

# **AUAP RESEARCH FUND 2023**

## **CALL FOR PROPOSAL**

The Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) promotes and helps enhance mutually beneficial cooperation among educational institutions in relevant areas, and is dedicated to rendering such services to its member institutions. The research funding initiative is a testimony to implementing the mission of the AUAP: To promote a culture of quality, innovation, and research in the higher education sectors in Asia and the Pacific region.

Valid member universities/institutions of AUAP are invited to submit proposals as per the prescribed application form for availing of the research grant offered by the AUAP following this Call for Proposals.

The objective of the AUAP Funding for 'Research Capacity Building' is to ensure research collaboration, networking facility, mobility, etc., among the member institutions of the AUAP. The initiative has been taken to encourage and facilitate the building of a research culture and implementation of research projects for capacity building of member and non-AUAP member Institutions/Universities.

### **Eligibility:**

- Member & Non-Member Universities/Institutions of AUAP are eligible to apply for this research funding.
- Applicant and the Project team must be associated with a member institution of AUAP.

### **Duration of the Funding**

The project duration shall be six (6) months to one (1) year under this Research Grant Program.

### **General Requirements for Funding:**

1. Prospective Research Funding Areas:
  - Higher Education Quality assurance.
  - Internationalization and sustainable partnership strategy.
  - Industry-academia linkage strategy.
  - Technological Disruption in higher education.
  - Effective Leadership Model/Strategy.
  - Innovative/Best practice to solve real problems.
  - Internship and Students' career placement strategy.
  - Collaborative research strategy/model.
  - Climate Change.
  - Others (Please mention)
2. An amount of US\$ 5,000 will be awarded to the Winner, and the Runners-up will be awarded substantial amounts as well.
3. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other partner universities/institutions to implement the project.

4. The project should be innovative in nature and should address a clearly defined problem/challenge.
5. Proposed research must contribute to academic knowledge and have implications for practice.
6. Project beneficiaries should be clearly identified.
7. The project should have a high probability of replication beyond the boundary.
8. The applicant/Team leader/Principal investigator should have the expertise to conduct the supposed project.
9. The applicant and/or any one of the project team should not be a member or family member of the AUAP Executive Board, AUAP Secretariat, and AUAP Evaluation Committee.
10. Application for Research funding can be submitted to either fund the existing research project/work or for a completely new research project/work in the relevant fields.
11. Application must be submitted following the prescribed application form of AUAP research funding.
12. More than one application in different areas may be submitted by an individual institution against a specific call for research proposal funding but not more than one research project funding will be awarded to any single institution.
13. The CV of the principal investigator/Team Leader must be submitted along with the application.
14. The Grant money should not be used for administrative expenditures.
15. An authorization letter duly signed by the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/CEO/President of the university/institution must be submitted along with the application.
16. Investigators of the Top Twenty (20) Research Projects shall present their completed projects to the AUAP Research Fund Evaluation Committee on 13-15 November 2023, at the 36<sup>th</sup> AUAP Conference, Bangkok, Thailand. The travel expenses shall be borne by their institutions.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Innovation.
2. Application in the practical context.
3. Agenda for a further research opportunity.
4. Research collaboration among AUAP member universities.
5. Additional funding.
6. Publication opportunity.

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

##### **1. Application Contents**

The details have been mentioned in the prescribed Application form of the AUAP research fund.

##### **2. Attachments:**

1. Authorization Letter duly signed by the Vice-Chancellor/President/Rector/CEO.
2. CV of the Team Leader of the Principal Investigator and Collaborating institution(s)
3. A copy of the Bank Payment Slip of the application fee.

3. **Evaluation:**

1. AUAP Research Fund Evaluation Committee will assess all submitted proposals.
2. The Investigators of the Top twenty (20) research projects must present their completed projects to the AUAP Research Fund Evaluation Committee at the 36<sup>th</sup> AUAP Conference, on November 2023, Bhopal, India.
3. The Principal and Collaborating Institutions shall be responsible for the travel expenses of their respective investigators.

4. **Submission**

**Proposals(s) must be submitted electronically to the Secretariat through email:**

**[auapresearchfund@g.sut.ac.th](mailto:auapresearchfund@g.sut.ac.th) on or before Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, at 23:59 pm., Bangkok time, Thailand.**

# AUAP RESEARCH FUND 2023 APPLICATION FORM

## Details of the Applicants:

Principal Investigator- Name Titles (Dr./Asst.Prof./Assoc.Prof/Mr./ Miss)	
Designation	
Department/Centre/Faculty	
University	
Email	
Phone	
Website	

Collaborating University/ Institute Investigator 1: Name Titles (Dr./Asst.Prof./Assoc./Prof/Mr./ Miss)	
Designation	
Department/Centre/Faculty	
University	
Email	
Phone	
Website	

Collaborating University/ Institute Investigator 2: Name Titles (Dr./Asst.Prof./Assoc./Prof/Mr./ Miss)	
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Website	

Collaborating University/ Institute Investigator 3: Name Titles (Dr./Asst.Prof./Assoc./Prof/Mr./ Miss)	
Designation	
Department/Centre/Faculty	
University	
Email	
Phone	
Website	

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

<b>Broad Area/ Discipline</b>	
<b>Project title:</b> (Should be focused)	
<b>Abstract (200 words maximum)</b>  Please summarize rationale/statement of the problem, investigation purpose, research collaboration with other universities (if any), methods, contribution to knowledge after investigation, practical applications	
<b>Duration/tenure of the project</b>	
<b>Total budget of the project (US\$)</b>	
<b>Fund requested from AUAP (US\$)</b>	
<b>Additional Funding Source(s)</b>	
<b>Amount of Funding (USD)</b>	

# Project Details

## 1. Introduction

The introduction should focus on the area of investigation, explain context of the project and motivation of the project.

## 2. Objectives of the Project

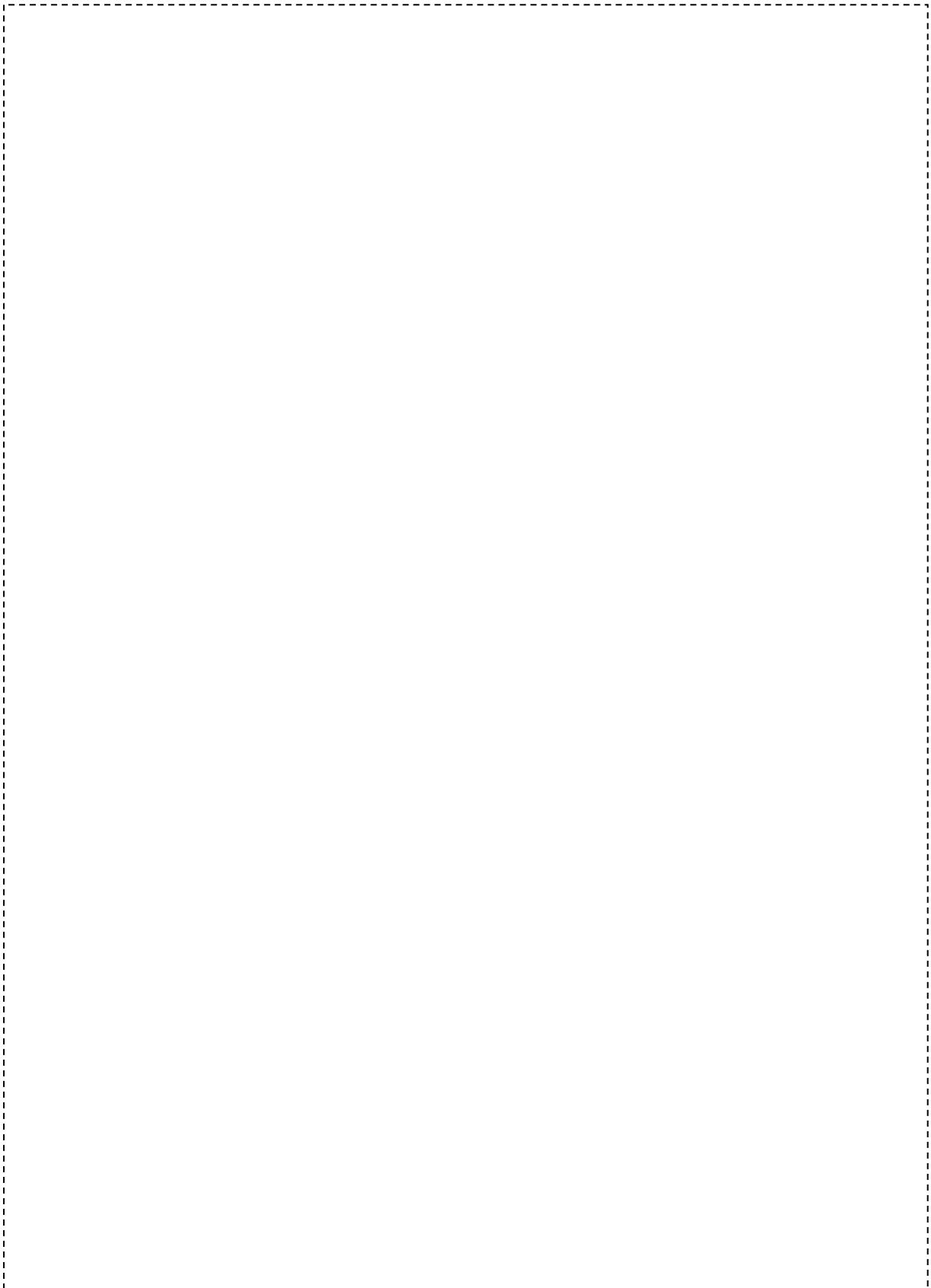
The proposal must clearly state the key objectives of the project, i.e. what specific and measurable results the applicant is expecting to achieve from the project.

## 3. Statement of the Problem based on Literature Review and Practical Contexts

## 4. Research Design and Methods

## 5. Description of the Result Chain of this Research Project

This section should focus on the rationale of the project, specific problem, project outcomes, and impacts in the practical contexts in a logical way.



## 6. Planned Activities, Timeline and Expected outcomes

SL	Planned activity	Timeline	Expected outcome
1.			
2.			
3.			

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## 7. Project Team

*Project Team Leader/Principal Investigator* (must be affiliated with any valid member on non-member's institutes

Name	Position	Department & Institution	Role in the project/ responsibility

*Team member (s)*

Name	Position	Department & Institution	Role in the project/ responsibility

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## 8. Significance of the Project

## 9. Resources Required and Proposed Budget

In this segment, the applicant needs to clearly indicate the list of resources required and heads of the financial expenses required to conduct and implement the research project. The budget should be realistic.

Type of Expenses	Description	Proposed Amount (US\$)	Own Contribution (US\$)	Total (US\$)



<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			
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Note: Journal article publication cost may be included. No travel grant will be admissible

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## 10. List of References (in APA Style guide)

**Signature of the team leader/principal Investigator**

**Date of submission:**

**Attachments:**

- i) Authorization Letter duly signed by the Vice Chancellor/Rector/CEO
- ii) Detail CV of the Team Leader (Principal Investigator)

**Proposal must be submitted electronically to email:** [auapresearchfund@g.sut.ac.th](mailto:auapresearchfund@g.sut.ac.th) **within**  
**December 15, 2023 or before 23:59 (Bangkok time, Thailand)**

Ref. No. 2023 /UniversitySerials  
Chancellor/CEO

Office of the President/Rector/Vice

To

AUAP Secretariat  
Association of University of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP)  
Suranaree University of Technology,  
Academic Building 2, 111 University Avenue, Suranaree Sub District  
Muang, Nakhon Ratchasima, 30000, Thailand.

Date/Month/Year

**AUTHORIZATION LETTER**

This is to certify that (applicant's name(s)) ..... (*surname first*), the Principal Investigator (PI) of the research proposal titled "....." is ..... (**position:staff/faculty**), of the ..... (*unit, university/institution, & country*).

He /She will take full responsibility for carrying out the proposed research project as the Principal Investigator in accordance with the application guidelines.

.....(*name of the university/institution*) will provide *him/her/them* .....(**number of the collaborating investigator(s) involved**) with the financial resources needed (*e.g.: application fee, conference registration fee, accommodation, meals, etc.*) to present *his/her/their* completed project(s) to the AUAP Research Fund 2023 Evaluation Committee at The 16th AUAP General Conference scheduled on 19-21 November 2024, Melbourne, Australia.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Signature & Stamp: .....  
(.....NAME.....)

Position: President/Rector/Vice Chancellor/CEO  
Institution.....  
Country: .....