



CHINA

Call for Applications: Regional Human Rights Research Initiative

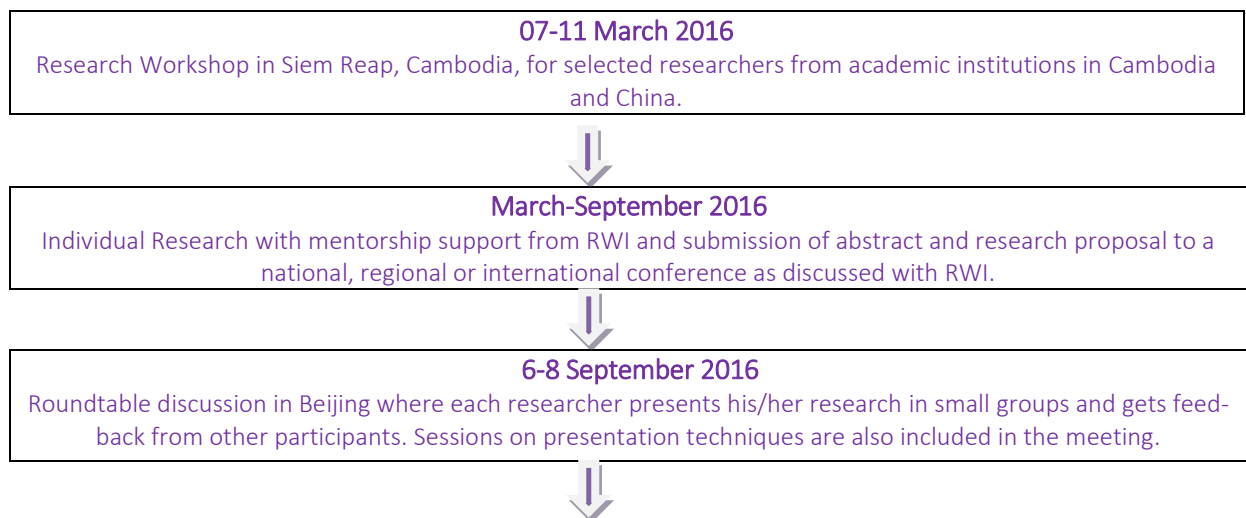
As part of its Human Rights Capacity Development Programme in China 2014-2016, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) hereby calls for applications from Chinese researchers and lecturers/professors affiliated with academic institutions in China to participate in an Asian human rights research initiative. Successful applicants will be expected to carry out academic human rights research and produce a research paper in English that can be presented at a national, regional or international conference. The research should focus on a relevant human rights topic in China or in the region. Gender considerations should be integrated into the research.

To facilitate the research, the successful applicants will be invited to join a series of events, including a research workshop in Cambodia on 7-11 March 2016 and a roundtable discussion in China 6-8 September. Participants shall submit their individual abstract and/or research proposal to national, regional or international human rights conferences as discussed with RWI. If a paper is accepted, participants might be financially supported by RWI to participate and present at the conference. Such support depends on for example available funds and the relevance of the conference.

The programme is organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), with financial support from Swedish Development Cooperation.

RWI's office in Cambodia will select six (6) participants from Cambodia to participate in the research initiative. RWI's office in China will select four (4) participants from China. Researchers from other Asian countries may also join this initiative. It is of utmost importance that the selected candidates are fully committed to this research initiative and participates in all stages of the programme, including participation in all workshops and individual research.

Outline of the initiative



September-December 2016

Possible participation in an international, regional or national conference
(subject to for example, funding, relevance of conference, quality and acceptance of individual research paper etc)

The initiative aims at strengthening the capacities of researchers and lecturers/professors at academic institutions to effectively conduct human rights research in line with international standards, to increase the number of published academic human rights papers, to support research partnerships across the region, and to encourage more Asian human rights academics to participate in international events.

All costs related to these events will be fully covered by RWI, but we are not able to pay researchers a salary or a stipend. A small per diem will be provided to the participants during the different courses/meetings in accordance with RWI's general rules.

Requirements and Selection Process

Applicants should:

- ✓ Be Chinese citizens
- ✓ Be affiliated to an academic institution in China (this includes current PhD researchers)
- ✓ Be committed to international human rights standards (*as evidenced by their motivation letter*)
- ✓ Be committed and available to take part in ALL steps of the research initiative (*as evidenced by their motivation letter*)
- ✓ Have developed a clear and relevant research idea focusing on a relevant human rights topic in China or in the region (*as evidenced by their research proposal*)

Applicants whose research proposal focus on a human rights related topic they teach, or will teach, at an academic institution in China will be prioritized.

RWI will select participants taking into consideration the quality and relevance of the research proposal, including how gender considerations have been integrated, and how the result of the research and the human rights-based research skills obtained can/will be used. RWI will also consider the dynamics of the group and will aim at having a fair gender balance and as many different research topics covered among the group as possible. In addition, applicants from RWI's partner universities might be prioritized.

Please also note that this initiative is subject to approved funding.

If you are interested in taking part in this unique human rights research initiative, please kindly submit, in English:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Updated CV
- ✓ Research proposal (200-300 words)
- ✓ Motivation letter in English explaining why you wish to take part in this initiative (200-400 words)

Deadline for application: [1 February 2015 at 12pm.](#)

Applications, and any questions you may have about it, should be submitted to Merethe Borge MacLeod via email to merethe.borge_macleod@rwi.lu.se.

Sincerely,
RWI China Office

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Note: Only selected applicants will be contacted for a further process!

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:	First names:	Female	Male
Position and Title	Department:		
Institution/Organisation	Phone:		
Email:	Web:		

PLEASE ATTACH Please check all boxes below before submitting your application to make sure all documents are attached and **IN ENGLISH:**

- Updated curriculum vitae (CV)**
- Research Idea/Abstract (200-300 words)** – A short description of the topic you would like to carry out research on clearly explaining how it is relevant either for the Chinese context or a wider regional context. Briefly describe the main research question, why it is important and how the result of the research can/will be used. If possible also indicate which methods you plan to use.
- Motivation letter (200-400 words)** – A personal statement explaining your commitment to international human rights standards, why you would like to participate in the research programme and how you will use the knowledge gained through this initiative. (Note: the motivation letter shall not focus on human rights in general);
- Tentative time plan** – Briefly outline when the different components of the research project shall be carried out (ex desk study, possible field visits etc)
- Completed questionnaire** – Please answer the questions in the questionnaire below

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 1 February 2016 at 12pm: Please email your completed application form to: Merethe Borge MacLeod, on email to merethe.borge_macleod@rwi.lu.se.

APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Regional Human Rights Research Initiative

1. Have you ever participated in any research course or seminar before? If yes, please provide information, including when and where?

2. Do you teach at an academic institution in China? If Yes, what subject(s)?

3. Have you ever carried out human rights research before? Have you ever published any research? If yes, please provide information. If No, please explain why and what the main obstacles (if any) have been.

4. What are your expectations on this research initiative?

Signed by

Name and date

Signature