



ANNOUNCEMENT
National Institute of Development Administration
Application for Admission
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Business Administration
(International Program)
Application for Full scholarship
For the Academic Year 2026

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 2025 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 The applicant must obtain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 out of a possible 4.00 from their bachelor's degree and 3.50 from their master's degree.
- 1.3 Applicants must conform to the requirements of NIDA's current announcement on English proficiency requirements for the International Program as follows:
 - 1.3.1 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.

1.3.2 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.

1.4 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.

1.5 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 http://mba.nida.ac.th	Now – November 25, 2025	Dec 1, 2025 – April 26, 2026
3.2	Deadline for submission of application. Application form can be submitted at https://admission.nida.ac.th	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 https://admission.nida.ac.th	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 http://mba.nida.ac.th	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 http://mba.nida.ac.th	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. Condition for Full Scholarship

6.1 The recipient of the scholarship shall receive the following funding and benefits:

- Tuition waiver throughout the PhD study duration
- The recipients will receive financial support for personal expenses: 30,000.- baht per semester and 15,000.- baht per summer semester.

6.2 Scholarship recipient criteria:

- 6.2.1 Scholarship recipients must obtain a cumulative grade point average for each semester of not less than 3.50 to be eligible for semester personal allowance. If the cumulative grade point average is below 3.50, they are not eligible for personal expenses support. However, if the cumulative grade point average is not lower than 3.30, all tuition fees will be waived. If they receive a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.30 in any semester, they will not be eligible for the scholarship.
- 6.2.2 The scholarship recipients must report the progress of their thesis every semester. The thesis advisor must certify their thesis to ensure their eligibility to receive funding for personal expenses in each semester. And their thesis must meet the program requirements and regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on graduate studies. If scholarship recipients do not report their progress, their thesis will no longer meet the requirements for the scholarship.
- 6.2.3 The scholarship recipients will no longer be eligible for the scholarship if they are later found requesting to resign or ceasing to be students. In case they are unable to graduate as specified in the regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on graduate studies, all scholarship funds received must be returned to the institution unless otherwise considered by the Educational Institution Administration Subcommittee.
- 6.2.4 If the scholarship recipient resigns or ceases to be a student and is unable to graduate as specified in the regulations of the National Institute of Development Administration on graduate studies or requests cancellation of the scholarship, all funds received must be returned to the institution unless otherwise considered by the Educational Institution Administration Subcommittee.
- 6.2.5 In the event that the scholarship recipient has to re-register for a particular course, he or she will not be exempted from the tuition fees in the re-enrolled course.
- 6.2.6 In the case that the scholarship recipient is enrolled in a course other than what is specified in the program of study, he or she will be exempted from the registration fee for that course only when he or she receives advice from the academic advisor to enroll in that course.
- 6.2.7 The scholarship recipient must work for the faculty or the institute for at least 6 hours per week.
- 6.2.8 The recipient of this scholarship does not have the right to apply for any other grant of the institution except for thesis publication from the National Budget.
- 6.2.9 The scholarship recipients will be waived tuition fees according to the program structure plan. However, they must register according to the program structure plan. Exemption from so doing according to the program structure plan must be approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Admission.

6.3. Scholarship conditions

- 6.3.1 Scholarship recipients will be funded for personal expenses each semester only when they are enrolled in Semesters I and 2 for not less than 9 credits per semester or register in accordance with the program study plan. The summer semester requires enrollment of at least 3 credits for both Master's and Doctoral level students in order for them to be eligible for support.
 - 6.3.2 Scholarship recipients will be exempted from the application fee for the first comprehensive examination only.
 - 6.3.3 Scholarship recipients will pay for the status maintenance fee if their enrollment exceeds the scholarship period.
 - 6.3.4 The copyright of the thesis shall be joint copyright between the scholarship recipients and the institution for a period of 5 years. After that, the copyright of the thesis is awarded to the scholarship recipients. If the scholarship recipients take any action, which is considered an infringement of intellectual property rights or any rights, the "recipients" are solely responsible for any damage through the infringement of that right.
 - 6.3.5 The scholarship recipients shall pay the fees for thesis format examination/ E- THESIS information system service.
 - 6.3.6 The doctoral thesis work must be published or has been accepted for publication in an international journal that has been attended by outside directors (Peer Review) prior to publication. In this regard, international journals must comply with the criteria set forth by the Office of the Civil Service Commission in Higher Education Institutions (OCSC) or the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program (RGJPHD), excluding Proceedings.
- 6.4 The duration of the scholarship funding (counting from the opening day of the semester that the recipient is registered as a student) will receive a scholarship for a period of 3 academic years.

7. Inquiries

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

8. 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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