



Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Announcement
Research Grant for New Researcher Development Fiscal Year 2027

Prince of Songkla University has a policy to promote and support the research capacity development of its personnel. Therefore, the University has allocated a budget for the New Researcher Development Grant, with the following details:

1. Objectives

This research grant aims to support new researchers in initiating research with confidence and quality. A senior researcher may serve as a project advisor to provide guidance.

2. Grant Amount and Expected Research Output

2.1 Grant Amount: Not exceeding 200,000 THB per project (including a project advisor remuneration budget of not more than 10,000 THB).

2.2 Expected Research Output: At least one publication in an academic journal indexed in the SCOPUS database.

3. Applicant Qualifications

3.1 Hold a doctoral degree or equivalent obtained within the past 5 years and have never received any research grant from any source while working at Prince of Songkla University.

3.2 Be an employee affiliated with Prince of Songkla University. (In the case that the applicant is a contract employee and the employment contract duration does not cover the research project period, the faculty/department must attach a performance tracking certification document along with the research proposal).

3.3 Not currently on study leave / training leave or other types of leave for a period of 6 months or more.

3.4 Eligible to submit only 1 research proposal for the New Researcher Development Grant.

4. Proposal Eligibility

4.1 The project period shall not exceed one year.

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

4.3 A qualified senior researcher shall be appointed as the project advisor.

5. Qualifications and Responsibilities of Project Advisors

5.1 Qualifications

Project advisors shall possess expertise and experience relevant to the proposed research area and shall have published research outputs in the field within the previous five years. Advisors may be PSU researchers or external experts.

5.2 Responsibilities

Project advisors shall provide consultation, guidance, and support throughout the project period, including proposal development, budget planning, project implementation, and preparation of research outputs. The University may request consultation, recommendations, or progress updates from project advisors as deemed necessary.

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/NRD 2027_Part I).

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

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

6.1.2 A summary of the proposal's plagiarism check result using the iThenticate program. The similarity index must not exceed 30% for academic content only.

6.1.3 Performance tracking certification document from the principal investigator's faculty/department (in case of contract employees per Clause 3.2).

6.1.4 The Impact Pathway of the research proposal.

6.1.5 Certificate of completion for relevant research standards training from various university committees. Furthermore, researchers must request certification regarding research standards, such as approval for animal research, certification from the ethics committee, Form Research 19/Plant variety use, etc.

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.

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

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

6.3 Reviewer Nomination

Nominate at least 4 qualified experts with expertise in the proposed research to evaluate the proposal (At least 1 must be an external expert, and if internal, they should not be from the same faculty/department as the applicant. If they must be from the same faculty/department, they must not be in the same department/branch). The University reserves the right to determine the reviewers as deemed appropriate.

6.4 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.

7. Proposal Evaluation

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.

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, 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 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

Funds shall be disbursed to the recipient in 3 installments as follows:

First installment: Not exceeding 50% of the operating budget received, after the grant agreement is signed.

Second installment: Not exceeding 40% of the operating budget received and the advisor's remuneration, after the recipient has submitted:

1. A research progress report approved by the University and uploaded to the PRPM system.
2. An expenditure report for the first installment (Form Research 5/Revenue).

Final installment: The remaining balance, after the recipient has fully complied with Clauses 8.2.2 and 8.3, and submitted the expenditure report for the entire project (Form Research 5/Revenue).

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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