

Mekong Programme on Water Environment and Resilience (M-Power)

Research Fellowship Programme

An M-POWER **Research Fellowship** provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for a wide variety of actors to join a multi-country and multi-disciplinary team of researchers. Fellows will gain a deeper understanding of water governance issues facing the region, conduct original research, and be involved in public events and deliberations.

Eligibility and Qualifications

The fellowships are open to all nationalities, however, priority will be given to people from Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam, and China. Research Fellows will be expected to either have a demonstrated record in research with appropriate academic qualifications (at least a Master's Degree) or significant practical experience in water management and governance with community or state organisations. In the latter case the host organisation must commit to supporting documentation of the work. We will also consider providing support as part of the researcher's work towards a doctorate (PhD) thesis.

Opportunities and Obligations

The fellowships will provide an opportunity to conduct original research and have work published. M-POWER Research Fellows will:

- Conduct research on a full-time basis for a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 18 months.
- Contribute to at least one comparative study, and at least one theme, working closely with the relevant Research Leaders.
- Work directly with one of the M-POWER partner organisations which will act as the host organisation.
- Collaborate with members of the M-POWER network including other Research Fellows in the region.
- Submit brief research updates regularly for network wide dissemination.
- Present research findings through original working papers (minimum of 10,000 words per paper), policy briefs, presentations and other formats for public distribution (innovative use of multimedia is also encouraged).
- Acknowledge grants in the publications arising from the research.

Fellowship Grants

Research Fellowship grants will be administered by host organisations which take ultimate responsibility for contracts, progress reports, production of deliverables and financial reporting. Grant awards will range between USD 5,000 to a maximum of 15,000. A minimum of twelve Research Fellows are expected per year for 2006 - 2008.

Research Fellows will be selected twice each year. Deadlines for applications are 1 January and 1 July. Fellowship awards will be announced 1 February and 1 August.

Applications must be submitted in English with endorsement from one of the M-POWER partner organizations willing to act as the host organisation. Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with host organisations to develop their applications. Selection will be made by M-POWER's multi-country Steering Committee. Research Fellows will be selected

based on their applications in a competitive process. M-POWER is committed to diversity and equal opportunity. Women and people from minority groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Selection criteria

- Relevance of proposal to themes
- Significance of action research to furthering case study objectives
- Experience and qualifications of applicant
- Motivation of applicant to be demonstrated

Hosts

Research Fellows are hosted by M-POWER partner organisations. Please visit **hosts** page for contact information. We encourage Research Fellows to locate at an organisation which is not their usual workplace.

For more information, see: www.mpower.net.org