



Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship

Program Information

Description

The Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship grants awards to academics of all disciplines from abroad, who are internationally recognized as leaders in their field, allowing them to pursue ground-breaking research at Thammasat University. Virtually unaffected by administrative constraints, they will enjoy a high degree of freedom in creating their own working conditions. The award is granted on the recommendation of others. **Top-rank full professors** of all disciplines working abroad (nominee) are eligible to be nominated by **Thammasat University Faculties or Institutes** (nominator) if they are at the forefront of their discipline and are expected to contribute to enhancing Thammasat's sustained international competitiveness as a research location in consequence of the award. Thammasat University profits from academic expertise from abroad and thus gain support for the strategic orientation. It is also an opportunity for Thammasat to attract established, cutting-edge researchers from abroad to their own institutions on an enduring basis, in order to invigorate their international cooperation and to consolidate any links resulting from it.

Award winners are invited to conduct a research project of their own choosing in Thammasat in close collaboration with a specialist colleague. The project duration of about **six to twelve months may be divided into segments within two years**. The award amount **totals THB 1,500,000**. This applies both to their traveling, personal income and the financial resources for their research work. The nominating institute may support additional funding particularly for participating in scientific conferences as well as additional research equipment and resources. At least **3 research articles** published with Thammasat University faculty member in the ISI international journal as well as public lectures, seminars, workshops or symposiums are expected from the chair professorship period.

Nomination requirements

The decisive criteria for selecting award winners are the nominee's academic qualification and the persuasiveness of the concept outlining the nominee's importance for and prospective involvement in the process of achieving the nominating institution's strategic goals. On the one hand it is thus assumed that the Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professors will contribute to the internationalization of especially promising research areas in Thammasat University; on the other, it is expected that synergies will be achieved in the focus and structure of the academic environment at Thammasat University. Even though the award winners will be at the centre of the sponsorship provided by the Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship Program, they will also be the starting point for sustainable and continuation of development at the receiving institution and Thammasat University.

The nomination has to be submitted via email to the Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship Program (ssiriwan@tu.ac.th). The following documents have to be attached:

1. Completed nomination form
2. Cover letter to the Rector of Thammasat University
The nominator must demonstrate how he or she intends to ensure that the award winner's future research work will have a decisive impact, in particular on the following:
 - taking Thammasat University into the top league worldwide
 - achieving greater international visibility for Thammasat University
 - sustainably promoting Thammasat University as a location for research
3. Invitation letter for the nominee's research visit indicating activities and time duration at the nominator's institute
4. List of the nominee's publications in the past ten years
5. List of five key publications from the nominee's complete works

The documents will be treated with the utmost confidentiality by the Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship administration and the Selection Committee.

Selection procedure

The Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship Program will confirm receipt of the nomination by email. It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure that he or she has submitted all the necessary documents. Subsequently, the nomination documents will usually be forwarded to independent peer reviewers in Thailand and abroad for review. The closing date for submitting applications is **15 January 2019**.

Selection will be based on an independent, peer review. An independent Selection Committee composed of academics from all disciplines makes the final decision on the nominations received. The Selection Committee makes its decision on the basis of the nominee's excellence and the persuasiveness of the concept for his or her involvement in and importance for achieving the nominating institution's strategic goals. There are no quotas for countries or disciplines. Up to eight award winners will be selected and announced by an independent selection committee of the Bualuang ASEAN Chair Professorship Program in **February 2019**.

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