



Announcement

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Subject: Research Assistantships Academic Year 2022

(For Doctoral Degree Students)

1. Rationale

Mahidol University is a research-focused institute and aims at fostering research efficiency among instructors and students both quantitatively and qualitatively. With research-priority policy, the Faculty of Graduate Studies, hence, promotes research projects to be rigorous. Doctoral degree programs offer opportunities for postgraduate students to conduct research internationally under the supervision and guidance of university faculty to become prospective independent researchers or academicians. The Faculty of Graduate Studies accordingly foresees the importance of this matter and would like to offer research assistantship grants to doctoral degree students. The objectives are to assist students with academic and research excellences to hold firm devotion in working full-time toward their research projects and dissertations and to innovate research projects that meet international standards

2. Objectives

2.1 To offer scholarships to doctoral degree students to collaborate in research projects with their dissertation advisors;

2.2 To advocate the students toward improvements of research skills to be internationally recognized;

2.3 To attract both Thai and foreign students with distinguishing excellence to further their studies in doctoral degree programs.

3. Expected outcomes

3.1 Strengthening the Research Cluster of Mahidol University.

3.2 Enhancing doctoral degree students and prepare them for research projects.

3.3 Supporting research projects of programs, faculties, and the university to abound quantitatively and qualitatively.

3.4 Increasing the number of Thai and foreign students enrolling in doctoral degree programs.

3.5 Promoting the relationship among instructors, students, and the Research Cluster of Mahidol University.

3.6 Encouraging the research culture and ethics of Mahidol University, through research assistantship grants offered collaboratively to students and advisors of faculties, institutes, or colleges.

4. Sources and number of grants

Students with research assistantship titles will be granted the amount of 10,000 Thai Baht monthly from the sources of grants for which advisors and students voluntarily pledged. The sources of grants are as follows:

Category	Finances	Value	Period
<u>Category 1</u>	Revenue of the Faculty of Graduate Studies	120,000 Thai Baht/ year/grant	To be offered no more than 2 years from the first monthly grant
<u>Category 2</u> Category 2.1	- Revenue of the Faculty of Graduate Studies: 1 part - Revenue of faculties/ institutes/ colleges: 2 parts	120,000 Thai Baht/ year/grant	To be offered no more than 2 years from the first monthly grant
Category 2.2	- Revenue of the Faculty of Graduate Studies: 1 part - Revenue of faculties/ institutes/ colleges: 1 part - Research funds of advisors who apply for research assistantships: 1 part	120,000 Thai Baht/ year/grant	To be offered no more than 2 years from the first monthly grant
Category 2.3	- Revenue of the Faculty of Graduate Studies accounts: 1 part - Research funds of advisors who apply for research assistantships accounts: 1 part: 2 parts	120,000 Thai Baht/ year/grant	To be offered no more than 2 years from the first monthly grant

Category 2 is for the faculties, institutes, or colleges who have signed up for a research assistantship project for the academic year 2022. The list of participating programs is available in the Appendix Section.

5. Qualifications of students eligible for the research assistantships candidacy

5.1 Be a Thai or foreign student enrolling in any doctoral degree programs that financially collaborate with the Faculty of Graduate Studies (excluding the programs offered at Faculty of Medical Technology, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University International College, College of Music,

and College of Management), and has passed the dissertation proposal defense. In addition, the student's thesis advisory committee and title must have been approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

5.2 Students applying for this scholarship must be studying and not exceed the study plan duration as specified in the program's curriculum which was approved by the University Council.

5.3 In the case of plan 2 (with coursework), must have a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.50

5.4 Must pass the English language proficiency standard criteria for graduation of the doctoral degree program in accordance to the announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

5.5 Have high potential in conducting research studies, e.g., research publication and academic awards.

5.6 Must have never been granted a scholarship from The Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program and not been offered a scholarship from other sources in form of monthly stipends or similar nature. Furthermore, grantees who have been offered scholarships from other sources must report the sources of funds, the amount, and the duration.

5.7 Be able to conduct full-time research as planned in collaboration with his/her advisor. In case the grantee is currently employed, the full-time study leave approval must be signed by his/her supervisor. The approval must be granted throughout the program.

6. Qualifications of advisors eligible for the research assistantships candidacy

6.1 Be the major advisor of the applicant for research assistantship grant.

6.2 Have a laboratory and research venue where facilities and instruments along with materials are available for research assistants to conduct research accurately.

6.3 Be able to advise the research assistant.

6.4 Have research articles published in any national or international academic journals within 5 years.

6.5 Be a former research grantee (if any).

6.6 Have a research project in progress.

6.6.1 Instructors applying for research assistantships category 1 and type 2.3 must have a research project fund whose titles are not necessarily similar to the research projects pursued by research assistants.

6.6.2 Instructors applying for research assistantships types 2.1 and 2.2 must have a research project fund whose titles are similar to the research projects pursued by research assistants.

7. Required documents for candidacy

7.1 Students applying for research assistantships must complete application, and submit 1 copy to the Student Affairs Section, the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Along with the documents stipulated in the form, the application form must be approved by the major advisor, program director, and dean or director of the faculty, institute, or colleges that offer instruction of such program.

7.2 Required documents for the application are as follows:

7.2.1 Résumé of the major advisor

7.2.2 Résumé of the applicant

7.2.3 Current grade report of the applicant

In a case where the documents listed are not complete, the Faculty of Graduate Studies would not consider such an application.

8. Conditions

8.1 The duration of Research Assistantships from Faculty of Graduate Studies shall not exceed the duration of the study plan according to the program's curriculum of the students.

8.2 Each research assistant must devote himself/herself to conducting research as planned, shall have a progress report that satisfies the major advisor, and must hold evaluation in a written report in all semesters. With these 3 components, the research assistantship of such students could be considered and later granted an extended status of a research assistantship.

8.3 Should a student with research assistantship status be a grantee of scholarship offered by other sources, he/she must report to the Faculty of Graduate Studies immediately the source(s), the amount of scholarship, and duration of the grant. In the case a research assistant fails to do so, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies could later retrieve the information with or without research assistantship status, the Faculty of Graduate Studies would demand a refund of the total amount of stipends. Such refunds may vary.

8.4 In the case where dissertation titles have been changed, research assistants must inform the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Such grantees shall demonstrate new research plans so that the research assistantship committee could consider them.

9. Selection process

9.1 The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, would appoint the research assistantship committee to consider grantees according to the criteria in Articles 5 and 6. When the decision would have been made, the committee shall report such a decision to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies for the announcement of the successful candidates afterward.

9.2 The decision of the committee is final. No appeal shall be considered.

10. Extension of research assistantships for students

10.1 The progress evaluation shall be made every semester by the research assistantship committee.

10.2 The research assistants must submit the progress report every semester to major advisors and finally to the Faculty of Graduate Studies within the stipulated deadlines.

10.3 The committee shall consider the progress reports of all grantees and report the evaluation results to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to extend or suspend the research assistantship status.

The consideration result of the committee toward the extension or suspension of the research assistantship status is final.

11. Termination of research assistantship

Research assistantship shall be terminated according to one of the following conditions:

11.1 Research assistants pass dissertation defenses.

11.2 Research assistants request the research assistantship termination.

11.3 Instructors applying for the research assistantship suggest termination.

11.4 Instructors applying for the research assistantship are no longer major advisors of grantees.

11.5 Research assistants cannot complete their studies within the length of study specified in the program.

11.6 The dissertation progress is awarded grades "P" or "U".

11.7 The Faculty of Graduate Studies has not been informed of the progress of the dissertation by instructors applying for the research assistantship within the deadline.

11.8 The research assistantship committee and the dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies do not approve or decide to terminate the research assistantship status.

11.9 The research assistants terminate their student status or have quit from the university.

11.10 The research assistants cease the research or declare study leave with undue reasons.

11.11 The research assistants report fraudulent information or do not report sources of other scholarships they have been offered to the Faculty of Graduate Studies during research assistantship.

12. Research assistantship obligations

The research assistantship is the scholarship to support the study and research in doctoral degree programs. Grantees shall hold obligations as stipulated in the conditions of such a scholarship.

13. Schedule

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, has considered deadlines for the process of research assistantships of the academic year 2022 as follows:

Semester	Registration Opening	Registration Deadline	Announcement
First	Now	29 th July 2022	August 2022
Second	1 st August 2022	30 th November 2022	December 2022

Remarks: Date and time shall be based on the official working calendar

Interested students could apply the research assistantship at the website of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (<https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th>) under the menu “Scholarships”. The students must complete the application form and submit it along with the required documents within deadlines. Should the application forms and documents be submitted later than the stipulated dates, the Faculty of Graduate Studies would not consider such applications.

14. In cases of matters not covered under this announcement, or with exceptional cases, they would be considered by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on a case-by-case basis.

15. Additional information

For more information, please contact the Student Affair Section, the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Salaya Campus through either Tel. 0-2441-4125 ext. 600-603, or Line office: @451pslqw

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