international academic journals.

1.1.3 Have a consistent record of research publications in international journals for at least three consecutive years.

1.1.4 Be a principal investigator or an active participant in a research project.

1.1.5 Have previous experience advising graduate-level theses.

1.2 The divisions responsible for the program must facilitate the submission of the scholarship application documents into the system.

2. <u>Eligibility</u>

2.1 Applicants must be new students for the academic year 2025, enrolling in a doctoral or master's degree program under the regular curriculum, which requires the completion of a thesis.

2.2 Applicants must meet the following minimum academic performance requirements:

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 or equivalent (on a 4.00 scale) for a bachelor's degree.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 or equivalent (on a 4.00 scale) for a master's degree.
- GPA equivalency for different countries or institutions will be determined based on the Scholaro website (https://www.scholaro.com).
- For applicants who have completed a thesis-based master's program, they must have at least one publication in a recognized journal indexed in ISI, SCOPUS, IEEE, PubMed, or other international journals accepted by Chiang Mai University.

2.3 Applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency through one of the following tests, taken within the last two years (based on the date for program applications) :

- IELTS or IELTS Indicator: Minimum score of 6.0
- TOEFL: Minimum scores of 213 (CBT) or 79 (IBT)
- CMU-TEGS: Minimum score of 70
- Exceptions apply to applicants who are native English speakers, as determined by the reference list provided by the University of Sheffield (https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/english-speaking-countries).

2.4 Applicants for the Active Recruitment Scholarship enroll in a graduate program that has:

- An ongoing academic collaboration (Active MOU) with an international university, or
- A Strategic Partnership Program, which includes joint research projects, co-publications, or faculty/student exchanges between Chiang Mai University and an international partner institution.

2.5 In cases where an applicant does not fully meet the criteria outlined in Sections 2.1 – 2.4, their eligibility will be subject to the discretion of the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee. The responsible division nominating the applicant must submit a request for case-by-case consideration.

3. Application Procedure

3.1 The division responsible for the program shall review and select candidates who meet the eligibility criteria and nominate them for the scholarship by submitting their names to the Student Development Division.

3.2 The required application documents must be compiled into a single PDF file, named after the applicant, and arranged in the order specified in Section 4.

3.3 The division responsible for the program shall upload the application documents via https://grad-ps.oou.cmu.ac.th.

Any documents that are not in Thai or English must be officially translated into English by a recognized translation institution.

Application Timeline		
Process	**Round 1 (Semester1/2025)**	**Round 2 (Semester2/2025)**
1. Candidate Nomination by the division responsible for the program	Now - 31 May 2025	23 Jun. - 10 Oct. 2025
2. Application Screening by Student Development Division	1 - 6 Jun. 2025	14 - 24 Oct. 2025
3. CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee Approval	9 - 12 Jun. 2025	27 - 31 Oct. 2025
4 Announcement of Eligible Recipients at https://grad-ps.oou.cmu.ac.th	13 Jun. 2025	5 Nov. 2025
5. Contract Signing	16 Jun. - 16 Jul. 2025	6 Nov. - 17 Dec. 2025

4. Required Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents as a single PDF file, named after the applicant and arranged in the specified order:

4.1 A printed application form from the online admission system, duly signed by the applicant.

4.2 Official academic transcripts as follows:

- One (1) copy of the bachelor's degree transcript
- One (1) copy of the master's degree transcript (if applicable)

For applicants who have completed a thesis-only master's program, relevant published research work related to their thesis must also be included, as stated in section 2.2.

4.3 Valid English proficiency test results (taken within the last two years), from one of the following:

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- CMU-TEGS

4.4 A research proposal (2–5 pages) outlining the applicant's intended research plan, approved by their thesis advisor.

4.5 Recommendation letter from the applicant's thesis advisor.

5. <u>Scholarship Disbursement</u>

Scholarship funds will be transferred directly to the recipient's bank account or as determined by the university, following the approval and the signing of the scholarship agreement. The disbursement details are as follows:

5.1 Tuition Fees

Covered in full according to the actual tuition fees of the respective program.

5.2 Insurance

Coverage for life, accident, and health insurance up to THB 3,000 per year, arranged by the university.

5.3 Book and Stationery Allowance

A fixed annual allowance of THB 6,000, disbursed in two equal installments of THB 3,000 per regular semester.

5.4 Living Allowance (including food, accommodation, and local transportation)

A fixed monthly allowance of THB 12,000.

The living allowance is provided only while residing in Thailand.

- If a recipient leaves Thailand for research purposes, prior approval is required for the continued disbursement of the allowance.
- If a recipient cannot enter Thailand before the start of the semester, they may attend online courses but will not receive the living allowance. The allowance will commence upon arrival in Thailand and will be provided only within the scholarship period.

5.5 Settlement Allowance - A one-time payment of THB 6,000, disbursed upon arrival at Chiang Mai University.

5.6 Travel Allowance (Inbound) - A one-time reimbursement for an economy-class airfare or other travel expenses from the recipient's home country/city to Chiang Mai University, up to a maximum of THB 15,000.

5.7 Research Publication Allowance - A one-time payment of THB 6,000, disbursed upon acceptance of the research publication in an academic journal.

5.8 Travel Allowance (Outbound) - A one-time reimbursement for an economy-class airfare or other travel expenses from Chiang Mai University to the recipient's home country/city upon completion of studies, up to a maximum of THB 15,000.

6. <u>Scholarship Conditions</u>

6.1 Scholarship recipients must enroll as full-time students in a regular program from the start of the academic semester. Exceptions require prior approval from the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee.

6.2 Recipients must submit a progress report every semester, using the prescribed format, until program completion.

6.3 Recipients must fulfill all graduation requirements set by their respective program and Chiang Mai University, including additional publication requirements outlined by the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee, as follows:

1) **Doctoral Program (Plan 1.1)**
   - Two publications derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal. At least one of which is indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science, and must be ranked in Q1 or Q2 according to SCImago, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"
2) **Doctoral Program (Plan 1.2)**
   - Two publications derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal. At least one of which is indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science, and must be ranked in Q1 or Q2 according to SCImago, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"
3) **Doctoral Program (Plan 2.1)**
   - One publication derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science. It must be ranked in Q1 or Q2 according to SCImago, with the scholarship recipients as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"
4) **Doctoral Program (Plan 2.2)** Two publications are required:
   - Two publications derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal. At least one of which is indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science, and must be ranked in Q1 or Q2 according to SCImago, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"
5) **Master's Program (Plan 1)**
   - Two publications derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal. At least one of which is indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"
6) **Master's Program (Plan 2)**
   - One publication derived from the thesis must be published or accepted to publish in an international journal indexed in ISI, Scopus, IEEE, PubMed, or Web of Science, with the scholarship recipient as the first author.

   The publication must include the following statement in the acknowledgement section: "Supported by CMU Presidential Scholarship"

7. <u>Duration of Study</u>

The duration of study shall follow Chiang Mai University Regulation on Graduate Education, B.E. 2568 (2025)

8. Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship will cover only the normal duration of study as per the program guidelines, which are as follows:

8.1 Doctoral Program (Plans 1.1 and 2.1): The scholarship is provided for a maximum of 3 years, except for sections 5.7 and 5.8.

8.2 Doctoral Program (Plans 1.2 and 2.2): The scholarship is provided for a maximum of 5 years, except for sections 5.7 and 5.8.

8.3 Master's Program: The scholarship is provided for a maximum of 2 years, except for sections 5.7 and 5.8.

9. Termination/Revocation of Scholarship

The scholarship may be terminated or revoked under the following circumstances:

9.1 Decease of the recipient.

9.2 Voluntary withdrawal from the program.

9.3 Inappropriate behavior.

9.4 Loss of full-time student status or scholarship eligibility.

9.5 Inability to reside in Thailand due to legal or regulatory restrictions.

9.6 Other reasons proposed by the thesis advisor or the responsible division and approved by the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee.

9.7 Receive another scholarship during the same period, unless it is approved by the university and CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee.

9.8 Failure to obtain thesis proposal approval within one academic year (Master's) or three regular semesters (Doctoral).

9.9 Unsatisfactory progress in thesis work or academic performance.

10. Repayment of Scholarship

The recipient may be required to repay all or part of the scholarship in case of being unable to graduate within the prescribed duration. Repayment may be waived if approved by the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee on a case-by-case basis.

11. Consideration and Decision

The consideration and decision for granting, terminating or revoeating the scholarship will be carried out by the CMU Presidential Scholarship Committee, and the results of the decision are final.

Announced on April 8 , 2025.

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Attachment

Details of Doctoral Scholarship Disbursement

First Year

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Tuition Fees	Covered as per actual costs
2. Life, Accident, and Health Insurance	3,000
3. Books and Stationery (THB 3,000 per semester, paid as a lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000
5. Settlement Allowance (One-time payment upon arrival)	6,000
6. Airfare or Other Travel Expenses (One-time reimbursement for travel from home city/country to CMU; actual cost but not exceeding 15,000 THB)	15,000

Second Year or the Year within the Period of Study

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Tuition Fees	Covered as per actual costs
2. Life, Accident, and Health Insurance	3,000
3. Books and Stationery (THB 3,000 per semester, paid as a lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travel) – THB 12,000 per month	144,000

Final Year

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Publication Fee (upon acceptance for publication)	6,000
2. Airfare or Other Travel Expenses (One-time reimbursement for travel from CMU to recipient's hometown/city/country; actual cost but not exceeding 15,000 THB)	15,000

Details of Master Scholarship Disbursement

First Year

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Tuition Fees	Covered as per actual costs
2. Life, Accident, and Health Insurance	3,000
3. Books and Stationery (THB 3,000 per semester, paid as a lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000
5. Settlement Allowance (One-time payment upon arrival)	6,000
6. Airfare or Other Travel Expenses (One-time reimbursement for travel from home city/country to CMU; actual cost but not exceeding 15,000 THB)	15,000

Final Year

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Tuition Fees	Covered as per actual costs
2. Life, Accident, and Health Insurance	3,000
3. Books and Stationery (THB 3,000 per semester, paid as a lump sum)	6,000
4. Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Local Travelling): THB 12,000 per month	144,000

Graduation

Allowances	Annual Amount (THB)
1. Publication Fee (upon acceptance for publication)	6,000
2. Airfare or Other Travel Expenses (One-time reimbursement for travel from CMU to recipient's hometown/city/country; actual cost but not exceeding 15,000 THB)	15,000