This new project "Linking Organizations Through University Synergies" (LOTUS +) aims to promote cooperation between the EU and the Asian countries involved in the project.

The project is striving to gradually reinforce the structured long-term cooperation between all partners and to strengthen the relations that were established amongst the partners in the ongoing Lotus I, Lotus II LOTUS III and Lotus Unlimited projects. This should in the end result in a sustainable and strong network. The project continues to offer the perfect opportunity to boost the exchange of know-how for curriculum development, new teaching methods, international relations and university management.

The LOTUS+ project offers scholarships for nationals of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Myanmar, North Korea, Thailand and Vietnam to study or do research at one of our European partner universities.

**The following types of scholarships will be available:**

- Bachelor exchanges (1-2 semesters) - open only for students from our Asian partners
- Master exchanges (1-2 semesters) - open to all students from the seven partner countries
- Master degrees (1-2 years) - open to all students from the seven partner countries
- PhD exchanges (6-10 months) - open to all PhD’s from the seven partner countries
- PhD degrees (36 months) - open to all master degree holders from the seven partner countries
- Post-doc exchanges (6 months) - open to all nationals of the seven partner countries
- Staff exchanges (1 month) - open only for staff members at our Asian partners

**Through the project it is also possible for all EU-nationals to apply for the following scholarships at the Asian partner universities.**

- Bachelor exchanges (1-2 semesters) - open only to students from our EU partners
- Master exchanges (1-2 semesters) - open to all students from the EU countries
- PhD exchanges (6-10 months) - open to all PhD’s from the EU countries
- Post-doc exchanges (6 months) - open to all nationals of the EU countries
- Staff exchanges (1 month) - open only to staff members at our EU partners

The scholarships are open to all academic fields (except music, arts and language studies). There is no age limit to apply.

**The scholarships include the following:**

- **Monthly stipend**
  - 1000 € (bachelor/master), 1500 € (PhD’s), 1800 € (post-docs), 2500 € staff.

- **Travel to and from Europe**
- **Comprehensive health insurance**
- **Costs related to the scholarship**
  residence permit (visa), transport to and from airport etc.
- **Tuition fees**
  LOTUS+ grantees do not pay any tuition fees at the EU host university.

**Partnership:**

- **Coordinator : Uppsala Universitet - Sweden**
- **Co-coordinator : Sichuan University - China**

**Southeast Asian Partners**
- Royal University of Agriculture – Cambodia
- Royal University of Phnom Penh - Cambodia
- Nanjing University - China
- Peking University - China
- University Gadjah Mada - Indonesia
- Yezin Agriculture University – Myanmar
- Pyongyang University of Science & Technology – North Korea
- Thammasat University – Thailand
- Hanoi University of Science and Technology - Vietnam
- Hué University – Vietnam

**European Partners**
- Ghent University – Belgium
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel - Belgium
- Université Paul Sabatier - Toulouse III - France
- University of Goettingen - Germany
- University of Limerick - Ireland
- University of Groningen - Netherlands
- University of Porto - Portugal
- University of Kent - United Kingdom

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**Call for applicants:**

The call for applicants is opened from 3-November-2014 (00:00 CET) until 1-March-2015 (23:59 CET)

Application online in LOTUS website : [http://lotusplus.eu/apply](http://lotusplus.eu/apply)