

# 2025 Nanjing Agricultural University Sino-Lao Modern Agricultural Industry Chain High-Caliber Talent Cultivation Program

(For Outstanding Lao Students and Scholars)

## I. Scholarship Program Overview

To deepen the strategic collaboration between China and Laos in agricultural technology and support the modernization and sustainable development of Laos' agriculture, Sanya Institute of Nanjing Agricultural University, relying on the scientific research advantages of China's "Nanfan Silicon Valley," has established the "**Sino-Lao Modern Agricultural Industry Chain High-Caliber Talent Cultivation Program**". This program targets outstanding Lao students and scholars, focusing on core technologies across the entire agricultural industry chain. It aims to recruit and cultivate high-level talent in relevant agricultural disciplines, enhancing their research capabilities and practical skills.

Successful candidates will receive full scholarship funding and, beginning in September 2025, sequentially undertake studies and research at Nanjing Agricultural University and Sanya Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City, a leading agricultural innovation hub in China. The master's program spans three years; the doctoral program spans four years. The program emphasizes innovation, practical skills, and global perspectives, providing intellectual support for Laos' agricultural industry upgrade and fostering bilateral agricultural cooperation.

For Introduction to Sanya Institute of Nanjing Agricultural University and Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City, please refer to **Attachment 1**.

## II. Program requirements and Duration

This project is for Lao applicants seeking to pursue academic degrees in China, and the funding period is as follows:

**Program Duration**

Master’s Students: 3 years (covering only master phase if Master-PhD integrated study).

Doctoral Students: 4 years

Students will complete coursework at Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) during the first phase and **reside in Sanya Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City** during the second phase onward to conduct research, ensuring deep integration of industry, academy, and research.

**III. Available Programs**

The applied majors encompasses all aspects of the agricultural industry chain, specifically including:

College	Study Level	Study Period	Degree Programs	Teaching Language
Agriculture	Master	3	Agronomy and Crop Science	Chinese/ English
	PhD	4	Crop Genetics and Breeding	
Resources and Environmental Sciences	Master	3	Resource Utilization and Plant Protection	
	PhD	4	Agricultural Resources and Environment	
Plant Protection	Master	3	Resource Utilization and Plant Protection	
	PhD	4	Plant Pathology	
Agriculture	Master	3	Agricultural Engineering and Information Technology	
Engineering	Master	3	Machinery	
Food Science and Technology	Master	3	Food Processing and Safety	
Economics and Management	Master	3	Agricultural Management	

Note: Please find the specific program descriptions in **Attachment 2**. The final list of available programs is subject to the information published on the university's online application system.

#### **IV. Funding Policy**

- 1) **Tuition Waiver:** Full tuition coverage.
- 2) **Accommodation:** Accommodation arranged by the school/Institute is provided free of charge (standard double room).
- 3) **Monthly Stipend:** CNY 3,000 per month for master students; CNY 3,500 per month for doctoral students.
- 4) **Comprehensive Medical Insurance:** Please visit <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org> and refer to Comprehensive Insurance & Protection Scheme for Foreigners Staying in China for insurance policy.
- 5) **International Travel Expenses:** Borne by the applicant.
- 6) **Domestic Travel Allowance:** The maximum reimbursable amount for round-trip travel between NAU campus and Sanya is RMB 2,400 per academic year. The academic year is defined as September 1st of the current year to August 31st of the following year and cannot be accumulated across academic years; each academic year will be calculated independently.
- 7) **Scholarship Review:** The scholarship recipients' performance will be reviewed once a year, and only after passing the review can the next year's funding be continued.
- 8) **Notes:** Students registering before the 15th of the month (inclusive) receive full stipend for that month; after the 15th, half stipend. Those who fail to register within TWO months will automatically forfeit their scholarship.

Students should strictly abide by the regulations of the University. For students who leave China during the school holidays, the monthly stipend will be paid as usual. However, if

personal leave exceeds 15 days in one month, or 15 consecutive days outside the official holiday period, the monthly stipend will be deducted accordingly. For students who leave China for no more than 15 days for academic activities that have been approved by the university, the living expenses will be paid after their return. If the leaving period exceeds 15 days, the stipend will be suspended.

## V. Application Eligibility

- 1) **Nationality:** Applicants must be Lao citizens and possess valid identification documents.
- 2) **Application Status:** Apply from abroad or be an outstanding graduate from a Chinese university with institutional recommendation.

### 3) **Academic Background:**

Master's applicants: Bachelor's degree or equivalent of related majors.

Doctoral applicants: Master's degree or equivalent of related majors.

- 4) **Academic Excellence:** The applicant must have excellent academic performance, and meet the requirements of the applied major.
- 5) **Health & Age:** Physically and mentally healthy. Age limit:  $\leq 35$  for master's applicants;  $\leq 40$  for doctoral applicants.
- 6) **Language Proficiency:**
  - **Chinese:** It is mandatory to acquire a valid certificate of HSK Level 5(or above); or have obtained a degree from a Chinese university where Chinese was used as the language of instruction.
  - **English:** Certificate of IELTS  $\geq 6$  or TOEFL  $\geq 80$  (TOEFL Mybest Scores is accepted, university DI code:C702, TOEFL Essentials are accepted.) (or); if the applicant cannot provide certificate of standardized English test, he/she

should provide relevant proof of English teaching in the previous stage of degree study.

- 7) **Material Requirements:** Applicants must submit complete materials. Uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic, and valid. It is recommended that applicants use professional equipment to scan the relevant documents. Applicants shall bear the consequences of any unclear or illegible documents uploaded.  
During the application process, applicants should closely monitor the system notifications and contact email. Any consequences arising from the applicant's failure to submit materials as required in a timely manner will be the applicant's responsibility.
- 8) **Long-term Residency Commitment:** After completing the required course credits at NAU, applicants must be able to reside in Sanya Yazhou Bay for extended research and academic activities.
- 9) **Other Scholarships:** In principle, students are limited to applying for one scholarship only.  
Should a student wish to apply for additional scholarships, a written explanation must be submitted to the university prior to application. Application for other scholarships may proceed only upon review and approval.  
Students who apply for other scholarships without prior authorization will have their eligibility for this scholarship program revoked.

## VI. Documents Required

The applicant should submit the following documents as required:

Document	Requirements
<b>1. Notarized Certificate of Highest Degree/Diploma Achieved</b>	1)A notarized copy of your highest academic qualification certificate is required; prospective diploma recipients must submit official proof of student status issued by their current school;

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	<p>2) Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.</p>
<p><b>2. Academic Transcripts (from the undergraduate program onwards)</b></p>	<p><b>1) Transcript Scans</b>  Scanned copies of academic transcripts are required for the following stages of study, up to the most recent academic term:  undergraduate (for master's program applicants) and master's (for doctoral program applicants). The transcript for the highest relevant degree obtained must also include valid cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) information and a clearly indicated GPA calculation method (e.g., 4.0 scale, 5.0 scale, etc.).</p> <p>If the institution employs a non-standard grading system, a comparative explanation document must be appended.</p> <p><b>2) Proof of Same-Cohort Ranking</b>  An official ranking certificate issued by the institution is required, which must specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Scope of ranking calculation</b> (e.g., within the major, department, or the entire institution);</li> <li>✓ <b>Total number of students enrolled;</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Applicant's specific ranking</b> or percentage (e.g., top 5%);</li> <li>✓ <b>Official cutoff date for the ranking statistics.</b></li> </ul> <p>If the institution does not have an official ranking system, a signed letter of explanation from the academic advisor or department head is required, clearly explaining the</p>

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	<p>evaluation criteria and the applicant's relative academic standing.</p> <p><b>3) Verification Contact Information</b> Provide the <b>official email address</b> of the transcript issuing department or the person responsible for the ranking certificate, to facilitate cross-verification by our institution.</p> <p><b>4) Language of Transcripts and Documents:</b> Transcripts and documents can be provided in either Chinese or English. If the original language is other than Chinese or English, a notarized English translation must also be provided.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> All the above documents must be issued and officially stamped by the academic affairs office, graduate school, or relevant student administration department of the attended institution.</p>
<b>3. A study plan proposal</b>	<p><b>NAU Supervisor List for Overseas Student can be found in Attachment 3; and Research Proposal Template is available in Attachment 4;</b></p> <p>1) In Chinese/English; 2) Must be a minimum of 1,000 characters or words for a master's program; and a minimum of 1,500 characters or words for a PhD program; 3) Shall be signed by the applicant's Chinese provisional supervisor.</p>
<b>4. Two Recommendation Letters</b>	<p>1) In Chinese/English; 2) Must be written by professors/associate professors;</p>

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	<p>3) These letters shall describe the applicant's objectives of learning in China, comprehensive abilities, and evaluation of future growth, as well as the cooperation between the supervisors or the exchange between universities both in China and abroad.</p>
<p><b>5. Acceptance Letter from a NAU Supervisor</b></p>	<p><b>Please refer to Attachment 3 for NAU Supervisor List for Overseas Student and Attachment 5 for Form for Provisional Acceptance of International Student by NAU Professor;</b></p> <p>1) The acceptance letter must be signed and approved by the master/doctoral supervisor of the discipline, otherwise it will be invalid.</p>
<p><b>6. Photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form (the original copy shall be kept by the applicant).</b></p>	<p><b>See Attachment 6;</b></p> <p>1) The form is designed by the Chinese quarantine authority and can be obtained from the dispatching authority, and should be completed in English;</p> <p>2) The physical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form;</p> <p>3) Please select the appropriate time to take a physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months;</p> <p>4) Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid.</p>
<p><b>7. Copy of Valid Passport and Relevant Residence Documents</b></p>	<p>1) Copy of valid passport and relevant residence documents. Note: If the validity of the applicant's current passport does not meet the requirement (meaning the passport expires before September 2025), please apply for a</p>

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	new passport before submitting the application; 2) Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the valid documents of their legal guardians in China.
<b>8. Copy of Valid Language Certificate</b>	1) Copy of valid language certificate or proof.
<b>9. Non-criminal Record Report</b>	1) The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.
<b>10. Others</b>	1) Passport size personal ID photo; 2) Published research papers/articles (no need to submit if you are the fourth author or later); 3) Proof of research experience (especially overseas, if applicable).

## VII. Application Procedure

- Step 1.** Find a suitable degree program.
- Step 2.** Find a relevant supervisor (see attachment 3) to provide provisional acceptance letter (see attachment 5).
- Step 3. Prepare application documents. \*Please refer to V. Application Eligibility and VI. Documents Required .**
- Step 4.** Register and apply in NAU university application system: <https://njau.at0086.cn/StuApplication/Login.aspx> (Category: Sino-Lao Modern Agricultural Industry Chain High-Caliber Talent Cultivation Program)
- Step 5.** Pay application fee: **CNY 500** or **USD 80**. Include name and passport number in the bank transfer, and email the receipt on the same day or the next day

to [admission@njau.edu.cn](mailto:admission@njau.edu.cn). Non-refundable.

- Step 6.** Monitor the application system and email for updates, interviews, or additional requests.

#### Bank Account Details for Remittance

**1** If the applicant sets up the transaction with any bank in China (CNY 500)

**A/C Name:** Nanjing Agricultural University

**Bank Name:** ICBC, Nanjing Xiao Ling Wei Sub-Branch

**Account Number:** 4301010609001097041

**2** If the applicant sets up the transaction with any bank out of China (USD 80)

**A/C Name:** Nanjing Agricultural University

**Bank Name:** Bank of China, Nanjing Mei Hua Shan Zhuang Sub-Branch

**Account Number:** 802632803908093014

**Swiftcode:** BKCHCNBJ940

## VIII. Application Deadline

The applicant must submit the application online with materials mentioned above by **June 23, 2025**. Qualified applicants will be recommended to the Sino-Lao Modern Agricultural Industry Chain High-Caliber Talent Cultivation Program Scholarship Committee for final review.

## IX. Contact Information

**International Cooperation and Exchange Office, Sanya  
Institute of Nanjing Agricultural University**

Address: Soybean and Horticultural Crop Germplasm Innovation Center, No.10 Yiju Road, Yazhou District, Sanya, Hainan  
Email: [int.sanya@njau.edu.cn](mailto:int.sanya@njau.edu.cn)

**Admission Office, College of International Education, Nanjing Agricultural University**

Address: 666 Binjiang Avenue, Jiangbei New District, Nanjing  
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Email: [admission@njau.edu.cn](mailto:admission@njau.edu.cn)

**X. Attachments**

- Attachment 1. Introduction to Sanya Institute of Nanjing Agricultural University and Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City
- Attachment 2. Program Descriptions (Majors Offered) for Sanya Institute of NAU International Student Programs
- Attachment 3. NAU Supervisor List for Overseas Student
- Attachment 4. Research Proposal Template
- Attachment 5. Form for Provisional Acceptance of International Student by NAU Professor
- Attachment 6. Foreigner Physical Examination Form

**XI.Others**

The Chinese version of this program announcement shall prevail. Sanya Institute of Nanjing Agricultural University reserves the final right of interpretation. Versions in other languages are provided for reference purposes only and do not constitute an official basis.