



CAMBODIA

Call for Applications: Regional Human Rights Research Initiative 2018

As part of its Capacity Development Programme in Cambodia 2013-2019, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) hereby calls for applications from Cambodian researchers and lecturers/professors affiliated with Academic Institutions in Cambodia to participate in the 5th regional human rights research initiative 2018.

The initiative will gather researchers from countries in Asia and the Pacific and aims to strengthening analysis of the connections between human rights and any of the following areas:

- Environment & Sustainable Development
- People on the Move
- Inclusive Societies
- Fair and Efficient Justice
- Economic Globalisation and Gender Equality

The initiative aims at strengthening the capacities of researchers and lecturers/professors at Academic Institutions to effectively conduct human rights research in line with international standards and to increase the number of published academic human rights papers in Cambodia.

Successful applicants will be expected to carry out original academic research and produce a research paper in English that can be presented at a national, regional or international conference. The research should have a clear focus on human rights in the Cambodian or Southeast Asian context and be gender mainstreamed.

To facilitate the research process and the writing of final research papers, successful applicants will be invited to join a series of events throughout the year. An initial research workshop will be held in Bangkok Thailand, on 26 – 30 March 2018 to develop and present abstracts and discuss research modalities. This will be followed by expert mentorship during the actual research phase. Participants will present their draft final papers at a peer-review roundtable event in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 11–13 September 2018 (tentative venue and dates). In addition, access to resources and substantive training opportunities may also be offered to participants. Participants are expected to submit their individual abstracts and/or research paper to national, regional and/or international human rights conferences. If a paper is accepted, participants might be financially supported by RWI to participate and present at the conference. Such support depends on available funds and relevance of the conference.

The programme is jointly organised by RWI's Cambodia office and Regional Asia Office, with financial support from Swedish Development Cooperation. Please note that this initiative is subject to approved funding.

RWI's office in Cambodia will select up to six (6) participants from Cambodia to participate in the research initiative. RWI's regional office will select participants from other countries in the region. Note that different selection criteria and requirements might apply to researchers from other countries. **It is of utmost importance that the selected candidates are fully committed to this research initiative and participates in all stages of the programme, including participation in all workshops and individual research.**

All costs related to these events will be fully covered by RWI's Cambodia programme. A small per diem will be provided to the participants when travelling abroad in accordance with RWI's general rules.

NOTE: All costs related to the actual research must be borne by the participants. RWI will not provide any research grants and it is therefore important that the researchers develop realistic research plans (including financial considerations).



Requirements and Selection Process

Applicants should be:

- ✓ Cambodian Citizens
- ✓ Affiliated to an academic Institution in Cambodia
- ✓ Committed to human rights (*as evidenced by their motivation letter*)
- ✓ Committed and available to take part in ALL steps of the research initiative (*as evidenced by their motivation letter*)
- ✓ Applicants whose research proposal focus on a human rights related topic they teach, or will teach, at an academic Institution in Cambodia will be prioritized

RWI will select participants taking into consideration the quality and relevance of the suggested research topic, the commitment to human rights and how the result of the research can/will be used. In the selection process, RWI will also consider the dynamics of the group and will aim at having a fair gender balance among participants. Applicants from RWI's partner universities might be prioritized.

If you are interested in taking part in this unique human rights research initiative, please kindly submit your application form along with your CV, research idea (150-200 words) and motivation letter (200-400 words), no later than **23 February 2018 at** to Mr. BUN Sokseila (Programme Officer) via email sokseila.bun@rwi.lu.se.

For questions regarding the research initiative, other training courses, applications, and practical arrangements, kindly contact Mr. BUN Sokseila sokseila.bun@rwi.lu.se or h/p: 098 531 405.