

APMA Programme Application Information Sheet Academic Year 2019-2020

Applications for the Master of Human Rights and Democratization (Asia Pacific) APMA (formerly known as the MHRD) program are carefully considered by the APMA Steering Committee. Decisions are made based on all aspects of the application requirements: academic standards, the strength of letters of reference, and the personal statement. Consideration of the research interests of the applicant will be taken into account in order to ensure that students will receive sufficient support and guidance by Faculty.

Key Dates for Submission of Application

Applications are reviewed twice yearly by the admissions committee.

- The **First Round of Applications** is both for *scholarship* and *non-scholarship* applicants. The closing date for this round is **28 February 2019**. Applicants will be notified of their results by 5 March 2019.
- The **Second Round of Applications** is only for non-scholarship applicants. The closing date for this round is **1 May 2019**. Applicants will be notified of their results by 15 May 2019.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis therefore applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their documents anytime and not wait for the deadline. Incomplete application submission will not be processed documents files, with all required documents, must be received before the applicable dates to be considered for admittance to the programme.

Students may be required to submit additional supporting documentation or participate in a face-to-face, phone or Skype interview during the short-listing process.

Application Requirements

In order to be eligible for the APMA applicants must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree in any field, with a minimum GPA of 2.50 (or the equivalent). Students in the last year of their undergraduate programme can apply for admission provided they expect to graduate before 15 July 2019. The applicant needs to submit a certificate from their university indicating their status and expected date of graduation.
2. Have an English language proficiency, with either one of the following scores: a) IELTS Academic Module Overall score of 6.0, b) TOEFL PBT score of 550, c) TOEFL Internet-based Test score of 61, or d) TOEFL CBT score of 213. TOEFL ITP scores (at least 550) will only be valid if the test is taken at Mahidol University.

* An applicant may request for exemption from submission of the English proficiency requirement if they satisfy **all of the following conditions**: a) the applicant graduated within the last five years from a degree where English was the sole medium of instruction, b) submit a 'Certificate of English as Medium of Instruction' from their university.

Documentation Requirements

All applicants **must** include **all** of the following documentation in their submission:

- 1) Complete a) the Initial APMA Program Application Form (to be submitted in PDF format) and b) the Online Application Form http://grad.mahidol.ac.th/Admission/online/admission2018_EN/login.php
- 2) Personal Statement (to be submitted in PDF format)
- 3) Master's Dissertation Research Concept Note (to be submitted in PDF format)
- 4) Academic records officially translated in English – bachelor's degree certificate of graduation and transcript of records (all documents to be submitted in PDF format)
- 5) Official English language proficiency test scores such as TOEFL or IELTS must be sent directly by the testing center to Mahidol University. See <http://www.grad.mahidol.ac.th/en/news-events/TOEFLiBT-IELTS.php>
- 6) Curriculum Vitae – maximum of five (5) pages (to be submitted in PDF format)
- 7) Reference contact information and documents (to be submitted in PDF format)

All documents must be submitted either by email or by post before the applicable deadline.

Scholarship Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded according to a competitive combination of at least two of the following selection criteria:

- Regional representation;
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation;
- Strong academic background and/or research ability and/or relevant professional experience;
- Inclusion and diversity of student body;
- Prospective contribution to the field of human rights and democratisation in the Asia Pacific region.

Students must be a citizen of AND resident in any of the following countries.

Note: The country of citizenship and residence does not need to be the same.

Full Scholarship

Afghanistan	India	Nauru	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Nepal	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Kiribati	New Caledonia	Tonga
Brunei Darussalam	DPR Korea	Niue	Tuvalu
Cambodia	Laos	Norfolk Island	Thailand
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Pakistan	Vanuatu
PR China	Maldives	Palau	Viet Nam
Fiji Islands	Micronesia	Papua New Guinea	
Guam	Mongolia	Philippines	
Hong Kong SAR	Myanmar	Samoa	

Partial Scholarship

Australia	New Zealand	South Korea
Japan	Singapore	Taiwan

Second Semester Placement

Students will study the second semester at one of the four partner universities – the University of Colombo (Sri Lanka), Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia), the Kathmandu School of Law (Nepal), and Ateneo de Manila University (the Philippines). The placement at the second semester will be made by the Selection Committee based on the following criteria:

- Fee-paying students and non-APMA scholarship students will be assigned to their first preference, conditional on acceptance by the partner university.
- APMA Scholarship students: Applicants will note their preferences in the application form. All efforts will be made to place the student in their top preferences. However, in order to ensure scholarships are evenly distributed to the partner universities, scholarship students may in some cases be assigned to a partner different from their preferences. A condition of the scholarship is that students must study at the assigned partner university.

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