

Ph.D. Program in Thai Studies

Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University

Following the continued success of the Master of Arts in Thai Studies program since 1991, the Department of Thai, Chulalongkorn University, in cooperation with the Thai Studies Center, is offering the Ph.D. Program in Thai Studies. The degree provides students the opportunity to develop an in-depth knowledge of a discipline and thematic subject in Thai Studies under the supervision of recognized experts in the field and to become familiar with current research techniques and methodologies.

The degree consists of six years of supervised doctoral research leading to a dissertation and an oral examination. Topics for research degrees can be in any of the disciplines and fields related to Thai Studies offered at Chulalongkorn University.

Students from Thai Studies programs can apply for scholarships, for example, the scholarship for Graduate Students in Thainess-related programs. For more information about scholarships, please visit this website <http://www.grad.chula.ac.th/en/scholarship.php?type=1>

Required qualifications

1. Applicants must possess Master's Degree in any discipline
2. Applicants must have a good command of English

Required documents

1. A completed application form with a photograph (3cm x 4 cm) attached
2. A photocopy of both Bachelor's and Master's Degree certificate (in English)
3. A photocopy of academic transcripts both Bachelor's and Master's Degree (in English)
4. A photocopy of ID card (for Thai applicants)
5. A photocopy of passport (for foreign applicants)
6. A Curriculum Vitae

7. Two recommendation letters from dean, head of department or advisor of the applicants' institution

8. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit any of following English Proficiency test result which meets the scholarship's requirement: CU-TEP (≥ 67), TOEFL (Paper-based ≥ 525 , Computer-based ≥ 197 , Internet-based ≥ 71) or IELTS (≥ 5.5)

9. A brief research proposal (It should include the following items: 1) Rationale; 2) Objectives; 3) Research Question/Hypothesis; 4) Theoretical Framework/ Literature Review; 5) Significance of the Research. It should also be around 10-20 pages in length with double space)

Requisites for Graduation

Students are required to successfully complete a dissertation equivalent of 48 credits and an oral examination. The dissertation must be an original piece of work and make a distinct contribution to knowledge of the subject.

Students are also required to take the following required courses:

- Doctoral Dissertation Seminar
- Modernization and Traditional Society in Thailand
- Contemporary Thailand
- Thai Buddhism.

The taught courses aim to provide students with knowledge and training in order to produce full research proposals and carry out their proposed research.

Fees and Expenses

- Thai Student: 97,000 baht per semester
- Foreign Student: 154,000 baht per semester

(Fees are subject to be revised.)