



## ASEAN Foundation Scholarships for Nationals of ASEAN Member Countries

The ASEAN Foundation (AF) and the Faculty of Political Science at Chulalongkorn University have entered into an agreement to develop high quality human resources within ASEAN member countries through the offering of the **AF-MAIDS Scholarship Program**.

The **ASEAN Foundation**, an initiative of the Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), was established on 15 December 1997 to help bring about shared prosperity and a sustainable future for the peoples of all ASEAN countries that now include Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. It has been mandated to promote greater awareness of ASEAN and greater interaction among its peoples and their increased participation in ASEAN activities as well as to undertake development cooperation activities that enhance mutual assistance, address equitable economic development and reduce poverty. This scholarship program is part of the *ASEAN Foundation Scholarships for Postgraduate Studies* and funded through the *Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund*.

The **Faculty of Political Science** at Chulalongkorn University, on the other hand, offers a Master of Arts program in International Development Studies, also known as the **MAIDS program**. The MAIDS program was established in 2003 and is the first international program at the Faculty to be taught in English. It aims to enhance the capacity of the people in ASEAN in the field of development studies. It is expected that the enhancement of professionals in this field will facilitate regional development in ASEAN in the near future.

### AF- MAIDS Scholarship Program

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS</u></b></p> <p>▶ <b>Five (5) full scholarships</b> for ASEAN nationals to pursue their Master of Arts degree at the MAIDS program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <p>▶ Bonafide ASEAN nationals</p> <p>▶ Bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences with good overall academic standing</p> <p>▶ 2 years work/volunteer experience in a related field</p> <p>▶ English proficiency (minimum TOEFL 550 or IELTS 5.5); other recognized tests of language proficiency will also be considered.</p> <p>▶ Candidates must provide a statement of purpose explaining their research interests, personal and professional objectives. Candidates must also have research interests in line with the mandates of the ASEAN Foundation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE</u></b></p> <p>▶ The scholarship award will cover tuition and other academic fees, health insurance and living allowances for a 16-month period – the program's anticipated duration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>▶ Complete applications should be submitted to the MAIDS Program by <b>May 31, 2008</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION</u></b></p> <p>▶ Please visit: <a href="http://www.ids.polsci.chula.ac.th">www.ids.polsci.chula.ac.th</a> or <a href="http://www.aseanfoundation.org">www.aseanfoundation.org</a></p> <p>▶ For more information, please contact the MAIDS Secretariat: <a href="mailto:maids@chula.ac.th">maids@chula.ac.th</a></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div data-bbox="971 1843 1263 1875" style="text-align: center;"> <p>ASEAN FOUNDATION</p> </div>  </div>
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