



# **Development of RCA Scholarship Programme**

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# 1. Introduction of RCA SPS

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- The 50<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM, 16-17 Sep 2021 approved in principle the concept of **RCA Scholarship Programme in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-STEM (RCA SPS)** and endorsed to establish a Committee to develop the details of the Scholarship Programme to be reported to the 44<sup>th</sup> NRM for its approval.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the RCA SPS Committee was held on 25 Feb 2022. Accordingly, VIE shall play the role as the Chair of the Committee, and SIN as the Vice-Chair.

# 1. Introduction of RCA SPS



## Objective

- To support sustainable socio-economic development in RCA State Parties through the RCA SPS for the advancement of highly qualified human resources at the level of postgraduate degrees (**Master's**).
- The programme targets about **1000 RCA Scholarships awarded by 2032.**
- The RCA SPS will be piloted for 3 years (review/assessment)

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## Benefits

### a. National training:

- RCA SPS will strongly support the National Training in each State Party for Master Programme
- Admission fee and 2-year tuition fee will be covered by this scholarship based on the **IAEA financial regulation in each country.**
- Allowance and living cost will be paid by RCA SPS based on the IAEA financial regulation in each country.

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## Benefits

### b. International training:

The regional coordination was recommended to be established as follows:

- **The Philippines** supports postgraduate training for Palau
- **Viet Nam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand** for Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar
- **Australia and New Zealand** for Fiji

## Proposal:

The developed countries will be recommended to support the selected applicant by RCA SPS Committee.

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## Fund and resource

- The first five years should be envisaged to combine TCF, up to 80% and 20 % from the RCA GPs (during year 1) to fund the scholarships
- Developing as a priority a dedicated Human Resources Development Project for the management and implementation of the RCA SPS (*consideration in 2024*)
- The RCA SPS will be piloted for 3 years (**review/assessment**)

Proposal: Need more support for scholarship budget.

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## *Fund and resource*

### *Funding and resources to sustain the scholarship programme:*

- 1) Partnering with major scholarships (Fulbright, MEXT, AusAID, etc.)
- 2) Establishing RCA Scholarship Fund and mobilizing financial contribution from RCA GPs
- 3) **In-kind contribution** from partner universities/institutions/countries
- 4) Cost-sharing between national institutions, host universities and the IAEA
- 5) Private sector donors (Industry sponsorship)
- 6) Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF)
- 7) Peaceful Uses Initiative funds (PUI)



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## **Fund and resource**

Estimation of budget for the programme:

15(countries) x 6scholarships/country/year = **90 scholarships**/year

## **Mobilization:**

☐ **Year 1:** IAEA: (70%) budget

RCA: (30%) budget

☐ **Year 2:** IAEA: (50%) budget

RCA: (50%) budget

☐ **Year 3:** IAEA: (30%) budget

RCA: (70%) budget

**Proposal: IAEA is requested to support 80% budget of Scholarship for 3 years pilot from 2022**

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*Preparation of **LAUNCHING** RCA SPS September 2022*



## **Discussion Topics:**

- **WHAT** are the FUNCTIONS OF RCA SPS Committee?
- **WHAT** documents should be prepared and **HOW** to implement this RCA SPS?
- **HOW** to mobilize the resource for Scholarship?

# 2. Preparation of documents

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***2.1. Terms of reference (RCA SPS Committee)***

***2.2. Survey of Host University***

***2.3. Guideline for application and related application forms***

***2.4. Application Procedure***

***2.5. Application forms***

***2.6. Workplan***

## 2. Preparation of documents

### 2.1. Terms of reference (RCA SPS Committee)

- *Functions of the Committee*
- *Membership*



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## *2.2. Survey for host university*

### Objective:

- To collect information of **TOP UNIVERSITIES** in each GP which can host the Master Programme with RCA SPS:
  - + Training programme in Science, Technology, and Engineering and related nuclear
  - + Education environment (International student and national student)
  - + Tuition fee and living cost. Etc...

**NR of each GP is requested to be a contact point to collect information and submit the survey**

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### ***2.3. Guideline for application and related documents***

#### **Objective:**

**To guide in details for the applicants on how to apply the RCA SPS**

**To clarify the benefits from this Scholarship programme**

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### **2.3. Guideline for application and related documents**

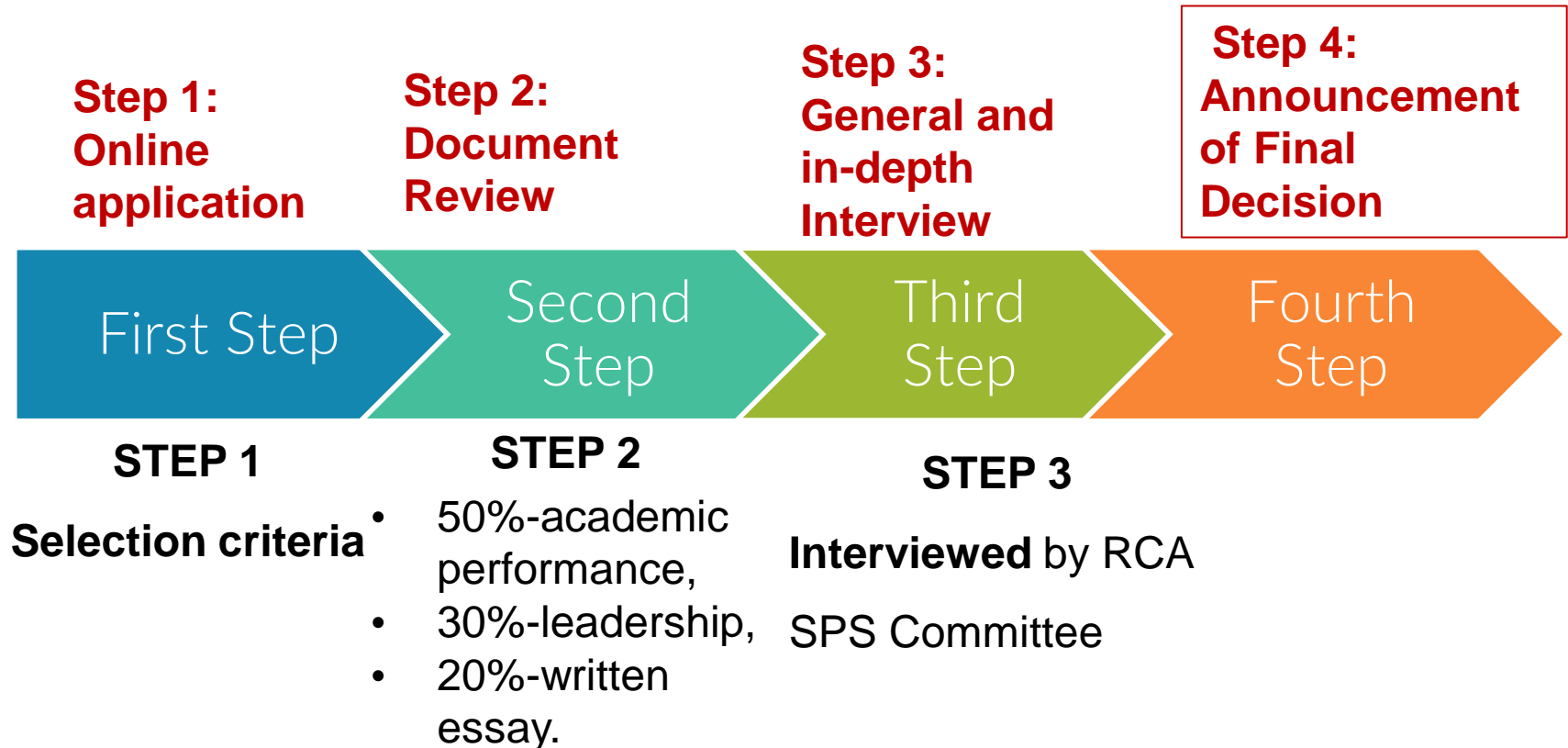
- 1) Overview**
- 2) Qualification of Applicants** (*Eligible applicants & Selection criteria*)
- 3) How to apply** (Online application & Application forms)
- 4) RCA SPS Programme** (Scholarship benefit)
- 5) Application documents**
- 6) Application remarks**
- 7) Suspension of payment of Scholarship**
- 8) Further information**

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## 2.4. Application Procedure

**STEP 0:** The applicant must show the **Acceptance for Admission** of Master at University and should provide a **Recommendation letter** to the RCA SPS Committee





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### ***2.5. Application forms***

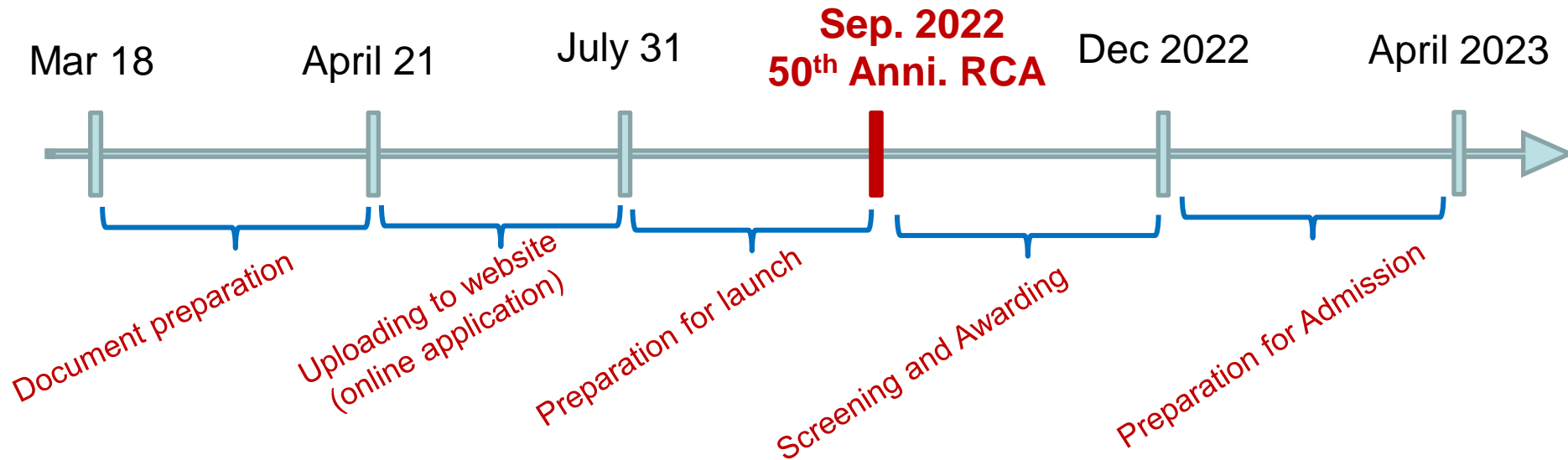
- 1) Application form
- 2) Degree certificate
- 3) Academic transcript
- 4) Two recommendation letters
- 5) Motivation letter (one page)
- 6) Identification Photo.
- 7) English language proficiency requirements

**Upon approval of all GPs, these documents will be uploaded to the RCARO website**

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## 2.6. Workplan

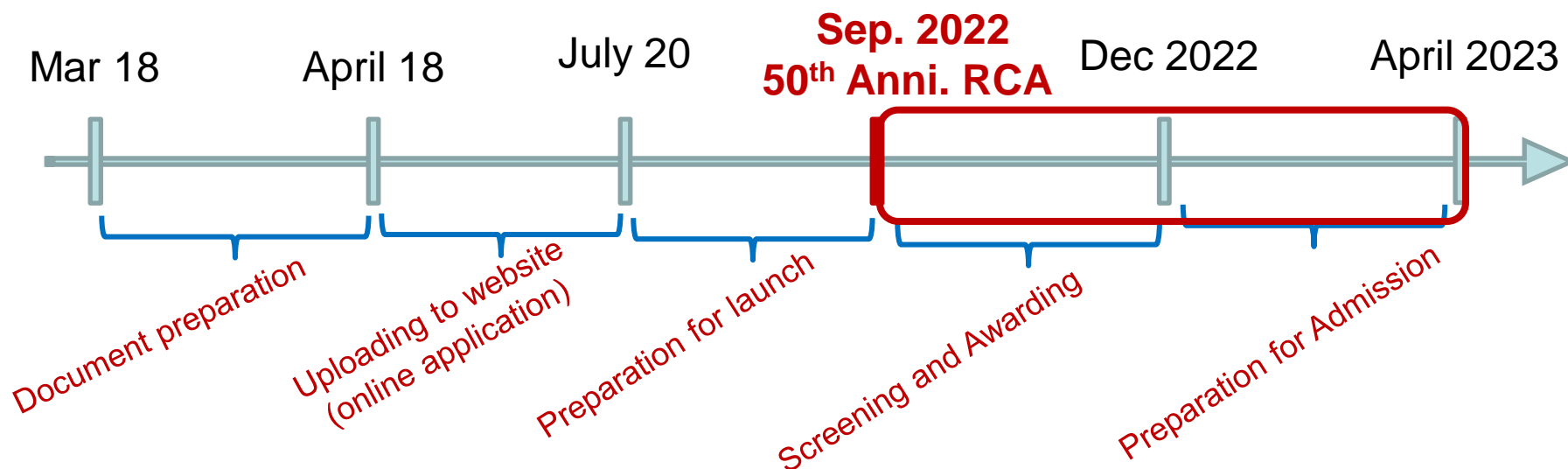


- **April 21:** Approval by 44<sup>th</sup> NR Meeting
- **From April - July 31:** Uploading all document to RCARO's website and internal checking and testing
- **From Aug-Step:** Preparing for launching ceremony
- **From Sep-December:** Screening and Awarding
- **Apr. 2023 and Sept. 2023:** Admission with RCA SPS Scholarship

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### 2.6. Workplan



Development of **Human Resource Development Project** from now (**2022**) to fully support the RCA SPS from **2024**



Thank You Any Questions?