

PHILIPPINE-AUSTRIAN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (PACES) PACES STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Philippine-Austrian Cultural and Educational Society** (PACES, or *Philippinisch-Österreichische Kultur- und Bildungsgesellschaft*) is a non-profit association of civic-minded members of the Philippine and Austrian communities in Austria. Founded in 2016, it has the twin goals of promoting the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as a vehicle for Philippine development and progress, and of nurturing and promoting the synergies that exist between these two nations. Inspired by the vision that the Filipino youth must be given a 'hand-up' in their quest to pursue a science career, this organization has been supporting outstanding but financially challenged Filipino university students across the Philippines. With the help of PACES, eleven young men and women have successfully obtained Bachelor of Science degrees in STEM fields. The scholarships are implemented through a cooperative agreement between PACES in Vienna, Austria and the nationwide network of CFC-ANCOP (*Answering the Cry of the Poor*) in the Philippines.

University students who satisfy the eligibility requirements set out below are eligible to apply for PACES STEM SCHOLARSHIPS.

PACES STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships support undergraduate courses in Philippine state universities and colleges leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in any of the selected science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degree programs listed in the Annex. Students in agriculture and fisheries degree programs are encouraged to apply.

The scholarships may be taken in any accredited state university or college in the Philippines. Scholarships shall be for the duration of studies until the completion of a 4- or 5-year degree program, subject to satisfactory performance. A full scholarship provides the following benefits to qualified scholars:

- Actual cost of tuition and required school fees for regular and summer semesters or trimesters;
- Cost of prescribed text books, school supplies and required school uniforms as an outright grant of PHP 10,000 per calendar year;
- A monthly living allowance of PHP 6,000 per month when enrolled.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for a scholarship must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application for the scholarship:

- Filipino citizen;

- Residing in the Philippines;
- Marital status: single, without any children;
- Between 17 to 25 years old;
- Good moral character, without any criminal conviction;
- Total annual gross income of both parents, or of the breadwinner of the family, must be less than PHP 300,000;
- Enrolled in the 3rd to 5th years in any of the eligible degree programs in an accredited state college or university;
- Weighted average of 2.0 or higher (on a grading scale with 1.0 = highest and 3.0 = passing);
- Proficient in both English and Pilipino;

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLAR

A scholar must comply with the following scholarship requirements:

- Must sign a scholarship contract with PACES and CFC-ANCOP;
- May not hold another scholarship grant simultaneously with the PACES STEM scholarship, except a school fee reduction provided by his/her college or university;
- Subject to the approval of PACES, the scholar may work part-time;
- Must participate in a designated CFC-ANCOP Values Formation program;
- Must carry the full academic load each academic semester/trimester for the degree program in which the scholar is enrolled;
- Must maintain the grade requirements of the scholarship:
 - Must maintain a general weighted average in all subjects equal to or better than the equivalent of 2.0 (grading scale with 1.0 = highest and 3.0 = passing)
- Must submit at the start of each semester/trimester a proof of enrolment indicating the subjects enrolled in;
- Must report grades at the end of each semester/trimester for the continuation of the scholarship. Must report academic or other difficulties to the Scholarship Committee or its designated representative as soon as possible;
- May not change degree course without the permission of PACES;
- Must work full-time in the Philippines after graduation for a period of 1 year for every year of financial support received. Must report his/her status to PACES at least once a year until the work requirement is fulfilled.

HOW TO APPLY

Signed application forms shall be submitted by email to the following:

Email: scholarship@paces-stem.org

The following supporting documents shall be attached to the filled-up application form:

- One recent passport size photo ID
- Biodata that includes the applicant's educational and work achievements
- Birth Certificate certified by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA or NSO); or copy of valid passport; or other valid ID showing date of birth and citizenship
- Complete transcript of grades in college or university (from 1st year)
- One letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher in high school or university, or from CFC-ANCOP
- Police or Barangay clearance
- Latest Income Tax Return of both parents, or the breadwinner of the family, or a certificate of tax exemption.

Scholars shall be selected on the basis of academic performance, financial need, interest in STEM courses, and commitment to work in the Philippines. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed online.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 31, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PACES SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit the PACES website: <http://www.paces-stem.org>

Visit the Facebook page: Philippine Austrian Cultural and Educational Society
<https://www.facebook.com/paces4stem/>

Or send an email to: scholarship@paces-stem.org

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ON PACES

Send an email to: office@paces-stem.org

ANNEX

B.S. DEGREE COURSES SUPPORTED BY PACES

Agribusiness	Food Technology
Agribusiness Management	Forestry
Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship	Geodetic Engineering
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	Geology
Agricultural Biotechnology	Geothermal Engineering
Agricultural Chemistry	Industrial Design
Agricultural Economics	Industrial Engineering
Agricultural Engineering	Industrial Pharmacy
Agricultural Technology	Information and Communications Technology
Agriculture	Information System
Animal Husbandry	Information Technology
Animal Science	Information Technology Systems
Applied Mathematics	Instrumentation and Control Engineering
Applied Physics	Manufacturing Engineering
Applied Physics with Applied Computer System	Marine Biology
Applied Physics with Materials Science and Engineering	Marine Science
Applied Statistics	Materials Engineering
Bachelor in Technology and Livelihood Education with Specialization in Information and Communications Technology	Mathematics
Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Science	Mathematics and Science Teaching
Biochemistry	Mathematics Teaching
Biology	Mechanical Engineering
Ceramics Engineering	Mechatronics Engineering
Chemical Engineering	Metallurgical Engineering
Chemistry	Meteorology
Chemistry with Applied Computer Systems	Microbiology
Chemistry with Materials Science and Engineering	Mining Engineering
Civil Engineering	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
Community Nutrition	Nutrition
Computer Engineering	Nutrition and Dietetics
Computer Science	Packaging Engineering
Electrical Engineering	Petroleum Engineering
Electronics and Communications Engineering	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Electronics Engineering	Pharmacy (4-year program)
Environmental Science	Pharmacy major in Clinical Pharmacy (5-year program)
Fisheries	Physics
	Science Teaching (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry, Science)
	Statistics