

NUNTAWON CHAROENCHITT : AN ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL EXPENSES
OF GRADUATE STUDENTS IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.

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The purpose of this study was to survey income, expenses and finance problems of graduate students in private institutions and to examine the relationship between expenses with regard to program specializations, classes, work status and sex. The data obtained from 1,034 graduate students enrolled in the academic year 1988 was analyzed by frequency and percentage. The results were :

1. Graduate students in private institutes pay an average of 37,735-80,870 Bht per program for tuition fee.

2. Graduate students in various fields except those in MBA, MSC program pay additional expenses approximately 1,000 Bht per semester on textbooks and educational facilities. About 45 percent of the graduates need not to pay for thesis or oral examinations while 36 percent should have spent over 10,000 Bht on this item.

3. Personal expenses per student are classified as follows :- (i) Clothes, entertainment and transportation, which all cost about 2,000 Bht per month, and (ii) Meals about 2,000-4,000 Bht per month.

There was not difference among groups which comparing the expenses with regard to program specialization, classes, work status and sex.

4. Most graduate students reported their economic problems with tuition fee and personal expenses. They tended to seek financial support from their parents and family.