



Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Announcement
Research Grant for Collaborative Research, Fiscal Year 2027

Prince of Songkla University (PSU) hereby provides research grants under Research Grant for Collaborative Research, Fiscal Year 2027, aimed at fostering collaboration with foreign countries (Collaborative Research). The details of the grant are as follows:

1. Aims of the grant: To promote researchers' professional development through international research collaboration, enabling the exchange of knowledge and expertise with foreign researchers. The program aims to advance academic knowledge, enhance teaching and learning, and foster the development of research capacity and outputs with international recognition and impact.

2. Proposal eligibility

2.1 The proposed research project clearly demonstrates active collaboration with international researchers.

2.2 The proposed project must not be under consideration for, or receive, funding from any other source.

2.3 The project period shall not exceed one year.

2.4 The Principal Investigator is affiliated with Prince of Songkla University, and the research team includes co-investigators from international institutions.

3. Applicant Qualifications: The applicant (principal investigator) shall possess the following qualifications:

3.1 Applicants shall be employees of PSU. Where the employment contract does not cover the entire project period, a letter of endorsement from the Dean shall be required.

3.2 The Principal Investigator must not have any overdue research reports and/or pending research outputs from projects or grants funded by the University, including those supported through the Fundamental Fund (FF).

3.3 Applicants shall not be on sabbatical leave for a period of six months or longer.

3.4 Each applicant may submit only one proposal under this funding scheme.

3.5 Eligibility to apply for a new research proposal is granted only when all previously funded projects supported by the University and/or the Fundamental Fund (FF) have been completed and classified as ‘fully completed research projects’.

4. Source of Funding

The funding scheme is based on a tripartite cost-sharing arrangement, whereby financial support is jointly provided by the University, the Campus, and the faculty in the proportions of 25%, 25%, and 50%, respectively.

5. Grant Amount and Expected Research Outputs

5.1 Grant Amount of grant: Each project may receive funding of up to THB 400,000, with expenditures divided into the following three categories:

5.1.1 Expenses for Conducting Research in Thailand. This may include, but is not limited to, research materials, equipment, travel within the country, participant recruitment, data collection, and analysis costs. The specific expenses eligible for funding will be subject to the guidelines and regulations of the grant program.

5.1.2 Expenses for Prince of Songkla University Researchers Conducting Research at Collaborating International Institutions shall not exceed 50% of the total project budget and may include the following expenses:

- 1) One round-trip airfare from Bangkok to the destination country where the research will be conducted.
- 2) Accommodation expenses for a period of up to three months.
- 3) Living allowance.
- 4) Oversea health insurance.
- 5) Visa fees and related visa processing charges.
- 6) Airport taxes and airport service charges.
- 7) Research-related expenses (if applicable).

5.1.3 Expenses for International Researchers.

Funding to support the participation of international researchers in the project may be allocated at an amount not exceeding 10% of the total project budget as follows:

- 1) One-Way Economy-Class Airfare between Prince of Songkla University and the Collaborating International Institution
- 2) Living Allowance at Prince of Songkla University (Maximum THB 1,000/day, up to 1 month).
- 3) Accommodation expenses during the period of research activities at Prince of Songkla University.

Note: The expenses specified under Sections 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 may be reallocated among the approved budget items as necessary and appropriate, provided that such expenditure complies with the prescribed rates and regulations.

5.2 Expected Research Outputs

At least one publication in a SCOPUS-indexed academic journal classified in the Q1 or Q2 quartile.

6. Application Procedure

6.1 Proposal Submission

Applications shall be submitted through the PSU Research Project Management (PRPM) System and shall include the following documents:

6.1.1 The research proposal must be organized into the following two parts:

Part I: Research Proposal (Form 1/CR 2027_Part I).

Part II: Research Team Information (Form 1/CR 2027_Part II), containing the profiles and relevant information of the research team.

Note: Projects related to previous studies must provide explanations and support documents.

6.1.2 A document providing a clear justification for the need to undertake collaborative research with an institution abroad, accompanied by evidence supporting the selection of the institution. The institution must have a ranking at least equivalent to that of Prince of Songkla University, based on data obtained from the SciVal platform (<https://www.scival.com/landing>).

6.1.3 Letters of approval from the authorized supervisors of both institutions, confirming personnel participation in the project and authorizing the use of time, research facilities, equipment, and other resources required for the research.

6.1.4 An iThenticate similarity report indicating a similarity index not exceeding 30% for academic content.

6.1.5 A Dean's endorsement letter, where required under Clause 3.1.

6.1.6 The Impact Pathway Form

6.1.7 Research ethics training certificate.

Note: Grant recipients shall obtain approval from the relevant Research Ethics Committee, where applicable, before commencing any research activities. The ethics approval shall remain valid throughout the project period.

6.1.8 Questionnaires or research instruments, where applicable.

6.2 Faculty's cover letter requesting funding support to the Research and Development Office via the E-document system.

6.3 Reviewer Nomination

Applicants shall nominate at least four qualified reviewers, including at least one external reviewer. Internal reviewers must not be affiliated with the applicant's department. The University reserves the right to appoint reviewers as deemed appropriate.

6.4 Application Period

Research proposals are accepted year-round. Proposals that cannot be funded in the requested fiscal year will be considered for funding in the following fiscal year.

7. Proposal consideration criteria

7.1 Proposals shall be evaluated based on their alignment with the objectives of this funding scheme.

7.2 Funding shall be awarded to proposals that receive an average evaluation score of at least 80%.

7.3 Only complete proposals submitted in the prescribed format shall be considered.

8. Terms and Conditions

8.1 Grant Agreement

Once the grant is approved, the recipient must sign an agreement with the University. The recipient should commence the research after the project is approved and the funder has signed the agreement.

8.2 Research Reporting. The grant recipient shall submit the following reports:

8.2.1 A progress report every 6 months from the date of the contract signing and upload the progress report to the PRPM system.

8.2.2 A final research report and upload project closure documents to the PRPM system.

1. Upload the "draft" final report to the PRPM system for the University's approval before preparing the final research report in the specified format (Final Research Report Type 1 and Final Research Report Type 2).

Note: Final Research Report Type 2 is a report in the form of a collection of published articles or articles accepted for publication in academic journals indexed in the SCOPUS database, classified in the Q1 or Q2 quartile.

2. Once the University approves the "draft" final report, the grant recipient must proceed as follows:

2.1) Upload the final research report and abstract (Thai-English), including the Graphical Abstract, to the PRPM system.

2.2) Submit 1 set of documents to the University, consisting of:

(1) A notification letter of the document upload according to the University's conditions.

(2) A summary of total project expenditures (Form Research 5/Revenue) - 1 set. The researcher must keep evidence of research grant expenses ready for audit by relevant departments at any time.

8.3 Submit research output for complete project closure, which is an acceptance letter or reprint of the published work in an academic journal indexed in the SCOPUS database classified in the Q1 or Q2 quartile, within 1 year after the end of the research period per the contract, or within 1 year after the end of the university-approved extension period - 1 set (in case the research output is not yet included in the final report). **The Principal Investigator must be the First Author or Corresponding Author only.**

8.4 Receiving Additional Research Grants from Other Sources: In the event that the grant recipient receives additional research funding from other sources after the grant has been approved under this announcement, the recipient must submit a formal request for permission to the University. The University does not permit double funding and strictly prohibits the use of the publication, which is the primary output of this project, in conjunction with other grants.

9. Acknowledgement

For the dissemination of the research, whether in the final research report or other formats, please indicate in the acknowledgment or an appropriate place in the publication that: **“This research was supported by Prince of Songkla University Contract No. _____.”** Furthermore, the Principal Investigator’s affiliation in the publication shall be stated as Prince of Songkla University, and the research ethics approval number shall also be cited in the publication.

10. The university may invite grant recipients to present their findings, both research progress reports and final research reports, at university symposiums.

11. Grant Disbursement

The research grant provided by the University, the Campus, and the faculty shall be disbursed in three installments as follows:

11.1 Expenses for Conducting Research in Thailand, as specified under Section 5.1, shall be released in three instalments according to the following schedule:

First installment, up to 50% of the operating budget upon execution of the grant agreement.

Second installment, up to 40% of the operating budget, including advisor remuneration, upon:

- (1) Submission and approval of the research progress report; and
- (2) Submission of the expenditure report for the first installment (Form 5/Revenue).

Final installment, the remaining project budget shall be disbursed upon fulfillment of all requirements specified in Clauses 8.2.2 and 8.3, including submission of the Project Expenditure Summary Report (Form 5/Revenue).

11.2 Expenses for Prince of Songkla University Researchers Conducting Research at Collaborating International Institutions, as specified under Section 5.2, shall be provided as an advance payment. Grant recipients are required to submit an advance payment request through their Faculty/Unit, Campus, and the University before departure. Upon returning from the overseas assignment, the grant recipient must submit a travel report and all supporting documentation of incurred expenses for financial clearance and settlement of the advance payment.

11.3 Expenses for International Researchers, as specified under Section 5.3, shall be claimed by the Thai grant recipient through the relevant Faculty/Unit, Campus, and the University. Reimbursement may be requested upon the international researcher's arrival or prior to departure, as applicable. All claims must be accompanied by receipts, travel details, travel reports, and other supporting documents necessary for financial verification and disbursement.

12. Suspension of Final Disbursement

The University reserves the right to withhold disbursement of the final installment if the grant recipient fails to comply with Clause 8.2.2 and 8.3 within 90 days from the date of notification of the draft final research report evaluation result.

13. Expenditure of Grant Funds

13.1 Grant funds shall be expended only within the approved project period, including any approved extension period. Any funds remaining after the approved project period shall not be eligible for disbursement.

13.2 Upon project termination or closure, the grant recipient shall close the project account and return any unspent funds to the University within 30 days of the termination or closure date.

14. Repayment of Grant Funds

If the grant recipient fails to complete the project within the prescribed period and/or fails to fulfill the research output requirements stipulated under this grant, the University shall be entitled to require repayment of all funds disbursed under this grant.

15. Compliance

Grant recipients shall comply with the grant agreement, University regulations, announcements, and all other applicable policies governing this funding scheme.

16. Intellectual Property

The University shall retain ownership of any intellectual property arising from research funded under this Announcement, except where disclosure is required for public benefit or otherwise prescribed by law.

17. Final Authority

In the case of any dispute regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Announcement, the decision of the University shall be final and binding.

Those who are interested can access the scholarship announcement through the website: <https://research.psu.ac.th/research-fund/?tab=psu-research-fund>

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