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Mahidol University's Announcement
On Mahidol University-Global Partnering Initiative (MU-GPI)
B.E. 2563 (A.D. 2020)

Whereas Mahidol University has a policy of supporting research and development of innovations to create academic excellence, to have research output of new discoveries and high-quality innovations, have a high citation and put in commercial use and in national and international policy through global partnering in research and innovations, cooperation network in global research, support research jointly with internationally-recognized researchers which will lead to production of published papers and high-quality innovations with wide impact and high citation in order to upgrade Mahidol University to become a university in the world's top 100 in educational and research excellence.

Be it, therefore, under the power in accordance with the Statement of Section 11 (1) of the Mahidol University Regulation on Research Grant Administration B.E. 2560 (A.D. 2017), the President hereby specifies criteria and methods to apply for funding of Mahidol University-Global Partnering Initiative (MU-GPI) as follows:

Section 1. In this Announcement,

“Foreign research partner cluster” means a group of Mahidol University's lecturers, researchers or experts having research cooperation with lecturers, researchers in overseas organizations, totaling at least 3 persons or more to jointly produce research outputs, new discoveries, high-quality innovations, high citation, which can be put in commercial use and in national and international policy.

“Foreign Co-Investigator” means a person attached to a university overseas holding the position of a lecturer, researcher or expert whose qualifications are equivalent to a lecturer or researcher in the overseas university and the university to which the foreign Co-Investigator is attached shall be in the world's top 200 universities.

“Project” means a research project jointly conducted by personnel of Mahidol University and foreign Co-Investigators.

Section 2. The University's research funding support

2.1 The University will support funding of not more than 3,000,000 THB per project from the University's revenue (not more than 1,000,000 THB per year) for a period of not more than 3 years. Requests can be made continuously. The University support cost related to research project activities such as materials, office supplies, computer materials, general expenses, service lump-sum, visa expenses, overseas traveling as well as life insurance, accommodation, allowances,

vehicles, etc. but not support remuneration to the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigators who are the University's staff.

2.2 In the case of requesting for additional funding for a project funded by an external funding source or University's other research grants, the University will provide additional support according to the budget and period specified in Section 2.1.

2.3 The applicant for research funding can apply for a Mahidol University-Global Partnering Initiative (MU-GPI) research grant for a doctoral or master's degree student of Mahidol University according to the budget specified in Section 2.1. The University will support expenses such as student's monthly expenses, registration fees, the University's Internet subscription fees, training fees, etc. as well as expenses specified in Section 2.1 for the students in the project to accomplish their objectives.

Section 3. Qualifications of the application for Mahidol University-Global Partnering Initiative (MU-GPI),

3.1 Qualifications of the applicants,

(1) The Principal Investigator is a government official, university employee, temporary staff who is an instructor or researcher with practitioner/professor/expert/advisory level in the University, aged not over 58 years as of the project proposal date. In case the Principal Investigator is older than 58 years, there shall be certified by Dean/Director that the Faculty/Institution will manage the project successfully and the students in the project may graduate according to their objectives.

(2) Co-Investigators shall be a government official, university employee, temporary staff who is an instructor or researcher with practitioner/professor/expert/advisory level in the University.

(3) Foreign Co-Investigators are personnel in the position of a lecturer/researcher or expert whose qualifications are equivalent to a lecturer/researcher in the overseas university, ranked by THE or QS University Ranking in the world's top 200 universities, referring to the information reported by the previous fiscal year in which the application is filed.

(4) Permitted by the Faculty/Institution and received support to proceed according to the project plans proposed for research funding as necessary or appropriate.

(5) The Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators shall not be owed to submitting research reports previously funded by the University or other sources.

(6) In case of the following qualifications, special consideration will be given:

(6.1) The Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator's Mahidol University has graduated with a doctoral degree for not more than 10 years (early-career investigator).

(6.2) The Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator's Mahidol University had published research publications/articles with the foreign Co-Investigator, who is participating in this project.

(6.3) The Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator's Mahidol University who is Principal Investigator of project funded by Mahidol University-Multidisciplinary Research Center

(MU-MRC) grant or Mahidol University Mini-research Cluster (mini-research cluster) ((MU-MiniRC) grant.

3.2 Qualifications of the project applying for research funding

(1) A research project jointly conducted by Mahidol University's Principal Investigator and foreign Co-Investigators and it can be funding to support doctoral or master' degree students of Mahidol University.

(2) Have clear objectives, research plan and project output, appropriate to the budget applied for.

(3) Have a project period for not more than 3 years (or 36 months).

(4) Have at least one foreign Co-Investigator in capacity as the project Co-Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator. The foreign Co-Investigator's university shall be ranked by THE or QS University Ranking in the world's top 200 universities, referring to the information reported by the previous fiscal year in which the application is filed.

Section 4. Application due and procedures

4.1 The University opens call for applications throughout a fiscal year.

4.2 The applicant shall file documents. Forms can be downloaded from the website of the Research Management and Development Division as follows:

(1) Submit 5 copies of the application for research funding, Form MU 01-6 and an Eligibility checklists form for Mahidol University-Global Partnering Initiative (MU-GPI) along with project details, specified by the University.

(2) In the case the research project is involved with human or animal subjects or genetic engineering and biotechnology experiments, enclose a certificate or letter of confirmation from the committee at the Faculty/Institution level or university level. If the application for a certificate is not yet completed while applying for research funding, please submit additional documents before the start of the research project.

4.3 The applicant shall submit documents in Section 4.2 through Faculty/Institution to the Research Management and Development Division, Office of the President, Mahidol University.

Section 5. Evaluation criteria

5.1 The University will consider providing research funding according to the criteria and documents specified in this Announcement.

5.2 The University will announce its consideration about research funding in writing to the Principal Investigator through Faculty/Institution.

Section 6. Conditions

6.1 Research grantee shall sign a research grant contract in the form, specified by the University.

6.2 Research grantee shall submit 5 copies of progress reports in the form, specified by the University after 9 months and/or 18 months from the project starting date.

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6.3 Research grantee shall submit 5 copies of final reports in the form, specified by the University along with an abstract in Thai and English and a copy of the publications at the end of the research grant period.

6.4 During the research grant under this Announcement, the research grantee shall produce research outputs/outcomes/impacts in one of the following forms:

(1) At least one article publication in the international journals in SJR Quartile 1 for science and technology, medical science, engineering and in the SJR Quartile 1 or 2 or 3 for social science, humanities, liberal arts, linguistics, referring to the Scimago Journal & Country Rank database (<https://www.scimagojr.com/>) for every 500,000 THB budget, having a Co-Investigator's Mahidol University or overseas university in the project as the corresponding author, or

(2) At least one new knowledge or new discoveries has been utilized in national or international policies, or

(3) An innovation with such intellectual property protection as copyrights, patents, petty patents and evidence which how it is used for social or commercial benefits through technology transfer to the government/private/community/industrial sectors. The intellectual property shall be filed or in the process of filing through the Institute for Technology and Innovation Management, Mahidol University.

(4) In the case of other outputs not specified in this Announcement, the President or the assigned Vice President's decision shall be conclusive.

6.5 A final report and an abstract or every research publication must specify the following in the acknowledgement in Thai, “โครงการวิจัยได้รับทุนอุดหนุนการวิจัยจากมหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล”, or in English, “The research project is supported by Mahidol University.”

6.6 Ownerships, copyrights, patents, or other intellectual properties arisen from the research grant as well as research output management, rights in intellectual properties and other rights as well as share of benefits shall be according to what the University has specified.

6.7 In case the project does not comply with what the University has specified, the University reserves its right to suspend the research funding or terminate the research funding contract.

Section 7. Research payment and disbursement

7.1 The University will pay funding to the research grantee according to the Mahidol University's Regulation on Mahidol University's Criteria for Disbursement of Research Funding B.E. 2560 (A.D. 2017) and Mahidol University's Announcement on criteria and rates of salary, remuneration and expenses on managing Mahidol University's research subsidy B.E. 2560 (A.D. 2017) with the following disbursement installment:

1st installment: not more than 90 percent of the project budget in the first year, and disbursed after the research project has been approved and contract signed.

2nd installment: not more than 90 percent of the project budget in the second year, and disbursed after the Principal Investigator has submitted progress reports after 9 months from the start of the research project, and approved by the assigned Vice President.

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3rd installment: not more than 90 percent of the project budget in the third year, and disbursed after the Principal Investigator has submitted progress reports after 18 months from the start of the research project, and approved by the assigned Vice President.

4th installment: not more than 10 percent of the project budget in the 1st-3rd years, and disbursed after the Principal Investigator has submitted a final report and produced research outputs/outcomes/impacts at the end of the research funding period, and approved by the assigned Vice President.

7.2 In case of having interest or balance of funding after the end of the research project, the research grantee shall return the balance with interests to the University through Faculty/Institution.

Section 8. Research funding under this Announcement shall be disbursed according to the University's revenue in accordance with the Mahidol University's Regulation on Budget Administration and Finance B.E. 2551 (A.D. 2008) and its amendments.

Section 9. The President shall be acting under this Announcement. In the case of any issue or dispute regarding implementation of this Announcement, the President's decision shall be conclusive.

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