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USAID STRIDE **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS** IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
for Professional Science Master's Scholarships
Summer 2015 Intake (May – August 2015) and Fall 2015 Intake (August – December 2015)

Last day of submission of applications: November 15, 2014 (no later than 5pm) for Summer 2015 Intake
January 15, 2015 (no later than 5pm) for Fall 2015 Intake

The Science, Technology, Research, and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) Program is an initiative by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) that will spur inclusive economic growth by boosting science and technology research.

STRIDE is now accepting applications from college graduates to pursue a Professional Science Master's (PSM) program, either degree or non-degree, in a U.S. university. Interested applicants can refer to the National Professional Science Master's (NPSMA) website for accredited PSM degrees in the U.S.

PSM allows awardees to integrate science and technology studies with knowledge and training in management, entrepreneurship, communications and other disciplines valued by businesses and industries.



DEGREE STUDY PROGRAM	NON-DEGREE STUDY PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maximum of two years ✓ Open to college graduates, except current recipients of government scholarships who are enrolled in a degree program in a Philippine university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maximum of 12 months ✓ Open to college graduates who are currently enrolled in a master's degree in science and technology in a Philippine university

Fields of study:

Science and technology related disciplines that contribute to high-growth sectors in the Philippines such as but not limited to: manufacturing/engineering, electronics/semi-conductor, health and medical, information and communications technology, energy, chemicals, aquatic/marine, food processing, agribusiness, and natural sciences.

Who can apply:

- You are a Filipino citizen living in the Philippines at the time of application.
- You are proficient in the English language.
- You are in good health to pursue graduate studies in the U.S.
- You have a college degree with excellent undergraduate and/or graduate records, preferably with at least 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or 1.75 (on a 1.0 scale).
- You are cleared from any past or existing scholarship obligations at the time of application.
- You must return to the Philippines immediately upon completion of your study.

Exclusions:

- Individuals holding dual (Philippine-American) citizenship, are permanent residents, and/or at present studying or working in the U.S. are not eligible to apply.
- STRIDE alumni who have received awards under the STRIDE Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (i.e. those who have pursued Master's or PhD study) can no longer apply.
- Students already in the U.S. are not eligible for the scholarship.

Scholarship value/inclusions:

Each scholarship covers full tuition fees, allowance for food, housing, books and instructional materials, health insurance and travel expenses.

Application requirements:

- Completed online application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Original or certified true copy of transcript of records for bachelor's and master's degrees from all colleges/universities attended
- Certified true copy of diploma (not original)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from current or past professors and work supervisors
- Personal statement essay
- Clearance from past or existing scholarship obligations
- Philippine passport (valid for at least two years at the time of application)

Note: *NBI Clearance, GRE and TOEFL scores are not required at the time of application. Documents submitted will not be returned to the applicants.*

Application starts on **October 16, 2014**. To apply, visit www.stride.org.ph for more details and to access the online application system. (Website will be available on Oct 16.)

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