

ICTO offers scholarship and training on specialized ICT courses

The Information and Communications Technology Office (ICTO) has collaborated with the ICT industry associations to address the demand for skilled ICT professionals in the software development and creative industries through an intensive scholarship and training program.

Dubbed as the ICT Scholarship and Training Program, the ICTO together with the Philippine Software Industry Association (PSIA), the Animation Council of the Philippines, Inc. (ACPI), and the Game Developers Association of the Philippines (GDAP) has identified key training courses on ICT needed by the industry to be included in the program.

Below is the summary of Training Programs and other details:

Name of Training Program	Qualification of Scholars	ICT Industry Association Partner	Training Service Provider
Mobile and Embedded Software Development Course	<div>1. Under Republic Act 7227, as amended, or the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992:<div><div>a. Young Filipino Scientists</div><div>b. Students</div><div>c. Poor/Financially Needy but Deserving Youths</div></div></div> <div>2. Others:<div><div>a. ICT Professionals/Practitioners</div><div>b. Near-hire Employees</div><div>c. Employees for Retooling</div><div>d. Government Employees</div></div></div> <div>A Filipino Citizen</div> <div>A Resident of a City/Municipality</div> <div>Additional Requirements (PSIA):</div>	PSIA	UP Information Technology Development Center (UP ITDC)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. College graduate, with aptitude for programming, analytical and communication skills; and 2. At least 18 years old to 55 years old 		
Game Design and Development Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Republic Act 7227, as amended, or the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Young Filipino Scientists b. Students c. Poor/Financially Needy but Deserving Youths 2. Others: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ICT Professionals/Practitioners b. Near-hire Employees c. Government Employees <p>A Filipino Citizen</p> <p>A Resident of a City/Municipality</p> 	GDAP	UP Information Technology Development Center (UP ITDC)
3D Animation Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Republic Act 7227, as amended, or the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Young Filipino Scientists b. Students c. Poor/Financially Needy but Deserving Youths 2. Others: 	ACPI	University of Makati (UMAK)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ICT Professionals/Practitioners b. Near-hire Employees c. Government Employees <p>A Filipino Citizen</p> <p>A Resident of a City/Municipality</p>		
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The ICT Scholarship and Training Program aims to develop and implement a long-term strategy to strengthen the country’s training of skilled professionals in targeted high growth segments of the Information Technology-Business Process Management (IT-BPM) industry, as well as support the goal of producing more globally competitive ICT skilled professionals. This program complements the government’s commitment to promote the development of the country’s science and technology human resources in line with economic development and to address the labor force needs across all areas of the ICT Industry.

The scholarship reaches out to give the underprivileged, talented and deserving students, ICT practitioners, near hire job applicants, and government employees the opportunity to pursue short term courses in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) identified as priority areas in selected training institutions in the country.

Scholar Selection Process:

1. Applicants will fill out the application form and submit a letter of intent addressed to the ICTO Executive Director together with the following documents:
 - a. Letter of Intent (Address to the ICTO Executive Director)
The following questions are to be answered in the Letter of Intent:
What is/are your reason/s for applying in the ICT Scholarship and Training Program?
How will your study of (Training Course) contribute to your immediate or long range career plans?
 - b. A resident of a city/municipality as attested by the local government unit/certificate of employment/community tax certificate/proof of mailing address or other related documents
 - c. School Credentials and Records (whichever are applicable and available):
 - i. Transcript of Records (TORs)
 - ii. Diplomas
 - iii. Academic Papers
 - iv. Portfolios
 - v. Certificate of Trainings/Seminars/Workshops/Short Courses
 - d. Certificate of Good Moral Character/Barangay Clearance
 - e. Company Endorsement/Authorization of the Scholar Applicant to undergo the Scholarship Training Program (for employed applicants)
 - f. Certificate of No Pending Criminal/Administrative Case from the Company (for employed applicants)
2. Applicant will be subjected to an ICT Scholarship and Training Examination/Assessment to be administered by the identified TSP.
3. Successful applicants of the examination will need to undergo and pass the interview, composed of representatives from the ICT industry association, TSP, and the ICT Office.
4. The TSP will screen the applicants based on the criteria set for the Program and submit the shortlisted applicants to the ICT Office.
5. Once selected as a qualifier, the scholar will be given a Letter of Acceptance and Undertaking. The scholar must report to the TSP's Training Center for the orientation on the scholarship policies prior to the start of the training.
6. The decision of the ICT Office on the selection of scholars is final and unappealable.

SCHEDULE (To be filled up by more details from UMAK and UP ITDC)

About the ICT Office

The Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology is the Philippine Government's lead agency on ICT related matters. Its primary thrusts are in the ICT Industry Development, eGovernment, ICT policy development, Internet for all and Cybersecurity.

About PSIA

The Philippine Software Industry Association (PSIA) promotes the growth and global competitiveness of the Philippine software industry. As an industry association, it nurtures a collaborative ecosystem of mature small and medium companies experts in niche technology areas; provides highly-English proficient, adaptive, and customer-oriented workforce; offers a robust and secure ICT infrastructure and cost advantage for high-value end-to-end solutions.

About ACPI

The Animation Council of the Philippines (ACPI) is a non-stock and non-profit organization whose member companies specialize mainly in, but not limited to, either 2D or 3D animation. It is an organization recognized and supported by the Philippine government whose aim is to promote the Animation Industry globally with the intention of creating an identity for the Philippines to be considered amongst the preferred countries that service the animation industry.

As an organized body, ACPI aims to promote the Filipino talent both locally and internationally. With the cooperation of its members as well as the Philippine government, it is envisioned that the member studios will be considered competitive both creatively and technologically.

About GDAP

The Game Developers Association of the Philippines (GDAP) is a trade association in the Philippines, established in 2007 to represent and promote the country's game development industry. Its members create and publish interactive games and entertainment content for various platforms. GDAP is supported by various affiliate member organizations including schools and universities, game studios, publishers, as well as retailers, all of whom play key roles in the country's thriving game industry.