



Regional Asia

Call for Applications: Regional Human Rights Research Initiative 2017

As part of a **Regional Asia Programme on Human Rights and Sustainable Development 2017-2021**, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) hereby calls for applications from academics (both researchers and lecturers/professors) affiliated with academic institutions in countries eligible for international development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific¹ to participate in our regional human rights research initiative 2017.

This initiative aims at strengthening analysis of the connections between human rights and the environment, climate change, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as gender equality perspectives, as relevant to the region. The overall aims are to strengthen the capacities of academics to contribute to relevant policy and legal developments, support cross-border exchanges and engagement, and encourage more academics from human rights and other fields to participate in international and regional processes. For more background information, please see link to the strategy for Sweden's regional development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific region: <http://www.sida.se/contentassets/342a1a62ebc2457992a1f8c2a3429971/asien-oceanien-eng.pdf>

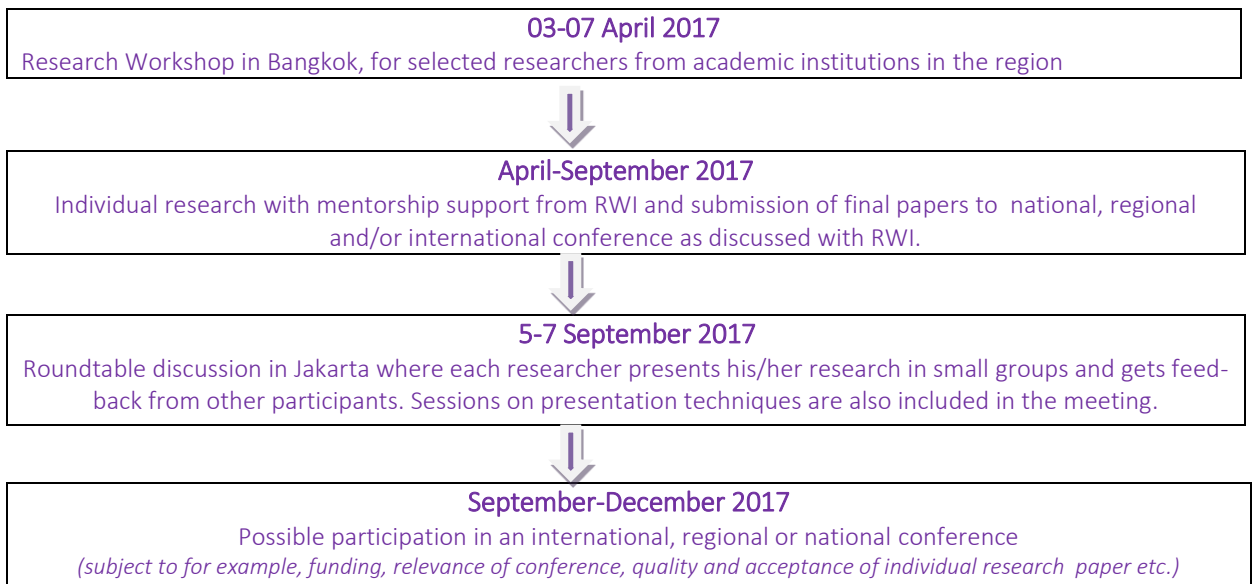
Successful applicants will be expected to carry out original academic human rights research and produce a research paper in English that can be presented at national, regional and/or international conferences. Research topics of a regional scope, eg including regional or inter-state cooperation or challenges within Asia, will be prioritised. To facilitate the research process and the writing of final research papers, successful applicants will be invited to join a series of events throughout the year. An initial research workshop will be held in Bangkok on April 3-7, 2017 to present abstracts and discuss relevant human rights research modalities. This will be followed by expert mentorship during the actual research phase. Participants will present their near-final papers at a peer-review roundtable event in Jakarta on 5-7 September 2017. In addition, access to resources and substantive training opportunities may also be offered to participants. Participants will be encouraged to submit their research papers to national, regional and/or international human rights conferences. If a paper is accepted, RWI may be able to support such participation, depending on the availability of funds and the relevance of the conference in question.

RWI will select up to 20 participants from across the Asia Pacific region, pursuing gender balance and a wide institutional and geographical representation. Note that it is of utmost importance that the selected candidates are fully committed to this initiative and participates in all stages and activities of the programme, including by concluding his/her individual research paper. Successful candidates will be asked to sign a written declaration of such commitment.

The programme is organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), with financial support from Swedish Development Cooperation. Please also note that this initiative is subject to approved funding. All costs related to participation in the initiative, including for travel and accommodation during related activities will be covered by RWI. A small per diem will be provided to the participants during the different courses/meetings in accordance with RWI's general rules. However, all costs related to carrying out the actual research must be borne by the participants, and RWI is not able to pay researchers a salary or a stipend.

¹ RWI targets countries in South and Southeast Asia, China, the Pacific and Oceania, with the exception of countries not eligible for development cooperation, which cannot be covered by RWI funds.

Outline of the initiative



Requirements and Selection Process

Applicants should:

- ✓ Be citizens of eligible countries in Asia
- ✓ Be affiliated to an academic institution in eligible countries (this includes current PhD researchers)
- ✓ Be committed to international human rights standards
- ✓ Be committed and available to take part in ALL steps of the research initiative
- ✓ Have developed a clear research idea focusing on a relevant human rights topic in more than one country in the region, and preferably with a regional perspective


RWI will select participants taking into consideration the criteria above, 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, including relevance to current or planned teaching at affiliated institutions.

If you are interested in taking part in this unique initiative, please submit the following, in English, **by 13 March 2017** via email to RWI through Ms Chen Tingting: chen.tingting@rwi.lu.se.

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

Applicants will be notified shortly after application deadline, when further information will also be shared with selected participants. Any questions regarding the initiative, or regarding applications and arrangements, can also be put forward to Ms Chen Tingting on the email address provided above.



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