



Announcement for Small Research Grants Year 2008-2009

The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University offers **Small Research Grants Year 2008 - 2009** to interested people from both the academic and non-academic sectors such as a non-government organizations and media, etc to conduct research in the areas of social science and sustainable development focusing on the Mekong Region. Mid-career researchers, NGOs workers, development practitioners, and M.A and Ph.D. students who are pursuing their field research are eligible to applying for the research grants.

Research themes of the grants include transborder issues, migration and identity, resource management, changing of environment and globalization in the context of Mekong Region. The grants will be **six months to one year in duration**, and will result in a written report on the research. RCSD will provide practical support regarding editorial processes. Research reports completed by research fellows in the program will be considered for publication either as part of the RCSD working papers, monograph series or in published academic journals. RCSD will also provide them a chance to participate in workshops, seminars and conferences organized by RCSD to sharpen research focus, strengthen research methodology and critical analysis.

Fellowship will cover support which includes a monthly stipend, field research expenses, research supplies, books and supplies.

Qualifications:

An applicant should have at least Bachelor's degree in any field and proficiency in English. They should have research experiences and interest in conducting research 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 rccd@chiangmai.ac.th or sending through the below address:

Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD)
Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University
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An application form, a research proposal, a working plan and recommendation letters should be submitted to RCSD 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://rccd.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 2001-2009), 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.