



Announcement for Visiting Scholar Fellowship Year 2008 - 2009

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University offers **Visiting Scholar Fellowships** to regional scholars, researchers, NGO workers who would like to spend time at RCSD for the duration of three to six months to write their work relating to the field of sustainable development in respective areas in cultural diversity, transborder issues, health, and resource management interplayed with gender and ethnic relations in the Mekong Region.

During the fellowship period, the scholars will be provided the opportunity to research and write about issues relating to the mentioned issues based on their research project and to participate in a dynamic multidisciplinary academic environment at RCSD. They will be occasionally asked to give a presentation based on their research work for graduate seminar, participate in RCSD workshops and seminars and etc.

RCSD faculty members will take the responsibility to work in partnership with the scholars in developing and writing of a working paper. RCSD will provide continual assistance and practical support regarding the editorial processes. Their written work during the fellowship period will be published as RCSD working paper series.

Fellowship will cover support which includes a monthly stipend, residential allowance, health insurance, books and supplies. RCSD will provide facilities such as office space and necessary office equipment, access to internet, library, on-line journals and etc. However, the residential allowance would not be covered for scholars whose residents are based in Chiang Mai.

Qualifications:

Those who apply should be ensured for their high quality with experience in research related to Mekong Region. They should have a Master's degree, doctoral degree or equivalent professional training and experience, possess proficiency in English and have conducted research in the Mekong region in the field mentioned above. The eligible people to apply for this scholarship must hold the citizenship of Thailand and neighboring countries in the Mekong Region; namely Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and China.

Application:

Application form can be obtained by filling out the request to rcsd@chiangmai.ac.th or sending to the below address:

Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD)
Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University
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Chiang Mai 50200 THAILAND.

Application forms, proposal and working plan should be submitted no later than;

- 1) June 15, 2008 for the first round selection.
- 2) November 15, 2008 for the second round selection.
- 3) April 20, 2009 for the third round selection.

For further information, please contact RCSD at 66-53-943595/6 URL: <http://rcsd.soc.cmu.ac.th>

About RCSD:

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD) was established in 1998 in response to the need for an integration of social science and natural science knowledge in gaining a better understanding of sustainable development in the upper mainland Southeast Asia. It strives to become a regional center for sustainable development linking graduate training and research to development policy and practice by drawing upon the three-decade of multidisciplinary research experience at Chiang Mai University. Since 2001, RCSD has embarked on the Program for Knowledge and Educational Enhancement in the Mekong Region-PKEEMR (year 2001-2007), supported by the Rockefeller Foundation. PKEEMR aims to promote and support the establishment of networks among scholars, NGOs and researchers in the Mekong region, and significantly develop the research capacity for young researchers. The PKEEMR activities include non-degree research fellowships, visiting scholar fellowships, inter-university collaborative workshops, regional perspective lecture series, international conference, faculty staff exchange, collaborative research and publications.