



Announcement of Mahidol University
Mentorship Grant Award Mahidol University

Mahidol University has adopted a policy of developing potentialities of its lecturers in service who begins their research and in need of a mentor who will provide advice and supervision of the research project to achieve attainable goals. Such goal accords paramount importance to qualitative research and publication in international journals, or work results in equivalent forms with standard widely accepted in a particular academic field. This endeavor is mainly aimed at constituting a researcher's career ladder and, simultaneously, develops lecturers in service to consolidate expertise in their specialized field.

Subject to Article 11(1) of Mahidol University Bylaws on Research Grant Administration B.E. 2551, I, as the President of Mahidol University, then, make an announcement on "Research Grant for Mentors" as follows:

1. This Announcement repeals and replaces the announcement of Mahidol University on "Mentorship Grant Award of Mahidol University" dated 11 August B.E. 2551.

2. Research grant allocation

The University funds the grant by allocating the income of the University to four mentorship grants. Each grant does not exceed THB 3,000,000 (three million Thai Baht), with a two-year grant period. The procedure of the grant reimbursement adheres to the Announcement of Mahidol University.

3. Two types of funding

Type 1: A research team comprising at least three new lecturers or Assistant Professors proposes a comprehensible research project and plan, and requests a mentorship award for a research mentor who shall have the following qualifications.

1) The research mentor shall be an individual who is eminently experienced, who can lead a research team in a certain field, who is a full professor or an equivalent, and who is widely accepted in his or her specialized field. In particular, he or she shall have a network of specialists with high-ranking post in an external workplace and numerous research experiences.

2) The research mentor shall have had research experience for at least 15 years, mentored researchers at the Master's and/or Ph.D. levels, and been experienced in research collaboration with other universities in Thailand.

3) The research mentor shall be a researcher, who holds Thai nationality, of any government or private sector. An individual from the private sector shall have the written consent of his or her work affiliate giving its permission to utilize the research results for the good of all mankind.

Type 2: A research mentor, who has a comprehensible research project and plan and teams up with at least three new lecturers or Assistant Professors, can apply for the award. **The candidate shall have the following qualifications.**

1) The candidate shall be a civil servant, or university employee in the position of lecturer/researcher in the University.

2) The candidate shall have obtained a Ph.D. degree, works in the position of a full professor, as well as is capable to provide advice, suggestion, and assistance to lecturers in service, as novice researchers, to gain research experience and to be able to achieve the research goal.

3) The candidate must have had research experience for at least 15 years and published his/her work in highly prestigious international journals with high impact factor or performed other work results, e.g. intellectual property, of high standard to be widespread utilized and accepted in his/her specialized field.

4) The candidate must have the comprehensible research project and plan available as well as **team up with at least three new lecturers or Assistant Professors.**

4. Grant application process

4.1 The interested mentor shall prepare the research project in details together with an action plan in the form as stipulated by the University.

4.2 The Research Grant Committee, authorized by Mahidol University, will allocate the fund in accordance with the stipulated rules, submit its opinion to the President for approval, and make a university announcement.

5. Performance evaluation

The University shall have regular follow-up and evaluation of the mentor's performance every six months. This execution usually encourages grantees to submit their research results before the subsequent periodic payment, to adjust an action plan as deemed necessary, and to evaluate a complete report for the project accomplishment or for the grant discontinuation as the University thinks fit.

6. Submission of the research report should be performed as follows:

6.1 Submit five copies of the progress report in accord with MU:02 form after six months, counting from the date of the grant received.

6.2 Submit five copies of the complete report in accord with MU:03 form, including its Thai and English abstract at the end of the research project period.

6.3 In the event that the research result is published in a high prestigious journal or widely accepted papers, submit three copies of such publication to the University.

6.4 The complete report together with its Thai and English abstract or all publications must be added the acknowledgement in Thai that said, “โครงการวิจัยได้รับทุนอุดหนุนการวิจัยจากมหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล” or in English, “This research project is supported by Mahidol University”

7. In the event that the research project leader does not submit the report in accord with Mahidol University’s stipulation, the University reserves the rights to discontinue the grant payment.

8. License or patent

License or patent which is a result of this grant including all profits earned from the commercialization of this research must adhere to the stipulation of Mahidol University.

9. Grant receiving and reimbursement

The procedure of the grant receiving and reimbursement adheres to the Announcement of Mahidol University on “Rules for Research Grant Reimbursement of Mahidol University B.E. 2551” and “Rules and Rates of Salary, Remunerations, and Expenses in Research Grant Administration of Mahidol University B.E. 2551.”

10. Grant application procedure

10.1 The interested person must submit **ten copies** of the research project proposal form (MU:01) together with his/her curriculum vitae and research experiences.

10.2 In the event that a particular research project requires a questionnaire, an interview form, or an observation form, attach such form or draft with the research project proposal.

10.3 In the event that such research project conducts experiment on human beings or animals, or genetic engineering and biotechnology, the applicant should attach the recommendation letter or letter of confirmation from the executive committee at the level of school or university, together with the proposal.

10.4 The interested person must submit the paperwork in items 10.1-10.3 to **the Research Administration Division, 4th Floor, Mahidol University Office Salaya Campus**. The forms can be downloaded from the website http://intranet.mahidol/op/orra/webpage/funding_opportunities/left_funding.html. If there is any doubt, please contact **the Research Administration Division for more information at Tel. 02-849-6241-6 and Fax 02-849-6247**.

11. Grant application deadlines

The University receives a research project proposal all year round.

Any doubt according to this announcement is left to the discretion of the President or Vice-president of Research and Academia.

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