

About the UC

Launched in 1989, the **Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC)** is a commitment made among leading Southeast Asian higher education institutions to share academic expertise and resources. Its founding members are **IPB University and Universitas Gadjah Mada in Indonesia, Universiti Putra Malaysia in Malaysia, Kasetsart University in Thailand, and University of the Philippines Los Baños in the Philippines and SEARCA.**

Today, the UC is an effective network linking strong universities in Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, and Germany. It now includes **Universitas Brawijaya, Maejo University, Central Luzon State University, Visayas State University, Central Mindanao University, National Taiwan University, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Mariano Marcos State University, University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, Dalhousie University, and the Georg-August University of Göttingen.**



REGULAR MEMBERS

Regular members are **leading universities in Southeast Asia** with established graduate programs in agriculture and natural resources. They are recognized for their academic excellence and are committed to supporting the University Consortium (UC) both academically and financially.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members, **located outside Southeast Asia**, also offer established graduate programs in agriculture and natural resources. They share a genuine interest in collaborating with the UC and contribute to its success through academic and financial support.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Affiliate members include **reputable universities, academic networks, and organizations, both within and beyond Southeast Asia.** They offer graduate programs or have a focus on agriculture and natural resources, and contribute to the UC through various forms of support.



Annual Activities, Scholarship, & Grants

Summer School

A 2-unit credit earning postgraduate course offered annually that trains the students to assess the diversity and sustainability of farming systems and rural livelihoods to accelerate change.

Graduate Forum

An annual post-graduate forum which provides an opportunity for graduate students from UC members to share new knowledge, research ideas, and experiences in an open platform.

Faculty Forum

An annual event that aims to provide an opportunity for faculty members from the UC to develop camaraderie, encourage transdisciplinary studies, and promote greater integration of research through strategic partnerships for collaboration.



Student Travel Grant

Offers UC graduate students the chance to attend conferences as paper presenters, participate in research exchanges, training, workshops, short courses, or credit courses hosted by other UC members.

Student Thesis Grant Support for Research Activities and Publication

Provides funds to assist UC graduate students to conduct research activities or to publish their study in a reputable journal.

UC-Tokyo NODAI Dissertation Scholarship

Contributes to the enhancement of agricultural research and development in the Southeast Asian Region through the provision of the scholarship for eligible candidates to earn a doctorate dissertation degree.

Faculty Travel Grant

Offers UC faculty members the chance to attend conferences as paper presenters, participate in research exchanges, training, workshops, short courses, or as visiting lecturers hosted by other UC members.

Collaborative Research and Young Researcher Grant

Provides seed funding for research aligned with the UC's strategic priorities, encouraging collaboration between at least two UC members and supporting junior researchers with start-up funding for relevant projects.



UC Collaborative Research & Projects

Safeguarding and Sustaining the Integrity of Halal Food

Universiti Putra Malaysia

Enhancing Human Resource Development in Agriculture: Imperatives for Regional Food and Nutrition Security

University of the Philippines Los Baños

Post-harvest System Improvement – Best Practices in Fresh and Dried Chili in Southeast Asia: Quality and Safety Aspect

Kasetsart University

Indigenous Crops – Food Production, Food Safety and Process Development of Indigenous Crops to Strengthen Food and Nutrition Security

IPB University

Implications of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and Trade and Investments on Regional Food Security

Universitas Gadjah Mada

Food Reserves: A Comparative Study on Food Reserve Management and Policies in Southeast Asia

SEARCA

*The project aligned SEARCA
and the UC's food security
programs with regional needs
and supported ASEAN
initiatives on food security.*

2016 - 2019

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MS FSCC)

*Funded by the **Commission on
Higher Education (CHED)**, the
project built the capacity of
faculty/staff members from the
State Universities and Colleges
- Association of Colleges of
Agriculture in the Philippines
(SUC-ACAP) in the fields of
agriculture, forestry, fisheries,
and agricultural engineering.*

2023-2026

POSTGRADUATE MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (PMC FSCC)

2014-2019

UMBRELLA PROGRAM ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Funded by the **European
Commission's ERASMUS+
Capacity Building for Higher
Education**, the project aimed to
develop interdisciplinary
professionals to tackle climate
change and food security
challenges in Southeast Asia
through a joint MS degree
among UC members.*

2021-2023

LEVELING-UP PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND NATURAL RESOURCES (LEVELUPHEI AFAR)

*Funded by the **European
Commission ERASMUS+
Capacity Building in Higher
Education**, the project aims to
deliver learner-centered
short-term courses through
micro-credentials to address
food security and climate
change concerns.*

summer school

1

Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Southeast Asia

University of the Philippines Los Baños | 24 June – 15 July 2015

2

Climate Change and Food Security

Kasetsart University | 25 July – 11 Aug 2016

3

Integrated Forestry Farming System: A Transition to Food Security in a Changing Climate

Universitas Gadjah Madah | 10 – 28 July 2017

4

Oil Palm-Cattle Integration: A Transition towards Sustainability in Food Security and Climate Change

Universiti Putra Malaysia | 16 – 28 July 2018

5

Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems in Vulnerable Areas

University of the Philippines Los Banos | 15 – 31 July 2019

6

Diversification of Crops, Mixed Cropping, and Risk Management in Smallholder Agriculture in the Context of Climate Change

Universitas Brawijaya | 14 – 26 November 2022

7

Sustainability of Agricultural Systems in Difficult Environments

Kasetsart University | 24 July – 3 August 2023

8

Current Agriculture in Taiwan with A Glance of Precision Agriculture - Applications of Imagery and Modeling

National Taiwan University | 6-17 August 2024

9

Ridge to Reef: Integrated Management for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems

Central Luzon State University | 28 July–8 August 2025

1

Life Science, Food Science and Agriculture

Universiti Putra Malaysia | 11 – 12 August 2015

2

The Quest for Environmental and Food Security, Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural Development

University of the Philippines Los Baños | 11 – 12 November 2016

3

Combating Food and Energy Insecurity and Climate Change with Sustainable and Inclusive Agricultural Technology and Innovation

Kasetsart University | 17 – 18 August 2017

4

Sustainable Development of Tropical Resources: Issues, Challenges and Recommendations

Universitas Brawijaya | 18 – 19 September 2018

5

Sustainable and Smart Agriculture in the Tropical Region: Concept and Implementation

IPB University | 1 – 2 October 2019

6

Resilient Food and Agricultural System for Accelerating Economic Recovery: Strategy and Implementation

Universitas Gadjah Mada | 10 – 11 December 2020

7

Agricultural Adaptation Strategies for Coping with Climate Change

National Taiwan University | 2 – 3 December 2021

8

Future of Agriculture Sustainability: Organic Intelligent Agriculture

Maejo University | 18 – 19 May 2023

9

Sustaining Our Future: Circular Economy in Animal Production, Agriculture, and Forestry

Universitas Gadjah Mada | 17-18 July 2024

10

Innovative Agriculture and Green Technologies for a Resilient Future

Universitas Brawijaya | 2–3 June 2025

graduate forum

faculty forum

1 Responding to the Challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

University of the Philippines Los Baños | 23 – 24 July 2019

2 Agriculture and Beyond

National Taiwan University | 9 – 10 November 2020

3 Agricultural Science for a Better World

Tokyo University Agriculture | 19 – 20 January 2022

4 Future Proofing Agriculture

Central Luzon State University | 5 – 7 December 2022

5 Sustainable Agriculture under a Changing Climate

Visayas State University | 20 – 21 September 2023

6 Resilience and Adaptation Towards Innovation in Climate Crisis

Universiti Putra Malaysia | 28-29 August 2024

7 Building a Sustainable Future: Agriculture in a Green Economy for Global Food Security

Central Mindanao University | 24-25 September 2025

UC Executive Board Meeting

First Deans Meeting

SEARCA | Rama Gardens, Bangkok, Thailand | 8 August 1988

Second Meeting of Graduate School Deans (Launching of UC)

SEARCA | Laguna, Philippines | 20-21 Sept 1989

Third Graduate School Deans Meeting

UGM | UGM, Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 13 December 1990

Fourth Graduate School Deans Meeting

UPM | UPM, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | 23-24 January 1992

Fifth UC Executive Officers and Deans Meeting

KU | Maruay Garden Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand | 20 November 1992

Sixth UC Deans Meeting

IPB | IPB, Bogor, Indonesia | 18-19 November 1993

Seventh UC Executive Officers Meeting

UPLB | SEARCA, Laguna, Philippines | 10-11 November 1994

Eighth UC Executive Officers Meeting

UQ | UQ, Brisbane, Australia | 15-17 November 1995

Ninth UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UBC | UBC, Vancouver, Canada | 16-19 October 1996

Tenth UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UGM | UGM, Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 1-5 September 1997

11th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UPM | UPM, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | 13-17 October 1998

12th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

KU | S.T. Hotel, Phuket, Thailand | 14-16 September 1999

13th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

IPB | Novotel, Bogor, Indonesia | 19-21 September 2000

14th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UQ | UQ, Brisbane, Australia | 18-20 September 2001

15th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UBC | UBC, Vancouver, Canada | 20-22 October 2002

16th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UPLB | SEARCA/UPLB, Laguna, Philippines | 27-29 October 2003

17th UC Executive Officers Meeting

UG | UG, Goettingen, Germany | 17-19 November 2004

18th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

UPM | UPM, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | 18-19 August 2005

19th UC Executive Officers Meeting

KU | KU, Bangkok, Thailand | 6-7 November 2006

20th UC Executive Officers and Coordinators Meeting

IPB | IPB, Salak Hotel, Bogor, Indonesia | 5 November 2007

21st UC Executive Board Meeting

UQ | UQ, Brisbane, Australia | 2-3 December 2008

22nd UC Executive Board Meeting

Tokyo NODAI | Tokyo NODAI, Tokyo, Japan | 12-13 November 2009

23rd UC Executive Board Meeting

UPLB | UPLB, Laguna, Philippines | 10-11 November 2010

24th UC Executive Board Meeting

UGM | UGM, Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 13-14 September 2011

25th UC Executive Board Meeting

UPM | UPM, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | 19-20 November 2012

26th UC Executive Board Meeting

KU | KU, Bangkok, Thailand | 19-20 November 2013

Special UC Meeting

SEARCA | Hotel Miramar, Singapore | 23 August 2014

27th UC Executive Board Meeting

SEARCA | New World Hotel, Makati, Philippines | 14 November 2014

Special UC Meeting

UPM | UPM, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | 13-14 August 2015

28th UC Executive Board Meeting

IPB | IPB Convention Center, Bogor, Indonesia | 20-21 November 2015

29th UC Executive Board Meeting

SEARCA | New World Hotel, Makati, Philippines | 9-10 November 2016

30th UC Executive Board Meeting

Tokyo NODAI | Tokyo NODAI, Tokyo, Japan | 16-17 November 2017

31st UC Executive Board Meeting

UGM | UGM, Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 13-14 November 2018

32nd UC Executive Board Meeting

NTU | NTU, Taipei, Taiwan | 21-22 November 2019

33rd UC Executive Board Meeting

KU | Virtual Meeting | 24-25 November 2020

34th UC Executive Board Meeting

UPM | Virtual Meeting | 16-17 December 2021

35th UC Executive Board Meeting

UB | UB, Malang, Indonesia | 25-26 November 2022

36th UC Executive Board Meeting

NTU | NTU, Taipei, Taiwan | 30-31 October 2023

37th UC Executive Board Meeting

UPLB | UPLB, Laguna, Philippines | 23-24 September 2024

38th UC Executive Board Meeting

Tokyo NODAI | Tokyo NODAI, Tokyo, Japan | 18-20 November 2025



2026

10th Summer School on Regenerative Agriculture
IPB University

11th Graduate Forum on Future Research Capacities for Food Security
Universiti Putra Malaysia

8th Faculty Forum on Intelligent Well-being in Agriculture
Maejo University

39th UC Executive Board Meeting
IPB University

2027

11th Summer School on Tropical Ecology and Climate Change
Visayas State University

12th Graduate Forum on Agriculture and Carbon Neutrality
Kasetsart University

9th Faculty Forum
IPB University

40th UC Executive Board Meeting
Maejo University

2028

12th Summer School
Universiti Putra Malaysia

13th Graduate Forum
Central Luzon State University

10th Faculty Forum
Dalhousie University and UP Los Baños

41st UC Executive Board Meeting
National Taiwan University



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Organizational Structure, Management and Coordination

The policymaking body of the UC is the UC Executive Board, while SEARCA serves as the UC Secretariat. In addition, each member institution appoints a UC Coordinator who serves as contact person in his/her university for all matters related to the UC.

The UC Executive Board

The UC Executive Board is composed of two representatives from each member institution:

1. **Chief Executive Officer** - the highest-ranking officer of the institution (President/ Rector/ Chancellor) is ex-officio
2. **Executive Officer** - an official that reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer (Vice-President/ Vice-Rector/ Vice-Chancellor/ Dean/ Director)

The Executive Board meets annually during the UC Executive Board Meeting and has the following role:

1. Sets direction, develops new policies and initiatives, and provides leadership to the UC;
2. Raises funds to support and promote UC activities;
3. Approves annual programs/activities and budget; and
4. Develops linkages and partnerships to promote education and research collaboration with other networks.

The UC Coordinators

Each UC member institution appoints a **UC Coordinator** with the following role:

1. Develops proposals for the approval of the Executive Board;
2. Implements policies and decisions of the Executive Board at the level of his/her institution;
3. Manages, monitors and reports ongoing programs and activities at his/her institution;
4. Disseminates information about the UC at his/her institution;
5. Screens applications for UC grants and endorses candidates for grant recipients to the Secretariat; and
6. Facilitates inter- and intra-institutional coordination and communications.

The UC Secretariat

SEARCA serves as the **UC Secretariat** with the following role:

1. Acts as the central coordinating body of the UC;
2. Facilitates and coordinates activities of the network;
3. Manages the funds of the UC;
4. Reviews endorsements for UC grants from member institutions; on behalf of the UC Executive Board, approves and issues award letters to grant recipients (with copies to the respective EOs and Coordinators);
5. Disburses the funds of the UC according to the annual budget approved by the UC Executive Board;
6. Provides secretarial and communication services to the UC; and
7. Produces reports, brochures and e-newsletters.