



**Call for application:
SAARC PhD Scholarship programme 2024
in 'Agri Business Management/Soil Science/Agri
Chemistry/Plant Pathology 'from Maldives
By
SAARC Agriculture Centre**

Background

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) under the framework of SAARC has been working relentlessly for strengthening agricultural research and development through regional networks with different institutions in South Asia. From 2017 onwards, the SAC has taken initiatives 'SAARC Agriculture- PhD Scholarship Programme' to support aspiring agricultural professionals of the region for undertaking doctoral study in the premier Institute/ University of the SAARC region. The scholarship is highly competitive and merit based providing opportunities to the regular employees of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS)/ Department/ Ministry in SAARC Member States. Till date, the SAARC PhD scholarship has been awarded in 'Soil Science' to the candidate of Bangladesh studied at Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh, in 'Agricultural Economics' to the aspirant of Afghanistan studied at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, in 'Molecular Biology & Biotechnology' to the candidate of Nepal for undertaking study at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India, in 'Animal Nutrition' to the applicant of India for pursuing study at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, India and in the discipline of 'Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology' to the candidate of India for undertaking study at Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, India, in 'Fisheries Economics' to the applicant of Sri Lanka for pursuing study at PGIA under the university of Peradeniya Sri Lanka.

Eligibility

For the academic year 2024, two scholarships will be offered in 'Agri Business Management/Soil Science/Agri Chemistry/Plant Pathology' (**for the citizen of Maldives**) as recommended by the Governing Board of the SAARC Agriculture Centre. The other criteria for the applicants are: (i) regular employee of the National Agricultural Research System/ Ministry/ Department, (ii) below the age of 40 years as on the date of application deadline, (iii) more than three years of service experience, (iv) good command of spoken and written English, (v) available for full time PhD for a period of three years.

