



The GREAT Advantage

- **Competitive** benefits
- **Thesis/dissertation** under the umbrella of DOST or DOST-PCAARRD funded R&D project
- Project leader as thesis adviser or guidance committee member to ensure **success** of thesis/dissertation and R&D project
- **Re-entry project grant** of up to P5M upon study program completion



Application Requirements

- Duly accomplished application form downloadable from the PCAARRD's website (www.pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph)
- Curriculum vitae with 2 x 2 ID picture
- Endorsement letter from project/program leader and head of university of any DOST- and PCAARRD-funded project(s)
- If applicant is employed, endorsement from Agency Head and Consortium Director (if any)
- One-page concept note of the proposed thesis/dissertation duly noted by the project leader
- Transcript of records
- Letter of admission from the accredited university of the SEI-NSC or ERDT and letter of approved deferment of admission, if any



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DOST-PCAARRD

**Graduate Research
and Education Assistantship
for Technology (GREAT)
Program**

The Graduate Research and Education Assistantship for Technology Program (GREAT) is an innovative way of providing qualified graduate students with financial and technical assistance in conducting quality research in compliance with their chosen study program.

Through a research mentor, graduate students will gain experience in conducting demand-driven research and development (R&D) projects while completing their academic requirements.

With this approach, graduate students can become key players in producing quality research that addresses the country’s priority concerns in the agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources (AANR) sector.

The program is implemented by DOST-PCAARRD with support from the Science Education Institute and in collaboration with partner universities.

Program Objectives

This program enables graduate students to complete their degree program using an alternative mode of graduate study—the graduate research assistantship.

The program specifically aims to:

- Produce world-class Master’s Degree and Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) degree students proficient in research management and activities;
- Instill “principled partnerships” among students, their adviser, mother agency, university, PCAARRD, and SEI

based on shared values, i.e., integrity, responsibility, and commitment to responsible research/scholarly practices;

- Ensure the researches are not only aligned with PCAARRD’s priorities but also meet quality standards; and
- Integrate a business perspective in research project formulation and management to increase the opportunity of commercializing the proposed technology as applicable.

Who can apply?

- Filipino citizens admitted at a PCAARRD-accredited university or currently enrolled for initial semester at the time of application (not to exceed 12 units for MS; 18 units for PhD)
- Not more than 45 years old at the time of application
- In good health condition
- Endorsed by project/program leader of new/ongoing DOST and PCAARRD-funded projects implemented by the university
- Not a recipient of another assistantship, scholarship or other grants, whether government sponsored or otherwise

Open to universities and colleges which are members of either SEI’s National Science Consortium (NSC) or Engineering Research and Development Technology (ERDT) Program and PCAARRD Regional Consortium

Graduated GRA/GRF are eligible to submit a re-entry research grant of up to P5M to PCAARRD upon study program completion



Program Privileges

Particulars/Items	Master’s/GRA ^a	PhD/GRF ^b
Tuition & Other School Fees ^c	Actual	Actual
Assistantship Monthly Allowance	P35,000	P48,000
Book Allowance (per academic year)	P10,000	P10,000
Transportation Allowance ^d	Actual	Actual
Group Insurance (Annual)	P500	P500
Thesis/Dissertation ^e	P60,000	P100,000
Research Grant	Built-in in the R&D Grants provided by PCAARRD for the project	
Graduation Fees	P3,000	P5,000

^a Graduate research associate

^b Graduate research fellow

^c No allowance released if not enrolled during mid-year/summer

^d One economy class roundtrip per academic year. Given to those who will study outside home province

^e Upon submission of thesis/dissertation proposal duly approved by the graduate school