

SHAPE-SEA Research Grants Programme

Core Principles

SHAPE-SEA's Five Main Themes (SS)	The Research has to be classified under, at least, one of SHAPE-SEA's Research Themes: (1) ASEAN and Human Rights, (2) Peace and Security, (3) Business and Accountability, (4) Governance and Justice, (5) Academic Freedom.
Acknowledges Intersectionalities (AI)	The research must not encourage systems of oppression or discrimination. Moreover, the research must be mindful of the intersectionalities and intricacies amongst issues, individuals, and groups.
Promotes Inclusiveness, Respect for Diversity and Meaningful Participation (InRePa)	The research should be able to discuss or engage those who would be affected by its processes and outcomes—especially those at the margins. We also strongly encourage that collaboration amongst countries (especially for research costing 150,000 Baht and above) is considered by the proponent/s.
Shows a Strong Understanding of Human Rights and/or Peace Research (UHRP)	The researcher must be able to articulate and/or to justify one's research questions, methodologies, scope and (if stated) framework of analysis. These have to be in-line with approaches to human rights and peace research.
Exhibits Focus on Southeast Asia (SEA)	Study must focus on human rights and/or peace issues in Southeast Asia/ASEAN (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam)
Original (Orig)	The research should not be a replication of an existing work. The amount proposed must justify the depth and/or breadth of the study.
Innovative (Innov)	A proposal based purely or mostly on desk research is least preferred. The study must be able to match research questions with methodology. This reflects how the researcher/s carefully planned the project.
Groundbreaking (GrBR)	The proposed study must be able to meaningfully contribute our existing knowledge of human rights and peace at the grassroots, national and/or regional level. It must have the potential to influence policy change, social perceptions and increase knowledge of the study's stakeholders. It has to embody academic-activism in the promotion and protection of human rights and peace.
Eligibility to Contribute to the Strengthening of Capacities in Affiliated Academic Institution/s (ECS)	The research is expected to provide opportunities for academic institutions to further enhance skills and knowledge on human rights and/or peace research. It is envisioned that more researchers and institutions are able to conduct increased more human rights and/or peace related studies even after the research is completed.