



Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Announcement Fast Track Research Grant, Fiscal Year 2027

Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai Campus, has established the Fast Track Research Grant to support well-prepared research projects that can be implemented immediately and have strong potential to generate academic outputs in a timely manner. The details are as follows:

1. Objectives

This research grant aims to support and expedite highly ready research projects that already have preliminary study results, enabling them to proceed rapidly and efficiently. This aims to lead to high-quality publications in international academic journals, thereby tangibly increasing the number of researchers and elevating the university's academic output.

2. Grant Amount and Expected Research Outputs

2.1 Grant Amount: Not exceeding THB 150,000 per project.

2.2 Expected Research Outputs: At least one publication in an academic journal indexed in the SCOPUS database, classified in the Q1 or Q2 quartile.

3. Applicant Qualifications. Applicants shall possess the following qualifications:

3.1 The Principal Investigator (PI) shall employees of PSU and hold a doctoral degree or equivalent. In the case of 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. Proposal Eligibility

The proposed project must:

4.1 The project must constitute basic research in any disciplinary area and demonstrate alignment with the national research funding priorities and the research support policies of Prince of Songkla University.

4.2 The proposed research project shall be based on preliminary study findings and demonstrate feasibility for completion within a maximum period of 12 months.

4.3 The proposed project must not be considered for, or receive, funding from any other source.

4.4 The project period shall not exceed one year.

5. Application Procedures

5.1 Proposal Submission

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

5.1.1 The research proposal must be prepared entirely in English and organized into the following two parts:

Part I: Research Proposal (Form 1/Fast Track 2027_Part I). The complete proposal shall not exceed 10 pages.

Part II: Research Team Information (Form 1/Fast Track 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.

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

5.1.3 A letter from the applicant's faculty or unit confirming follow-up of research outputs (for contract employees under Section 3.1).

5.1.4 Impact Pathway Form.

5.1.5 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.

5.1.6 Questionnaires or interview guidelines to be used in the research (if any).

5.2 The faculty's cover letter requesting funding support to the Research and Development Office via the E-document system

5.3 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.

5.4 Application Period

Research proposals are accepted year-round. However, the University reserves the right to announce the closure of the application period once the allocated budget is exhausted.

6. Proposal Evaluation

6.1 Consideration will be given to the clarity and comprehensiveness of the proposed research project, the research team's capacity to effectively carry out and complete the project, and the potential to deliver the proposed research outputs within the prescribed project period.

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

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

7. Terms and Conditions

7.1 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.

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

7.2.1 Progress Reports

A One-Page Progress Report must be submitted every six months from the date of the grant agreement signing and upload the progress to the PRPM system.

7.2.2 Final Report. Within six months after the end of the research period as stipulated in the research grant agreement, researchers must submit:

(1) Manuscript under review together with evidence of journal submission (in a Scopus Q1 or Q2 journal).

(2) Abstract.

(3) A graphical Abstract.

(4) A complete project expenditure summary report (Form 5/Revenue). The grant recipient shall retain all supporting financial documents for audit and inspection purposes.

7.3 Research Output

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. **The Principal Investigator must be the First Author or Corresponding Author only.**

7.4 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 publication, which is the primary output of this project, in conjunction with other grants.

8. 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.

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

10. Grant Disbursement

10.1 Financial support is limited to research implementation under the 2 categories only: the categories of the Services Expenses and the Materials and Supplies Expenses.

10.2 Grant Disbursement: Funding shall be disbursed in two installments:

First Installment: Up to 80% of the operating budget upon execution of the grant agreement.

Final Installment: The remaining project budget shall be disbursed upon fulfillment of all requirements specified in Clause 7.3, including submission of the Project Expenditure Summary Report (Form 5/Revenue).

11. 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 7.2.2 and 7.3 within 90 days from the date of notification of the draft final research report evaluation result.

12. Expenditure of Grant Funds

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

13. 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.

14. Compliance

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

15. 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.

16. 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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