

CALL FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS SHAPE-SEA

Research Themes

- ✦ ASEAN and Human Rights
- ✦ Business Accountability
- ✦ Peace and Security
- ✦ Governance and Justice
- ✦ Academic Freedom

Academic Research Exchange Grants

One month grant; not exceeding USD 2,000

Two months grant; not exceeding USD 4,000

Three months grant; not exceeding USD 6,000



Who can apply?

Academics from the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and Southeast Asia Human Rights Studies Network (SEAHRN) to strengthen teaching experiences and undertake research relevant to the **research themes** at a member institution

One Academic Research Exchange will be supported in 2015

Four Academic Research Exchanges in 2016

✦ The Academic Research Exchange will be **within** the ASEAN University Network and the SEAHRN University Network;

✦ The duration of the exchange **must** be a minimum of one month and be completed in three months;

✦ Exchanges are research based and will be approved by the Steering Committee.

Expected Outputs

One month exchange: **At least** one Lecture/Seminar delivered/conducted at the host university

Two month exchange: **At least** two Lectures/Seminars delivered/conducted at the host university

Three month exchange: **At least** one lecture/Seminar delivered/conducted at the Host University and one research paper of publishable standards to be submitted to the Publications team

Research outputs which include the following, in addition to a research papers, will be viewed positively:

Policy impact briefs, texts for use in university classrooms, specialist guides (for civil society, students, policy makers etc), new media outputs such as blog posts and web pages, and other academic output which contributes to the understanding peace and human rights in Southeast Asia



Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research Education in ASEAN/ Southeast Asia

The SHAPE-SEA Program aims to develop the capacity of universities in ASEAN and the Southeast Asian region to contribute to the improvement of human rights and peace situation in Southeast Asia through applied research and education. The program has three streams:

- Applied Research
- Publications and Public Relations
- Capacity Building and Outreach

SHAPE-SEA is a collaboration of the ASEAN University Network-Human Rights Education (AUN-HRE) and the Southeast Asian Human Rights Studies Network (SEAHRN). It is hosted by the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies of Mahidol University, Thailand, and it is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

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Individual applicant criteria

Academics from the ASEAN University Network and SEAHRN university network are encouraged to apply.

Individuals must fit one of following criteria:

- Full-time or part-time academics employed in the ASEAN University Network, or
- Working at a research institute in the SEAHRN University Network
- Academics on sabbatical will be considered and will need to provide a letter for permission of absence from the university

Research proposal: 1000 words

Researchers must submit a proposal of about 1,000 words and it will contain the following:

1. Name, position and institution of the lead researcher
2. Name of Institute for research exchange and reasons for choosing the institute
3. Expected time for the exchange
4. Summary of the research project (500 words), including: research problem, research questions and significance of the research
5. Research methodology (300 words)
6. Expected research output (if any, other than grant expected outputs)
7. If on sabbatical, letter of permission of absence from the university of employment

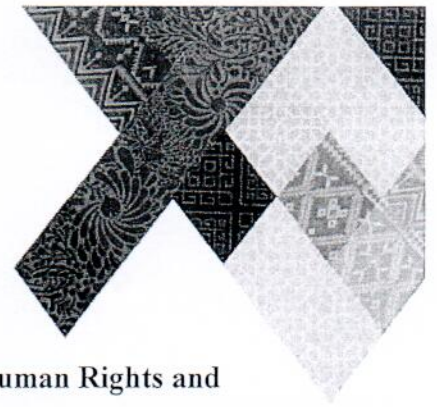
Please email your research proposal for **2015** to the SHAPE SEA Secretariat

At: shape.seasec@gmail.com

By: 5:00 pm Bangkok Time, June 30, 2015.

Research proposals for 2016 research exchanges can also be submitted from June 2015 – December 2015.

For further information please contact Capacity-building and Outreach Program Manager at harpreet.shapesea@gmail.com.



**Call for Research Proposals for Academic Research Exchange on Human Rights and
Peace in Southeast Asia
Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research and Education in ASEAN/Southeast
Asia (SHAPE-SEA)**

Term of Reference

Research proposals due by: June 30, 2015 (5 pm Bangkok time)

Academics throughout Southeast Asia (SEA) are invited to submit proposals for an Academic Research Exchange on human rights and peace, to be supported by SHAPE SEA. The newly launched SHAPE-SEA project, funded by SIDA, Sweden, aims to develop the capacity of Universities in the SEA region to contribute to the improvement of the human rights and peace situation in Southeast Asia through applied research.

Objective:

The funding aims to assist SEA universities to play a more significant role in promoting human rights and peace through developing the capacity of academics to undertake research.

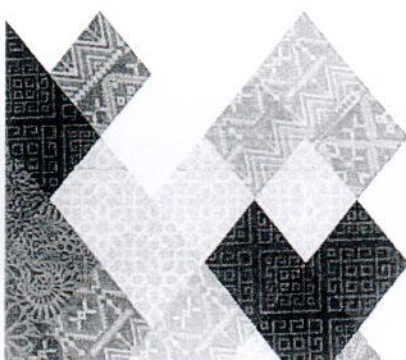
The specific objectives of this Research Exchange are:

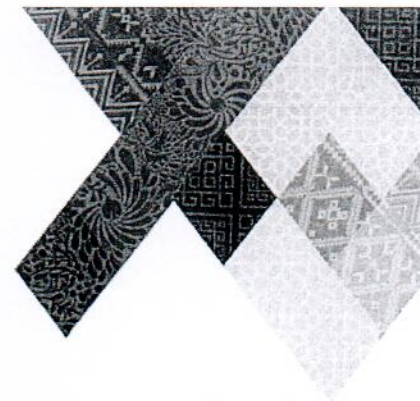
- To establish network of experts and scholars in the area of human rights studies and laws;
- To promote education and research opportunities, training and related activities in the area of human rights among AUN-HRE Member Universities;
- To help AUN-HRE Member Universities in developing curriculum, programs or courses in Human Rights;
- To widen a strong academic network and promote greater collaboration among academicians and students in area of human rights, and
- To raise awareness and enhance regional cooperation that will lead to better solutions to regional problem in human rights issue

Specific to the Academic Research Exchange, the fund is aimed at academics from Southeast Asia to have a break from teaching and undertake research at a member institution (ASEAN University Network). Exchanges are research based, with stays up to 3 months at another member institution. The research should be thematically- relevant to the study of human rights and peace in the region. The research fund aims to increase the knowledge of human rights and peace through incorporating human rights and peace into university education.

The short-term goal of these Academic Research Exchanges is to mobilize academics in Southeast Asia to encourage exchange of ideas and research. The long-term goal of these exchanges is to build a robust network of academics excelling in human rights and peace education aimed to participate in regional events, conferences and publish research in human rights and peace relevant to Southeast Asia.

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Academic Research Exchange grants:

The funding will cover at least 16 Academic Exchanges over 4 years. There will only one Academic Research Exchange in 2015, followed by 4 each year (2016-2018). Each grant is 6,000 USD or 2,000 USD per month. All academic research exchanges should be a minimum of one month and maximum of 3 months.

Who can apply?

All Academics from the ASEAN University Network and SEAHNR University Network are encouraged to apply.

Individual applicant criteria:

- Full-time or part time academics employed by universities in the ASEAN University Network
- Working at a research institute in the SEAHNR university network
- Academics on sabbatical will be considered and will need to provide a letter for permission of absence from the university

What Academic Research Exchange can be supported?

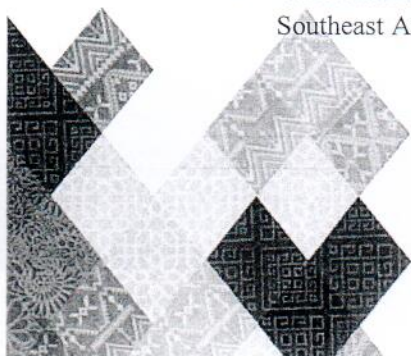
- The Research should fall under one or more of the research themes and be relevant to human rights and peace studies education in Southeast Asia.
- Academic Research Exchanges must be completed in three months. The length of the Academic Research Exchange should be stated in the proposal and will be approved by the Steering committee.
- The outputs of the research must be at least one lecture delivered at host university and at least one paper of publishable standard

Expected Outputs should include at least one of the following:

- One month exchange: **At least** one Lecture/Seminar delivered and conducted at the host university
- Two month exchange: **At least** two Lectures/Seminars delivered and conducted at the host university
- Three month exchange: **At least** one lecture/Seminar delivered and conducted at the Host University and one research paper of publishable standards to be submitted to the Publications team

Grant outputs which include the following, in addition to the lecture and research paper, will be viewed positively:

- Policy impact briefs, Texts for use in university classrooms, Specialist Guides (for civil society, students, policy makers etc), New media outputs such as blog posts and web pages
- Other academic output which contributes to the understanding peace and human rights in Southeast Asia





Research Themes

Research is on topic identified based on the five themes of the SHAPE-SEA research proposal

1. ASEAN and Human Rights.

This theme will explore ASEAN's role in human rights promotion and protection. With the upcoming ASEAN integration, what will this mean for development, peace, and migration? How can ASEAN contribute to human rights and peace?

2. Business Accountability.

This theme will focus on the relationship between business communities and human rights, and in particular ways to ensure compliance with human rights standards in the economic development of the region. Focus areas can include labour standards, international trade, environmental justice, and corporate social accountability

3. Peace and Security.

ASEAN still has a number of ongoing conflicts, all of which have human rights dimensions. Research on this theme can address issues of peace, conflict transformation, and reconciliation. Conflict can be interpreted at all levels, from domestic violence to interstate conflict.

4. Governance and Justice

This theme aims to provide research that can be utilized in assisting or assessing governance and justice systems, in particular how can governments meet their obligations towards human rights and peace. What is the standard of the rule of law throughout SEA? Potential areas of research can be on the impact of corruption, government's protection of marginalized and vulnerable groups, and the importance of accountability, transparency and freedom of expression.

5. Academic Freedom.

Research in this theme may provide an understanding of the legal context to academic freedom; and address policy and legal developments on academic freedom.

Academic Research Exchange Process:

1. Submission of Research Proposal

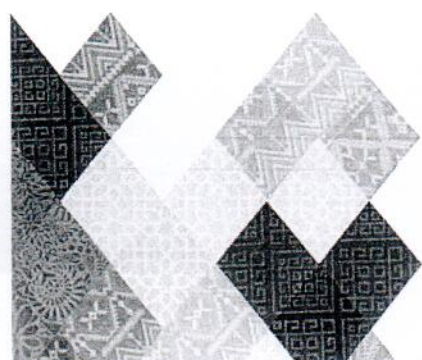
Applicants must first submit a Research Proposal (1,000 words) including the host university they wish to conduct their research at.

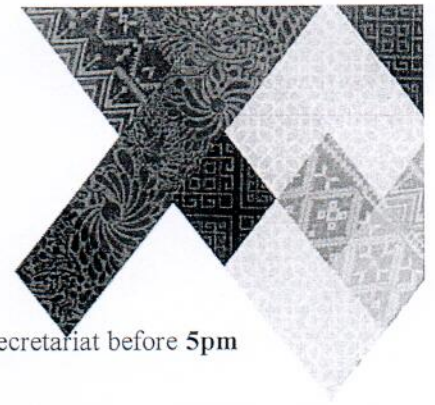
The Proposal will be assessed by the steering committee

The proposal should follow this structure:

The proposal will contain:

- 1.1: Name, position and institution of lead researcher
- 1.2: Name of the host institution and department specific to the exchange and reasons for choosing the institute
2. Summary of the research project (500 words). Please include the research problem (the gap in knowledge the research addresses), research question, and significance of the research
- 3 Research methodologies (300 words)
4. Research outputs (in addition to expected outcomes)
5. Expected research output (if any, other than grant expected outputs)
6. If on sabbatical, letter of permission of absence from the University of Employment





Academic Research Exchange proposals must be received by the SHAPE SEA secretariat before **5pm June 30, 2015**.

Proposals are to be emailed as a .doc or .pdf file to the following address: shape.seasec@gmail.com. Please put **CBO- Academic Research Exchange (year)** in the subject line.

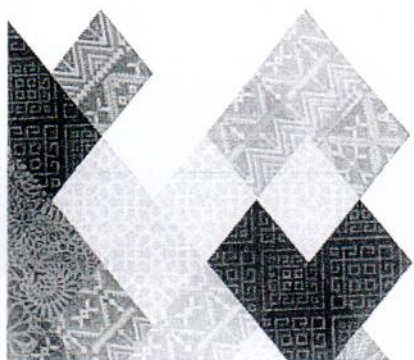
Any queries about the research proposal process can be addressed to the Capacity-building and Outreach Program Manager at harpreet.shapesea@gmail.com

2. Selected researcher will be contacted in mid July 2015.

There is no definite time for the Research Exchange to commence; however, the researcher must complete their research before December 15, 2015. As there is only one (1) Research exchange opportunity in 2015, researchers are encouraged to apply for exchange for the following year as well for four (4) opportunities in 2016.

Background

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