



The Urban Climate Resilience Southeast Asia Partnership (UCRSEA) Graduate Student Research Funding – 2018 Call for Applications

Deadline: Tuesday, 31 October 2017

The Urban Climate Change Resilience in Southeast Asia Partnership (UCRSEA) invites graduate students to apply for funding to carry out field or desk-based research related to urbanization and climate change resilience in Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and/or Lao PDR. Preference will be given to applicants who will do research in one or more of the project's secondary cities of focus: Koh Kong and Battambang, Cambodia; Dawei and Bago, Myanmar; Khon Kaen and Mukdahan, Thailand; and Lao Cai and Ninh Binh, Vietnam.

The UCRSEA partnership addresses vulnerabilities to climate change in urbanizing areas of Southeast Asia with the goal of enhancing resilience and, hence, economic and social well-being. The project is a collaboration between partner organizations and academics in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Canada. For more information, visit our web site: <http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca>

Who is eligible to apply

To be eligible, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a graduate student (master's or PhD level) enrolled at one of the following tertiary institutions in Canada (University of Toronto; York University; University of Ottawa) **OR** a citizen of Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam or Lao PDR **and** enrolled at a tertiary institution in one of these countries.
- Your proposed graduate research must meet UCRSEA's research funding criteria, available at: <http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca/research-funding/>.
- You must have an approved research proposal. Applications for exploratory fieldwork are not eligible.
- You must not have previously received funding from UCRSEA for fieldwork.

Eligible expenses

Research grants can be applied towards costs associated with field research in partner countries, desk-based research in Canada or partner countries (e.g., GIS, policy research), and/or the dissemination of research findings. This would include, but is not limited to, travel, living expenses while conducting research, survey costs, equipment costs and honoraria for local research assistants. Research funds may not be used to fund applicants' salaries, tuition fees or other training costs. Funding will normally range between CAD\$2,000 to CAD\$4,500.

Other benefits for funding recipients

As a funding recipient, you will have the opportunity to benefit from the guidance of our partner institutions, and will also be invited to participate in a monthly Virtual Seminar series on urbanization and climate change with graduate students from across the world. You may also have the opportunity to participate in project workshops and/or other professional training.

How to apply

Please submit your application by e-mail to the Research Project Manager (Canada) at ucrsea@gmail.com, with the subject line **"UCRSEA - Application for Graduate Research Funding."**



Applications are due **Tuesday, 31 October 2017** for research beginning in early January 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

The applications forms and additional documents are available at: http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca/graduate_student_research_funding/

Your application should include:

1. **Funding Application Form** outlining your expenses and revenues from other sources.
2. **Research Proposal** (maximum 2 pages), including:
 - a description of your research questions, conceptual framework, and methodology, illustrating how your project will contribute to the literature and its relevance to UCRSEA research questions and core principles;
 - a timeline of your research or dissemination activities, clearly specifying the period for which you are seeking funding; and
 - a list of any skills you expect to develop during your research or dissemination activities (language, GIS, interviewing, workshop facilitation, etc.)
3. **Your CV**
4. **Academic transcripts** containing all grades obtained during your current degree program to date (an unofficial copy is acceptable)

Please submit documents 1 through 4 as one single electronic document (.docx, .doc, or .pdf format)

5. **Letter of Reference**

Each applicant should have his/her academic supervisor submit a letter directly to ucrsea@gmail.com which:

- details the student's research plan;
- attests to the accuracy of the submitted budget; and
- confirms the status of the student's research proposal.

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision within two months of the deadline.

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Project Collaborators & Partners: University of Toronto • York University • University of Ottawa • Thailand Environment institute • Khon Kaen University • Chiang Mai University • Ministry of the Environment, General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection • Chulalongkorn University • Rajamangala University of Technology • Maharakham University • Royal University of Phnom Penh • Mercy Corps (Myanmar) • University of Yangon • Renewable Energy Association Myanmar • Swanee Development Foundation • Center for Environment and Community Research, Vietnam • Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, Vietnam • National University of Laos