

The School of Public Policy Research Fellowship Programs: Academic Year 2022-2023

Track 1. Canadian-Myanmar Research Fellowship Program

Overview: The School of Public Policy (CMU-SPP) at Chiang Mai University in partnership with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) provides a collaborative research platform called the "Myanmar Reimagined Initiative (MRI)" for convening, promoting, and aggregating research work related to Myanmar. It is considered 'safe space' for Myanmar nationals to gain freedom and independence to develop their own research ideas with access to excellent facilities. The main objective is to continue capacity development of and create adequate conditions for Myanmar change agents and policy-related scholars to further develop their knowledge and skills in policy process and political participation. The overarching goal for this fellowship is to continue support effective public policy and administration, political participation, and democratic reform in order to maintain the country's development progress.

While in Thailand all fellows have wide opportunities to travel, to do field work, to connect with international networks and to carry out short-term secondment in development industry or the non-academic sector locally or abroad. The fellowship program has a distinct focus on capacity development for especially young scholars/practitioners offering both academic mentorship, career development in transferable skills, organized networking with development partners and opportunities to plan and carry through large-scale multidisciplinary and international conferences.

Eligibility: Myanmar nationals with background as scholars, policymakers, politicians, practitioners, civil servants, think tanks and civil society members.

Application: Complete the form "APPLICATION FOR CMU-SPP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP" sent in the email invitation. Applicant needs to attach a brief detail of research interest/proposal.

Review Criteria: The selection of fellows is made based on research proposals from applicants with good English language proficiency, the capacity to enhance Myanmar academic/practitioner/policy research networks related to Myanmar and the impact of their research work. SPP employs need-based approach in selection criterion.

Fellowship Timeline: Fellowship contract is signed for 6 months starting from 01 July 2022 - 31 December 2022.

Funding Support:

Canadian-Myanmar Research Fellowship Program

- 6-mth Living allowance THB15,000 per month
- International Travel allowance THB23,000
- Covid-19 related measures THB15,000
- Health insurance for entry permit THB20,000
- VISA application fee THB3,000
- Supply, IT/ICT subsidy THB3,500

Track 2. Myanmar Reimagined Research Fellowship Program at CMU SPP

Overview: The School of Public Policy (CMU-SPP) at Chiang Mai University in partnership with Freedom House, a non-profit, majority U.S. government funded organization, is looking to engage and support our strategic partners in Myanmar. We are wishing to encourage those familiar with the work of Freedom House to apply for our six-month intensive fellowship program at School of Public Policy. Through this program it is our aim to help identify and nurture future change agents who will positively contribute to a prosperous democratic transformation and human rights protection in Myanmar. The primary objectives of this fellowship will be to equip participants with skills in policy analysis, policy writing, deliberative processes and futures thinking. The secondary objectives will be to help understand the process of policy formulation and how to exact change whilst considering policy processes through deliberative and inclusive dialogues with stakeholders.

Our platform is called the "Myanmar Reimagined Initiative (MRI)" for convening, promoting, and aggregating research work related to Myanmar. The platform would be a 'safe space' for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, think tanks, and civil society members to share, learn, and develop capacities for effective public policy design and implementation. During the 6-mth long intensive program, CMU-SPP alongside the fellows is expected to produce at least two (2) policy briefs on public policy in Myanmar. While holding one (1) policy seminar on key agendas ongoing in Myanmar to be live-streamed. This program also provides networking opportunities for participants to be able to engage with international stakeholders toward capacity building, skills development, and further educational opportunities.

Eligibility: Myanmar nationals with background as scholars, policymakers, practitioners, politicians, civil servants, think tanks and civil society members.

Application: Complete the form "APPLICATION FOR CMU-SPP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP" sent in the email invitation. Applicant needs to attach a brief detail of research interest/proposal.

Review Criteria: The selection of fellows is made based on research proposals from applicants with good English language proficiency, practical experience in promoting human rights in Myanmar and/or the impact of their research and advocacy on democracy, political freedom, and human rights. SPP employs need-based approach in selection criterion.

Fellowship Timeline: Fellowship contract is signed for 6 months starting from 01 July 2022 - 31 December 2022.

Funding Support:

Myanmar Reimagined Research Fellowship Program at CMU SPP

- 6-mth Living allowance THB15,000 per month
- International Travel allowance THB37,500
- Health insurance for entry permit THB20,000
- VISA application fee THB3,000
- Supply, IT/ICT subsidy THB2,500