



PMU-B: Global Partnership Scheme

**The Program Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development,
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Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council

Aims of the Call



The PMU-B Global Partnership Scheme provides strategic investment for researchers in Thailand to build significant global collaboration. The scheme aims to achieve capacity building through knowledge exchanges and sharing with our global partners. The covered research areas span across the full range of science & technology, social sciences, humanities and arts, requiring both disciplinary depth and collaboration within and across disciplines.

The PMU-B Global Partnership Scheme is divided into 3 levels and targeted at a wide variety of researchers at different stages in their careers as follows:

- 1) Partnership Initiative Fund**
- 2) Network Strengthening Fund**
- 3) Organizational Bridging Fund**

Funding Overview



	Partnership Initiative Fund	Network Strengthening Fund	Organizational Bridging Fund
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building new international partnerships, especially for young researchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening existing international research networks and transcend disciplinary boundaries, especially for mid-career researchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forming collaborations at the intuitional/organizational or small consortia level between Thai academic/research institutions and international research partners positioned at the top of their fields
Project Duration	3 years	3 years	3 years
Maximum Award/Project	6 million Baht	9 million Baht	45 million Baht
Deadline	18/March/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)	18/Feb/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)	18/Feb/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)
Letter of Support	Yes	Yes	Yes
Expected Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research that adopts multi/inter-disciplinary approaches Extend the collaboration beyond the end of the award by jointly developing a quality proposal to tap bigger scale research funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research that adopts multi/inter-disciplinary approaches Expand research networks to other disciplines Extend the collaboration beyond the end of the award by jointly developing a quality proposal to tap bigger scale research funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research results that deliver significant impact to the society Leveraging research capabilities of Thai institutions to compete internationally Extend collaborations beyond the end of the award by jointly developing a quality proposal to tap bigger scale research funding

Letter of Support:

Letters of support are required from all project partners involved in the proposal. These letters must be signed by the institutions' authorized signatory and should include the following points:

- **Confirm that your research staff are fully supported to collaborate in the proposed project**
- **Confirm that the institution will allow access to the facilities, equipment, data and all other appropriate materials necessary to carry out the proposed research project**
- **Explain the roles and responsibilities of your research staff in the project and the benefits the institution will receive from the collaboration**
- **Explain how the institution will help contribute in strengthening and building a sustainable research collaboration**



Partnership Initiative Fund

Partnership Initiative Fund:

General Funding Rules

Project duration: maximum of 3 years

Maximum award: 6 million THB/project

Deadline: 18/March/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)

Submission: via NRIIS system

Collaboration:

- **A collaborative project consists of at least one academic/government-affiliated research organization based in Thailand (PI's affiliated institution) and one academic/research partner organization based overseas (Co-I's affiliated institution)**
- **Must be a new collaboration/partnership between PI and Co-I**
- **Priority will be given to multi/interdisciplinary research projects**

Letter of Support:

- **Letter of support is required from all participating institutions and must be signed by the institutions' authorized signatory.**



Partnership Initiative Fund:

PI & Co-I Eligibilities



	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
PI Eligibility (Thai Institutions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a government-affiliated research organization based in Thailand • Must have completed a PhD or have extensive research experience between 5 to 12 years • Must have prior experience in managing at least a 2-million-Baht research project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a government-affiliated research organization based in Thailand • Must have a recognized research track record or have extensive research experience between 3 to 10 years • Must have prior experience in managing at least a 0.7-million-Baht research project
Co-I Eligibility (Oversea Partner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute

Partnership Initiative Fund: Expected Outputs



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	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>high-impact journals</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>high-impact journals/books/arts and performances</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run

Partnership Initiative Fund: Use of Funds - Eligible Costs



Eligible Costs

- **Salary for research staff based in Thailand**
- **Research support:**
 - **Costs for consumables and supplies incurred in Thailand**
- **Costs for organizing workshops in Thailand and**
- **Travel expenses (researchers based in Thailand):**
 - **Cost of travel for attending international conferences**
 - **Cost of travel to overseas partner organization to exchange research skills and expertise. This includes roundtrip economy airfare and subsistence allowance calculated based on the standards set by the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC), Thailand.**
 - **Bench fees incurred by researchers from Thailand while visiting overseas partners (not more than 750 THB/day). If required by the overseas partner organization that the bench fee be charged at an annual rate, the Funder (PMU-B) reserves the right to determine whether the cost is allowable on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Travel expenses (researchers from overseas partner organization)**
 - **Cost of travel to Thai institutions to exchange research skills and expertise with researchers involved in the project. This includes roundtrip economy airfare, accommodation (not more than 15,000 THB/month), subsistence allowance (not more than 2,000 THB/day).**
- **Disciplines under the remit of S&T are required to spend 20% of their total project funds on research mobility/staff exchanges with overseas partner(s).**

Use of Funds - Ineligible Costs

Ineligible Costs

- **Any costs incurred overseas, such as costs for organizing workshops and conferences overseas, salaries and costs for research activities incurred by research team based overseas (except for travel expenses and bench fees incurred by research staff from Thailand while visiting partner organization).**
- **Any costs related to investing in infrastructure in Thailand, such as costs for setting up laboratories, research centers, major equipment etc.**



Network Strengthening Fund

Network Strengthening Fund:

General Funding Rules

Project duration: maximum of 3 years

Maximum award: 9 million THB/project

Deadline: 18/February/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)

Submission: via NRIIS system

Collaboration:

- **A collaborative project consists of at least one academic/research organization based in Thailand (PI's affiliated institution) and one academic/research partner organization based overseas (Co-I's affiliated institution)**
- **Must be an existing collaboration/partnership between PI and Co-I**
- **Priority will be given to multi/interdisciplinary research projects**

Letter of Support:

- **Letter of support is required from all participating institutions and must be signed by the institutions' authorized signatory.**



Network Strengthening Fund:

PI & Co-I Eligibilities



	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
PI Eligibility (Based in Thailand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a research organization based in Thailand • Must have completed a PhD with <u>work experience of more than 10 years</u> or have an extensive research experience of at least <u>12 years or more</u> • Must have prior experience in managing at least a <u>5-million-Baht</u> research project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a government-affiliated research organization based in Thailand • Must have a recognized research track record or have an extensive research experience of at least <u>10 years or more</u> • Must have prior experience in managing at least a <u>1.5-million-Baht</u> research project
Co-I Eligibility (Based Overseas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute

Network Strengthening Fund: Expected Outputs



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	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>Q1 journals</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>high-impact journals/books/arts and performances</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run

Eligible Costs

- **Salary for research staff based in Thailand**
- **Research support:**
 - **Costs for consumables and supplies incurred in Thailand**
- **Costs for organizing workshops in Thailand and**
- **Travel expenses (researchers based in Thailand):**
 - **Cost of travel for attending international conferences**
 - **Cost of travel to overseas partner organization to exchange research skills and expertise. This includes roundtrip economy airfare and subsistence allowance calculated based on the standards set by the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC), Thailand.**
 - **Bench fees incurred by researchers from Thailand while visiting overseas partner (not more than 750 THB/day). If required by the overseas partner organization that the bench fee be charged at an annual rate, the Funder (PMU-B) reserves the right to determine whether the cost is allowable on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Travel expenses (researchers from overseas partner organization)**
 - **Cost of travel to Thai institutions to exchange research skills and expertise with researchers involved in the project. This includes roundtrip economy airfare, accommodations (not more than 15,000 THB/month), subsistence allowance (not more than 2,000 THB/day).**
- **Disciplines under the remit of S&T are required to spend 20% of their total project funds on research mobility/staff exchanges with overseas partner(s).**

Use of Funds - Ineligible Costs

Ineligible Costs

- **Any costs incurred overseas, such as costs for organizing workshops and conferences overseas, salaries and costs for research activities incurred by research team based overseas (except for travel expenses and bench fees incurred by research staff from Thailand while visiting partner organizations).**
- **Any costs related to investing in infrastructure in Thailand, such as costs for setting up laboratories, research centers, major equipment etc.**



Organizational Bridging Fund

Organizational Bridging Fund:



General Funding Rules

Project duration: maximum of 3 years

Maximum award: 45 million THB/project

Deadline: 18/February/2021 (16:30 Thailand time)

Submission: via NRIIS system

Collaboration:

- **A small consortia project consists of at least three academic/government-affiliated research organizations based in Thailand and one academic/research partner organization based overseas (Co-I's affiliated institution)**
- **Priority will be given to multi/interdisciplinary research projects**

Letter of Support:

- **Letters of support are required from all participating institutions and must be signed by the institutions' authorized signatory.**

Organizational Bridging Fund:



PI & Co-I Eligibilities

	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
PI Eligibility (Based in Thailand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a research organization based in Thailand • Must not hold an executive/management position • Must have prior experiences in managing at least a <u>10-million-Baht</u> research project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be employed at an academic or a government-affiliated research organization based in Thailand • Must not hold an executive/management position • Must have prior experiences in managing at least a <u>3-million-Baht</u> research project
Co-I Eligibility (Based Overseas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an independent researcher and employed at an academic or a research organization based overseas • Must demonstrate strong alignment between Co-I's research expertise or track record with the proposed project • Must provide a letter of support signed by an authorized signatory from Co-I's affiliated institute

Organizational Bridging Fund: Expected Outputs



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	Fields in Science & Technologies (S&T)	Fields in Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SHA)
Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>Q1 journals</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline pathways to impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Activities that will help develop economic and societal impacts ◦ Who will benefit from this research and how might they benefit? ◦ Strategies to ensure that potential stakeholders will have opportunities to realize the benefits of your research • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating research results through a variety of means and methods • Joint publication in <u>high-impact journals/books/arts and performances</u> • Jointly develop a new proposal to tap bigger scale research funding • Outline plan and activities to ensure sustainable collaboration in the long run

Organizational Bridging Fund:

Use of Funds - Eligible Costs



Eligible Costs

- **Salary for research staff based in Thailand**
- **Research support:**
 - **Costs for consumables and supplies incurred in Thailand**
- **Costs for organizing workshops in Thailand and**
- **Travel expenses (researchers based in Thailand):**
 - **Cost of travel for attending international conferences**
 - **Cost of travel to overseas partner organization to exchange research skills and expertise. This includes roundtrip economy airfare and subsistence allowance calculated based on the standards set by the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC), Thailand.**
 - **Bench fees incurred by researchers from Thailand while visiting overseas partners (not more than 750 THB/day). If required by the overseas partner organization that the bench fees be charged at an annual rate, the Funder (PMU-B) reserves the right to determine whether these costs are allowable on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Travel expenses (researchers from overseas partner organization)**
 - **Cost of travel to Thai institutions to exchange research skills and expertise with researchers involved in the project. This includes roundtrip economy airfare, accommodation (not more than 15,000 THB/month), subsistence allowance (not more than 2,000 THB/day).**
- **Disciplines under the remit of S&T are required to spend 40-50% of their total project funds on research mobility/staff exchanges with overseas partner(s).**

Use of Funds - Ineligible Costs

Ineligible Costs

- **Any costs incurred overseas, such as costs for organizing workshops and conferences overseas, salaries and costs for research activities incurred by research team based overseas (except for travel expenses and bench fees incurred by research staff from Thailand while visiting partner organizations).**
- **Any costs related to investing in infrastructure in Thailand, such as costs for setting up laboratories, research centers, major equipment etc.**