Call for applications:
SAARC PhD Scholarship programme 2020
in Animal Nutrition (one) and
Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology (one)

By
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Background

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) under the framework of SAARC has been working for strengthening agricultural research and development through regional networks with different institutions in South Asia. From 2017 onwards, the SAC has taken initiatives “SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship Programme” to support aspiring agricultural professionals of the region for undertaking doctoral studies in a premier Institute/ University in the SAARC region. The scholarship is highly competitive and merit based providing opportunities to the regular employees of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS)/ Department/ Ministry in SAARC Member States. Till date, the scholarship has been awarded in Soil Science to the candidate of Bangladesh for undertaking studies at Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh, in Agricultural Economics to the candidate of Afghanistan for undertaking studies at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology to the candidate of Nepal for pursuing studies at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India.

Eligibility

For the academic year 2020, two scholarships will be offered: one in Animal Nutrition and other in Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology. The applicants must be (i) citizen of Bhutan/ India/ Maldives/ Pakistan/ Sri Lanka, (ii) regular employee of the National Agricultural Research System/ Ministry/ Department, (iii) below the age of 40 years as on the date of application deadline with more than three years of experience, (iv) good command of spoken and written English, (v) available for full time PhD for a period of three years.

Educational qualification for PhD in Animal Nutrition

Master Degree (MSc/MS/ MV Sc) in Animal Nutrition. A definite weightage will be given to an applicant having basic degree in Veterinary Sciences.

Educational qualification for PhD in Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology

Master Degree with specialization/ dissertation in Fish Nutrition. A definite weightage will be given to an applicant having basic degree in Fisheries Science.

How to apply

Applications are invited from potential candidates who are citizens of Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for pursuing their doctoral study in the subject of (i) Animal Nutrition and (ii) Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology. Candidates should submit application along with supporting documents (attested copies of postgraduate and basic degree certificates, marksheet/ report card, medals/ scholarship/ peer recognition received, research paper/ short note/ review/ bulletin/ book/ book chapter published, and a synopsis of research proposal) to the Director, SAC through the current employer /relevant Ministry/ SAARC Division/ Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / External Affairs of the home country on or before 17th September, 2020. In case, the candidate perceives delay in forwarding the application through concerned ministry, he/she could submit the duly filled application signed by self and employer along with supporting documents directly to Dr. Mian Sayeed Hassan, Director, SAC (director@sac.org.bd)as an advance copy. Notification regarding the scholarship and application format is available in the SAC website (www.sac.org.bd).
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Research (ICAR). The SAARC Agriculture Centre will facilitate the Deemed University of Indian Council of Agricultural study. The selected candidates are expected to be placed at any kind of part-time or contract job at the place of their doctoral study, candidates are not allowed to perform full-time or contract job at the place of their doctoral study, candidates are not allowed to perform.

Tenure and placement

The SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship Programme is tenable for a period of three years on full-time basis. During their doctoral study, candidates are not allowed to perform any kind of part time or contract job at the place of their study. The selected candidates are expected to be placed at the Deemed University of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The SAARC Agriculture Centre will facilitate admission.

Grant conditions

The awardee is expected to strictly follow the guidelines of respective University/Institute at the host country. The award may be terminated at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory progress or attendance or if the registration is suspended or terminated by his/her university for any reason. The awardee needs to execute a bond with the host Institute on behalf of SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka for the successful completion of PhD programme. In case of candidates leaving the doctoral studies before completion, they need to surrender the entire fellowship amount with interest to the SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka. A hard and soft copy of the doctoral thesis needs to be submitted to the SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka after completion. Besides, the awardee should acknowledge the SAARC Agriculture Centre in all publications including PhD thesis.

What covers under the SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship Programme?

1. Economy class airfare from home country to the host institute. Eligible during joining and after the completion of study
2. Entire tuition fees as applicable to the concerned deemed university
3. Living allowance at the rate US$600 per month for three years
4. One-time grant of US$1000 to cover expenditure on books, study materials, computer and thesis preparation
5. A grant of US$1000 per year for three years to cover research cost with the recommendations of the PhD supervisor

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