



ANNOUNCEMENT  
National Institute of Development Administration  
Application for Admission  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Business Administration  
(International Program)  
For the Academic Year 2026  
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The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is accepting applications for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Business Administration (International Program) for the academic year 2026 in the following specializations:

1. Management
2. Marketing
3. Finance
4. Operations Management
5. Management Information Systems
6. Accounting

Note: Only one PhD specialization can be chosen at the time of the application, and the selected specialization cannot be changed after the application form has been submitted.

**1. Qualification of Applicants**

- 1.1 Plan 2 (2.1) for applicants who have a master's degree, or a degree equivalent to a master's degree or higher (i.e., Ph.D. degree in a non-business field) from a university or institution accredited by Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI) (or organizations that provide approval for standards), and possesses an excellent scholastic record and background or has any other academic evidence that indicates an ability to perform successfully in the Program. Students will be required to take a total of 63 credits (21 credits of courses and 42 credits for dissertation).
- 1.2 Applicants must conform to the requirements of NIDA's current announcement on English proficiency requirements for the International Program as follows:
  - 1.2.1 Unless applicants are native English speakers or have obtained their bachelor's and/or master's degree (not more than five years ago) from an international academic institution where English was the medium of instruction and study, they are required to submit a test score from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams. The minimum TOEFL score is 79 for the internet-based test. For the IELTS, the minimum score is 6.5 points. The results of these scores must be taken within the past two (2) years.

1.2.2 Applicants who fail to meet the requirements in 11.2.1 but earn the minimum score required by NIDA may be accepted into the program, provided that they conform to NIDA's rules on English proficiency.

1.3 Applicants must have a GMAT score of 550 that was taken within the past five (5) years. Applicants who do not have a GMAT score may take a written exam administered by the "Institution" in lieu of the GMAT score.

1.4 Selection criteria - Applicants are selected based on their submitted GMAT score (or written exam score), English score, application profile (including statement of purpose), and interview.

## 2. Selection Procedure

2.1 Written Examination. Qualified applicants must take either the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) within the past two years and achieve a score of at least 550, or the Business Aptitude Test administered by NIDA.

2.2. Interview. Qualified applicants who have passed the written exam will be invited for an interview.

**3. Application Timeline** The application timeline is as follows:

Description		Round 1	Round 2
3.1	Application form available at NIDA Business School or can be downloaded at <a href="http://mba.nida.ac.th">http://mba.nida.ac.th</a>	Now – November 25, 2025	Dec 1, 2025 – April 26, 2026
3.2	Deadline for submission of application. Application form can be submitted at <a href="https://admission.nida.ac.th">https://admission.nida.ac.th</a>	Now – November 25, 2025	Dec 1, 2025 – April 26, 2026
3.3	List of applicants who are eligible to take the written examination (Business Aptitude Test*) will be announced at <a href="https://admission.nida.ac.th">https://admission.nida.ac.th</a>	December 4, 2025	May 5, 2026
3.4	Written examination (Business Aptitude Test)	December 14, 2025	May 10, 2026
3.5	List of applicants who are eligible to take the interview will be announced at <a href="http://mba.nida.ac.th">http://mba.nida.ac.th</a>	December 25, 2025	May 19, 2026
3.6	Interview Exam	January 12 - 16, 2026	May 25 - 29, 2026
3.7	Application results will be announced at <a href="http://mba.nida.ac.th">http://mba.nida.ac.th</a>	January 30, 2026	June 18, 2026
3.8	Registration period	February 10 - 16, 2026	July 1 - 8, 2026
3.9	Classes begin	August 10, 2026	August 10, 2026

\*The Business Aptitude Test is waived for those who have a GMAT score of 550 or above.

#### 4. Application Process

##### **Online Application**

4.1 Applicants can see the information about the application for admission on the Announcement of National Institute of Development Administration to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Business Administration (International Program) at <https://admission.nida.ac.th>

4.2 Applicants can visit <https://admission.nida.ac.th> and must follow the following instructions :

- 1) Select the menu “**Login to the System**”
- 2) Log in using an email address to receive an OTP (One-Time Password)
- 3) Select the menu “**Apply for Admission**”
- 4) Choose the program
- 5) Fill out profile information.
- 6) Upload all required application documents.
- 7) Submit the application.
- 8) Pay the application fee of **2,500 Baht**  
(Payment fee/charge Depends on rate of each payment method /transaction)
  - Any branches of Bangkok Bank
  - Internet/Mobile Banking

**Note:** 1. Applicants can check their payment status, examination date, time and venue, as well as the admission results via the main menu at <https://admission.nida.ac.th>, according to the schedule specified in the admission announcement.

2. The application payment is non-refundable.

3. All required application documents must be **uploaded only through the online admission system.**

4. In the case of online application, if the applicant fails to upload the required documents, the Institute will consider the application as incomplete, and the applicant will not be eligible for the examination, nor will their name appear on the list of qualified candidates.

5. The application is complete when the Institute verifies the application documents and payment made within the prescribed time. Applicants can monitor application status after the payment has been made for 2 day via the main menu at <https://admission.nida.ac.th>

#### 5. Required documents:

- 5.1 Completed application form  
(Download here: <http://mba.nida.ac.th/en/course/register-form/phd>)
- 5.2 Statement of purpose (must include your proposed research topic)
- 5.3 Official transcript(s) of all universities studied
- 5.4 Two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes
- 5.5 Copy of personal identity card (for Thai Applicants)
- 5.6 Copy of passport (for non-Thai applicants)
- 5.7 Evidence of any change of name (if applicable)
- 5.8 GMAT score report (if applicable)
- 5.9 TOEFL or IELTS score report
- 5.10 Two (2) photographs (1 or 2-inch color photo)

5.11 Curriculum Vitae (CV)

5.12 Upload the required documents onto the Attached Files System

## **6. Inquiries**

For more information, please contact NIDA Business School PhD Program Office at 082-7901946 or [nbs-phd@nida.ac.th](mailto:nbs-phd@nida.ac.th).

## **7. Personal Data Protection**

According to Personal Data Protection Act, B.E. 2562 (2019) , the Institute shall have to right to collect, use and/or disclose personal data of the selected application for the purpose of educational implementation in accordance with duty and authority of the Institute along with personal data protection.

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