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SAARC Agriculture Centre PhD Scholarship: Call for Application

The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC and has the honour to state that the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), according to its approved Calendar of Activities-2018, has announced “**Call for Application**” for the **SAARC Agricultural PhD Scholarship – 2018**. SAC invites applications from regular employees of National Agricultural Research, Extension and Education System in the Member States of SAARC, except Bangladesh, since an opportunity has been availed of by Bangladesh in the year 2017.

The esteemed Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs (**except Bangladesh**) are requested to take necessary measures to upload the announcement for the “**SAARC Agricultural PhD Scholarship – 2018**” in the websites of the following offices:

1. Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs;
2. Relevant Ministry(ies) and offices;
3. National Agricultural Research and Extension System (NARES); and
4. Relevant professional organizations/bodies/institutions.

The esteemed Member States may also like to post the same in the publicly accessible sites for a wider circulation. The prescribed Application Form could be downloaded from the SAC’s website (www.sac.org.bd) and the deadline for submission of application is **15 April 2018**.

For any further information on the matter, Director, SAC (director@sac.org.bd) and Dr. W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi, Senior Program Specialist, SAC, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Tel: +88-2-8141140, Fax: +88-2-9124596, Cell: +880-1754696984, Email: wartwa@gmail.com) may kindly be contacted.

The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) avails itself this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Kathmandu, 23 January 2018

The Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC
Attn: Director General/Joint Secretary (SAARC Division).

- Copy:** (i) All Governing Board Members of SAC, SAARC Member States; and
(ii) Heads of SAARC Regional Centres/Specialized bodies, for posting the same in their webpage; and
(iii) Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Farmgate, Dhaka.

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SAARC AGRICULTURE CENTRE (SAC)

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Date: 18-01-2018

H.E. Secretary General
SAARC Secretariat
Kathmandu, Nepal

Attention: Ms Ishrat Jahan, Director (ARD), SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Subject: Request for issuance of *Note Verbale* for calling applications for SAARC Agricultural PhD Scholarship 2018

Your Excellency

Greetings from SAARC Agriculture Centre.

As a part of continuous efforts towards capacity building of young scientist in the region, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) has initiated SAARC Agricultural PhD Scholarship Program in order to support aspiring young agricultural scientists to pursue their PhD degree program in reputed agricultural universities in SAARC Member Countries. It is delighted to inform you that Scholarship opportunity for 2017 has already been offered to a candidate from Bangladesh. SAC is happy to announce the offer of SAARC Agricultural PhD Scholarships for year 2018 as per the guidance and approval of 54th Programming Committee.


SAC invites applications from regular employees of National Agricultural Research, Extension and Education System in SAARC Member Countries except Bangladesh since an opportunity has been availed by Bangladesh in year 2017. Applicants should have a Master or equivalent postgraduate degree in Agricultural Economics and allied sciences with substantial research component. This scholarship provides financial support to undertake a postgraduate qualification at PhD level in Agricultural Economics at *Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka* for 3 years commencing from 2018.

Circular for calling applications with detailed guidelines and Application Performa are annexed (also available on www.sac.org.bd). The duly filled applications along with all supporting documents should be sent to Director, SAC, Dhaka, Bangladesh through the relevant Ministries and SAARC Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of External Affairs of the respective home countries on or before 15th April 2018.

May I therefore humbly request Your Excellency to kindly issue a *Note Verbale* to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs / Ministries of External Affairs of each Member Country except Bangladesh with copy to respective SAC-GB members to facilitate the nominations from the most suitable candidates.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours


(Dr SM Bokhtiar)
Director