

GBF TEACHSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RATIONALE

The Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) has dedicated itself to contributing to the country's progress by providing underprivileged but deserving students with access to education, especially in the fields of *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*. International studies like the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) reflect Philippine performance in math and science to be at the bottom among other countries¹ and that a 4.4 year learning gap in higher education exists between the Philippines and the highest performing educational systems.² GBF seeks to strengthen educators' professional development, create content, and scale access to quality education. One of the ways that GBF aims to reach its ambition of benefiting **10,000 educators** and **1,000,000 learners** by **2025** is through the **TeachSTEM Scholarship Program**.

PROGRAM DESIGN


Recognizing the significant role of educators in building the future of our next generation, the TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program was established **to develop and strengthen quality STEM education and create a STEM-oriented culture among Filipinos**. It supports current K-12 science, technology, and mathematics teachers as well as college instructors teaching a STEM-related course acquire their master's degree.


To date, GBF supports a total of **79 master's degree** students completing a degree in Education specializing in the fields of Science, Technology, and Mathematics who are expected to serve in the K-12 or tertiary education after completion of their respective programs.

TEI PARTNERS

Recognizing that the work cannot be done alone, GBF partners with **Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs)** that have proven to be centers of excellence. Applicants to both programs undergo a rigorous screening process and retain their scholarship by maintaining excellent academic performance. To date, we have a total of **36 partner TEIs** across the Philippines, 34 of which are partners for the master's degree level.

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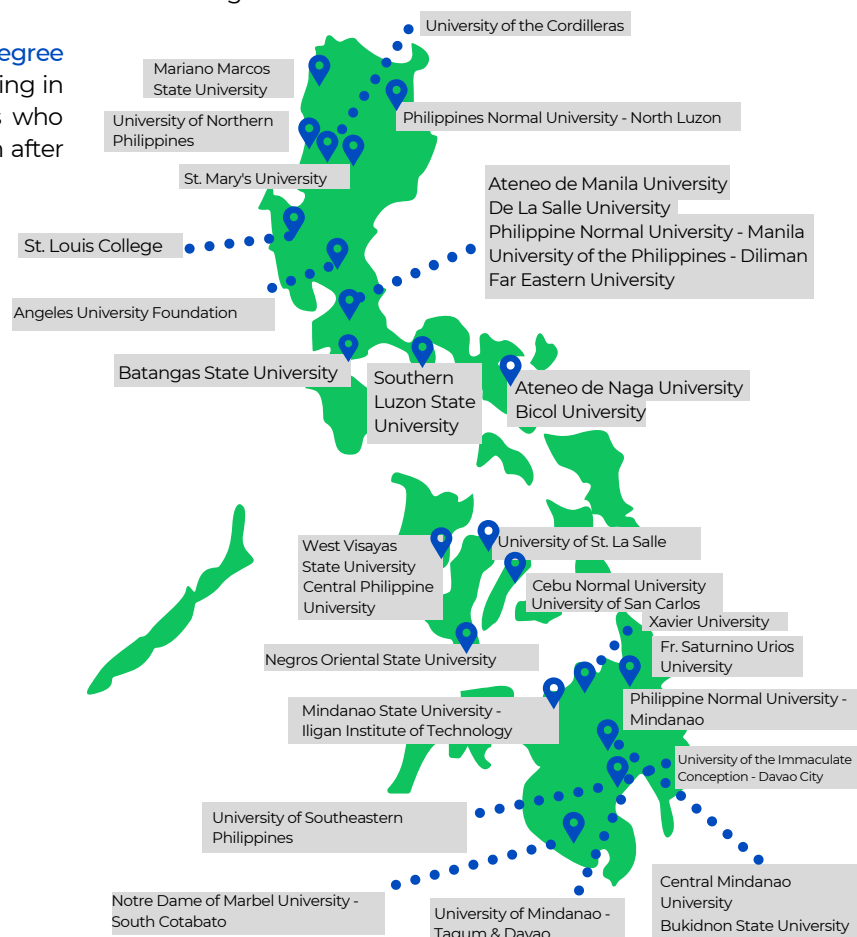

2019
established

PhP 45,000 (Public)
PhP 65,000 (Private)
Scholarship Grant/Year

Scholar Development
Programs

79
current scholars

Data as of April 18, 2022



¹ OECD PISA 2018: Insights and Interpretations. 2019.

² Highlights of the PIDS study commissioned by DOST-SEI re: future STEM requirements of the Philippines. Sept2020.

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND RETURN SERVICE

Upon admission to the scholarship program, the scholar will be provided with a fixed financial grant of **Php 45,000.00** for those enrolled in public TEIs and **Php 65,000** for those enrolled in private TEIs per academic year for a maximum of three (3) years or until completion of the program. They also enjoy **scholar development programs** such as mentoring and professional development opportunities. Upon finishing his/her master's degree, the scholar must continue to be an educator in the Philippines for a period equivalent to duration of his/her scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any bonafide student who has undergone and passed the Partner TEI's admission process may apply to the Scholarship Program provided that the applicant meets the following minimum requirements:

- An incoming or current graduate student in education specializing in STEM in any of GBF's partner Teacher Education Institution
- Has at least a "satisfactory" teacher rating performance from previous year
- Must not have yet completed course subjects and/or comprehensive exam
- If a continuing student, has no failed, dropped, or incomplete grade from the previous academic year
- Must enroll an academic load of at least six (6) units and complete program within the prescribed period
- Preferably not a recipient of a scholarship from other institutions or persons
- Must be in good health
- Is of good moral character
- Requires financial support for studies

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- Certificate of Employment
- Copy of PRC ID
- Copy of Bachelor's Degree diploma
- Proof of enrollment or proof of admission with letter of intent to enroll
- Certificate of Performance Rating
- Certificate of Good Moral Character from the Department of Education
- Proof of household income (i.e. two most recent pay slips, Income Tax Return [ITR], Certificate of Tax Exemption, Certificate of Indigency, or Certificate of Low Income) of all earning individuals
- Colored ID photo with white background
- Study Plan
- Philosophy of Teaching Essay
- 2 Recommendations
- Medical certificate (to be submitted after passing Essay Test)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION



Online-only application through
<https://bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2022>

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