

# **AUAP RESEARCH FUND 2022**

## **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 13-15 November 2023, Bangkok, Thailand.
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 Wednesday, 31th of January 2022, at 23:59 pm., Bangkok time, Thailand.**