



Scholarships for
Women in STEM

Special Webinar: Women in STEM Scholarships- How to Make a Successful Application

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Women in STEM Scholarship Information Session: ASEAN-UK Supporting the Advancement of Girls' Education (SAGE) Women in STEM Scholarships

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ASEAN-UK | Supporting the
SAGE Advancement of
Girls' Education





ASEAN-UK SAGE Partners



Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

The UK Mission to ASEAN is deepening ASEAN-UK engagement building on existing collaboration with ASEAN, including socio-cultural.



Established in 1967, ASEAN now comprises ten member states with the motto: “one vision, one identity, one community.” ASEAN-UK SAGE’s work will support accession of Timor-Leste into ASEAN.



The British Council is the UK’s international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities, operating on the ground in seven ASEAN Member States (AMS).



South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) aims to uplift the quality of education, science & culture, and to promote sustainable human resources for a better quality of life.



The EdTech Hub is a global research partnership whose goal is to empower people by giving them the evidence they need to make decisions about technology in education.



The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) creates and promotes research-based knowledge, products and services that can be used to improve learning across the lifespan.

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ASEAN-UK SAGE Programme

Programme Goal:

... a more sustained, supported access to an inclusive, quality education offering which also helps to narrow the development gap in ASEAN.

The programme has three focus areas:

1. Foundational Learning for Boys & Girls
2. Out-of-School Girls & Marginalised Groups
3. Gender Barriers to Basic Digital Skills for Employment





ASEAN-UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarships

- Break down gender barriers to digital skills and employment.
- Increase access to information and knowledge for adolescent girls.
- Encourage pursuit of careers in STEM; help to address under-representation of women in a traditionally male-dominated field.
- Support access to high-quality UK education for women with a passion for STEM.
- Life changing opportunity: nurture inspirational advocates: role models for future generations.



‘Our mission is simple: for women to have equal access to education, smash gender barriers and norms, and push up brilliant future female leaders.’

Ambassador, UK Mission to ASEAN,
H. E. Sarah Tiffin

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ASEAN-UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarships



- ✓ Five scholarships
- ✓ Malaysia, Viet Nam, and another three from among these countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, or Timor-Leste

Imperial College London

- ✓ Six scholarships
- ✓ Indonesia, Thailand, and another four from among these countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, or Timor-Leste.

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ASEAN-UK Supporting the
SAGE Advancement of
Girls' Education



ASEAN-UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarship is Open!

Deadline: 5 April 2024

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Useful Links

ASEAN-UK SAGE Programme

<https://www.britishcouncil.id/en/programmes/education/sage>



ASEAN-UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarships

<https://www.britishcouncil.id/en/programmes/education/sage/women-stem-scholarship>



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Clear evidence, better decisions, more learning.



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Are you
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in STEM?



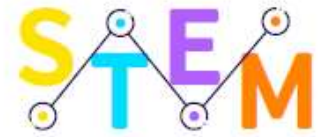
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About the Scholarships

The Scholarships – 1. British Council Women in STEM scholarships



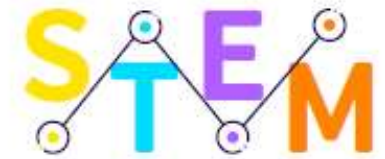
For four years, British Council has run our global Women in STEM scholarship programme in partnership with UK universities.

Globally, it partners with 21 UK universities, intending to benefit women from the Americas, South Asia, East Asia, western Balkans, central Asia, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, and Turkey.

It is aimed at women with a background in STEM who can demonstrate their need for financial support and wish to inspire future generations of women to pursue careers in STEM.

In South East Asia, between 2020 and 2023, we have awarded 51 Master's and 13 fellowships to eight countries in South East Asia (Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) Find out more about the scholarships [here](#)

British Council Women in STEM at a glance



Scholarship at a glance

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2020


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£2 mil
investment over
3 years

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Scholarship Overview

- ✓ No other **full-coverage** scholarships targeting women in STEM
- ✓ **Unparalleled support** covering all ancillary costs related to visa costs, IELTS costs, and miscellaneous cost.
- ✓ **61% of scholars** found the application process easy, and the scholarship has an overall **40% acceptance rate**





The Scholarships – 2. ASEAN – UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarships

The scholarships are being offered by ASEAN – UK SAGE Programme whose mission is to reduce gender barriers to digital skills and employment in the region. A key part of this is to improve the information and knowledge available to adolescent girls to enter traditionally male-dominated sectors, such as STEM. These Women in STEM Scholarships will be pivotal in providing inspirational models and advocates for other women the region. Alumni from ASEAN Member States from underprivileged backgrounds are extremely important in advocacy work which is a main feature of ASEAN-UK SAGE.

These ASEAN – UK SAGE Women in STEM Scholarships will serve to affirm ASEAN's commitment for gender equality and women empowerment and will support its objectives of creating opportunities for greater women's participation in STEM fields. It also contributes to the ASEAN – UK Plan of Action (2022 – 2026) particularly in strengthening engagement between UK and ASEAN education institutions, staff, and students through scholarship initiatives.

The scholarships will provide support to disadvantaged women from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste to access UK education and to gain advocacy of them for the sustainability of this initiative for the long-term and advocacy for women to pursue leading roles in STEM in their home countries for lasting impact.

This project to be funded by the UK government, through the UK Mission to ASEAN, will support women in ASEAN Member States and Timor-Leste with a one-year, fully funded scholarship to complete a master's degree at a UK university.

This professional development opportunity aims to produce empowered ASEAN and Timor-Leste women with specialism in STEM-related fields, who are expected to launch their STEM careers and research when they go back to their home countries and actively contribute to advancement of science and innovation. These future women STEM leaders are likewise expected to champion research collaborations between ASEAN and the UK.

In the initial year, 11 scholarships will be available.



About both the Scholarships programme

- British Council scholarships for Women in STEM 2024 and ASEAN UK SAGE 2024 aim to provide opportunities for **116 women** from across South Asia, South East Asia and the Americas to complete a Master's degree in a STEM field in the UK.
- **Eleven** eligible countries in South East Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam.
- The following UK university are offering WIS Master's degree scholarships for Thailand:
 - University of Bath (British Council scholarship)
 - Imperial College London (ASEAN UK SAGE scholarship)

Note: The UK universities will manage the application process and involve the British Council at the stage of shortlisting and selection of scholars. The UK universities will then administer the bursary to each scholar.



Scholar eligibility criteria

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To be eligible for both British Council and ASEAN-UK SAGE scholarships, you must:

1 Be or identify as a woman



2 Be a passport holder and permanent resident of one of the eligible countries listed below in Chart 1.

3 Have submitted an application to study an eligible postgraduate programme in one of the following programme areas and at one of the following UK university partners assigned for each region in Table 2.

4 Have completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable them to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university partner by the time they submit their application and be due to start their postgraduate programme in the UK in the autumn of 2024.

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5 Have not previously studied at degree level or higher in the UK or lived recently in the UK.

6 Meet the English language requirement of the UK university partner (or is expected to meet the requirement after an English Language pre-sessional course).

7 Demonstrate case for financial support need via a means-test conducted by the UK university partner.

8 Return to their country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after their scholarship award has ended.



Scholars are also required to show in their application form that :

- They are active in the field with work experience or with a proven interest in the programme area they are applying for.
- They are willing to demonstrate future contribution to capacity-building and socio-economic advancement through the benefits achieved after graduating from UK higher education and returning to their home country.
- They can demonstrate a plan and passion to engage other women and girls in STEM from their home country.
- They agree that their personal data can be shared with the British Council as a condition of applying for the bursary.

If they are awarded a scholarship, they agree to maintain contact with the British Council and act as an ambassador for the UK and engage with activities as part of a British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM alumni during and after their study in the UK. Any involvement in these activities during their study in the UK will take no more than five hours per term.



Scholars are not eligible for a British Council Scholarship for Women in STEM if they:

- Hold dual British citizenship.
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of Her Majesty's Government (including British Embassies/ High Commissions; the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Department for International Trade; the Ministry of Defence; and the Home Office).
- Are an employee, a former employee, or relative (*) of an employee of the British Council Scholarships for Women in STEM – eligible countries.
(*): Relatives are defined as parents or step-parents, siblings or step-siblings, children or step-children, spouse, civil partner or unmarried partner (where the couple have been in a relationship akin to marriage or civil partnership for at least two years).
- Are currently in receipt of financial support or funding towards your study programme in the UK from any other source.
- Have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship or a UK institutional scholarship/ financial bursary.



Full list of benefits



Tuition fees



IELTS exam fee



Visa and insurance/NHS
surcharge



Return travel to
the UK



Stipend for 12 months
including accommodation
allowance

UK universities, application deadline

UK universities, application deadline

UK universities	Countries	# of awards	Deadline for applications	University website
University of Bath	Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, and Cambodia	5 Master's	30 April 2024	https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/british-council-scholarships-for-women-in-stem/
Imperial College London (ASEAN UK SAGE)	Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste	6 Master's	5 April 2024	https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-search/asean---uk-sage-women-in-stem-scholarships-20242025.php

British Council Women in STEM: website, subject area, deadlines

Universities	Webpage link	Subject area	Deadline of submission
University of Bath	https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/british-council-scholarships-for-women-in-stem/	MSc's: Biotechnology (Sustainable Biotechnologies); Biotechnology (Healthcare Biotechnologies); Computer Science; Machine Learning & Autonomous Systems; Environmental Engineering; Robotics and Autonomous Systems; Automotive Technology; Architectural Engineering: Environmental Design	30 April 2024

ASEAN SAGE Master's: website, subject area, deadlines

Universities	Webpage link	Subject area	Deadline of submission
Imperial College London (ASEAN UK SAGE scholarship)	https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-search/asean---uk-sage-women-in-stem-scholarships-20242025.php Email student.funding@imperial.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bioengineering• Business school• Centre for Environmental Policy• Chemistry• Civil and Environmental Engineering• Computing• Earth Science & Engineering• Electrical & Electronic Engineering• Life Sciences• Materials• Mechanical Engineering	5 April 2024

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