

USAID/Burma launched the Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship Program (DISP) on August 16, 2023, as a five-year, \$45 million contract. The purpose of DISP is to support current and future community leaders of Myanmar, particularly those from vulnerable groups, to gain access to quality higher education (HE) learning opportunities by offering regional and local HE scholarships, grants under contract (GUCs), and a variety of higher education opportunities via multimodalities that strengthen the HE landscapes.

Under DISP, \$8.3 million has been allocated for GUCs, with \$5 million earmarked for basic education and \$3 million earmarked for higher education. The remaining \$300,000 will later be used to for DISP and USAID Lincoln Scholarship Program alumni network activities to increase the number of USAID beneficiaries applying newly acquired leadership skills in their communities for the development of a pluralistic and democratic Myanmar in the future.

The primarily pool of funding for GUCs (\$8 million) seeks to support activities related to human and institutional capacity development that would expand access to higher education for Myanmar citizens with a focus on leveraging basic and higher education activities that would enable expanded access to higher education opportunities for all Myanmar citizens.

DISP is now seeking proposals for GUCs under an Annual Program Statement. Please visit our website, usaiddisp.com, for more information about eligibility, illustrative activities, and how to apply via a secure application platform.

For further information, please contact the DISP Grants team at grants@usaiddisp.com.