



Its people are Southeast Asia's most potent force for progress. This is the reason SEARCA has made agricultural human resource development its primary goal.

SEARCA is one of the "centers of excellence" established by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO). As such, SEARCA assists SEAMEO member countries in producing highly trained human resources in agriculture and related sciences to accelerate agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia.

This mandate is carried out through various programs, foremost of which is the Graduate Study Program. SEARCA had also initiated more than 20 years ago the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC) as another avenue for building capacities in agriculture and rural development in the region.

Over four decades, the scope of the Graduate Study Program has expanded to include institutional development, networking, and services to enhance graduate education in the region. SEARCA has also been providing services for administration of scholarship funds under the sponsorship of institutions other than SEAMEO.

All these activities are handled by the Graduate Scholarship Department (GSD).