



SEASREP

Postgraduate Fellowship

1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

Guidelines and Instructions

The Postgraduate Fellowship is a program of the Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP), administered by the SEASREP Foundation, with support from the Toyota Foundation. SEASREP aims to promote Southeast Asian studies in Southeast Asia.

For further inquiries and copies of the application form, write to:

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Forms may also be downloaded from the SEASREP home page at <http://www.seasrepfoundation.org>.

1. Objectives

The fellowship aims to encourage the study of a Southeast Asian country other than one's own or a comparative study across the region by M.A. or Ph.D. students, and postdoctoral researchers. The program supports three levels of study:

- M.A. course work and/or thesis research (documentary research and field work) and thesis writing;
- Ph.D. course work and/or thesis research (documentary research and field work) and thesis writing; and
- Postdoctoral research.

2. Scope

Southeast Asia possesses diverse ethnic groups, religions and political systems. The history of the region is also diverse, due in part to the fact that some countries' histories include periods under various colonial regimes. At present, however, two considerations have led to a rapidly growing awareness within the region of the need for greater understanding among Southeast Asian countries.

First, rapid economic development in the last few decades and the rising influence of globalization on the region are bringing about changes in cultures, life styles, and thinking. It thus becomes necessary to reevaluate the cultural elements shared by the region as a whole as well as understand the sources of cultural distinction and diversity.

Second, because of recent changes in the international situation, Southeast Asian countries have begun to develop a sense of the region and are searching for ways to cooperate with one another. Mutual understanding is an indispensable means to that end, making the study of other countries in the region even more imperative. Grants are awarded for projects that are considered likely to reinforce cross-national or regional identity and promote mutual understanding in the region.

In view of these considerations, the Foundation supports research projects in the humanities or social sciences conducted by young Southeast Asian researchers and focused on a Southeast Asian country (or countries) other than the researcher's own and may involve cross-national comparisons (which may include the researcher's own country), or examine a regional theme, issue or problem. The research must include library (or archival) research and/or fieldwork in the country or countries being studied.

- For M.A./Ph.D. fellowship: The research findings must be used in the preparation of an M.A. thesis or a Ph.D. dissertation;
- For postdoctoral fellowship: The research must lead to the publication of a journal article, book chapter or book.

3. Eligibility

M.A. or Ph.D. fellowship: Southeast Asian nationals residing in the region under the age of 40 and enrolled in social science or humanities graduate programs in a Southeast Asian university.

Postdoctoral research: Southeast Asian nationals residing in the region and affiliated to a university or research institute in Southeast Asia and who obtained a doctorate degree in social science or humanities within three years prior to the date of grant application.

4. Terms of Grant

(a) Grant period

The grant period is one year, beginning 1 April 2012.

(b) Grant amount

The maximum amounts of individual grants are as follows:

For M.A. candidate:	research costs*	\$2,200
	living expenses**	\$450 per month x 12 months
For Ph.D. candidate:	research costs*	\$4,000
	living expenses**	\$650 per month x 12 months
For Postdoctoral research:	research costs*	\$4,600
	living expenses**	\$700 per month x 12 months

* Please refer to table on page 5 for items for which grants may be requested.

** If considered necessary by the Selection Committee

5. Selection Procedure

(a) Screening process

Applications will be evaluated by the SEASREP Selection Committee and grants will be approved by the SEASREP Board of Trustees in February 2012. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their applications in March 2012.

The Selection Committee values proposals that further the development of Southeast Asian studies either through comparative study or the study of a country other than one's own and promote mutual understanding in the region. The Committee also considers the originality of the proposal, its methodological soundness, the applicant's motivation in pursuing research, and the over-all organization and coherence of the proposal.

(b) Implementation

By signing and returning an acceptance form, which is attached to the grant letter sent by the SEASREP Foundation, the grant recipient agrees to the Terms and Conditions of the grant. An interim report and financial statement are to be submitted to the SEASREP Foundation six months after the beginning of the grant period. At the end of the period, a final narrative report and financial report are to be submitted to the SEASREP Foundation. A copy of the recipient's research findings or output is also to be sent to the SEASREP Foundation upon completion.

6. Application Procedure

(a) Documents to be submitted

- Application form

This can be obtained from the SEASREP Foundation. Application is to be submitted in English and must be typed using size 10 font or bigger. Handwritten application will not be

accepted. If the electronic version of the application form will be used, please do not change the format of the form, pagination, fonts or type size.

- Recommendation letter

The applicant's thesis or dissertation supervisor is requested to write a confidential recommendation letter, sealing it in an envelope before returning it to the applicant. In the case of applications by Ph.D. candidates, a letter certifying registration in a doctoral program and certificate that the applicant's proposal has been accepted by his/her faculty/department is also necessary. For applicants for postdoctoral research, two recommendation letters, one of which should come from the applicant's Ph.D. dissertation supervisor or other supervisory faculty member.

All documents are to be submitted to the SEASREP Foundation.

- (b) Deadline

Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed to grants@seasrepfoundation.org no later than 4 January 2012. SEASREP will not accept applications by fax.

Items for which grant funds may be requested

ITEM	EXPLANATION	LIMITATIONS
(1) Airfare/ Inland Travel	*To and from field site; for data gathering *Miscellaneous (accident insurance, visa, departure tax)	For M.A. candidates the grand total of items (1) through (8) is not to exceed US\$2,200. For Ph.D. candidates the grand total of items (1) through (8) is not to exceed US\$4,000.
(2) Documents and research material	*Purchase of books, documents, microfilms, microfiches, and photographs	For Ph.D. candidates the grand total of items (1) through (8) is not to exceed US\$4,000.
(3) Duplication and copying	*Photocopying of documents and archival materials	For postdoctoral researchers the grand total of items (1) through (8) is not to exceed US\$4,600.
(4) Equipment and supplies	*Purchase of cameras, tape recorders, film, tapes, etc.	For postdoctoral researchers the grand total of items (1) through (8) is not to exceed US\$4,600.
(5) Rental fees	*Rental of computer, etc.	
(6) Support personnel	*Typist/encoder *Lesson fees to study language of the country being studied	
(7) Report printing	*Printing of thesis or dissertation	
(8) Other expenses	*Postage, film processing, etc.	
(9) Stipend for living expenses	*If the Selection Committee considers it necessary, an applicant currently receiving another scholarship may apply for a stipend, depending on the amount given by the other scholarship.	For M.A. candidates, a maximum of US\$ 5,400. For Ph.D. candidates, a maximum of US\$ 7,800. For postdoctoral researchers, a maximum of US\$8,400.