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**Thammasat University Announcement, re:  
Criteria and Methods for Granting the Research and Innovation Promotion  
Grants for New Researchers, B.E. 2567**

WHEREAS, Thammasat University aims to provide opportunities for the new generations of researchers, in order to encourage them to initiate new research and to improve their potential and aptitude for conducting research in various fields, allowing them to build a portfolio necessary for applying for academic ranks, and produce results that respond to and solve social issues.

By virtue of Section 39 of the Thammasat University Act, B.E. 2558, and Article 16, Paragraph One (1) and Two of the Thammasat University Regulations, re: Research and Research Fund Management, B.E. 2561, and by resolution of the Research and Research Fund Management Board from the 2/2567 Meeting, which took place on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and from the 3/2567 Meeting, which took place on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Rector hereby issues the following Announcement.

**Article 1** – This Announcement is called “*Thammasat University Announcement, re: Criteria and Methods for Granting the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers, B.E. 2567.*”

**Article 2** – This Announcement shall come into force from the day after the announcement date onwards.

**Article 3** – This Announcement shall repeal and replace the following announcements:

(1) Thammasat University Announcement, re: The Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers, B.E. 2561

(2) Thammasat University Announcement, re: The Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers (No. 2), B.E. 2561

(3) Thammasat University Announcement, re: The Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers (No. 3), B.E. 2561

(4) Thammasat University Announcement, re: The Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers (No. 4), B.E. 2567

**Article 4** – In this Announcement.

“*The Fund*” means Thammasat University Research Fund.

“*The Board*” means the Research and Research Fund Management Board.

“*The Sub-Committee*” means the Sub-Committee on Research Fund and Research Promotion of Thammasat University appointed by the Rector as per the proposal of the Board.

**Article 5** – The University shall establish the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers, with the aims of providing them the opportunities to conduct their research projects with project advisors, to build a portfolio necessary for applying for academic ranks, and produce results that respond to and solve social issues.

**Article 6** – Eligible applicants for the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers must possess the following qualifications.

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(1) Applicants must be full-time lecturers, researchers, or teachers who are currently employed by, or working at, Thammasat University for not more than five years and must not be more than forty years of age on the submission date of the application.

(2) Applicants cannot be Project Leaders of any research projects that receive funding from the Fundamental Fund or Thammasat University Research Fund who still have any unfulfilled obligation, namely, incomplete research projects or inventions, or haven't yet delivered a complete report of their research results or inventions.

(3) Applicants must not, at present, taking an academic leave/sabbatical leave, or being temporarily borrowed to assist and work with other agencies.

(4) The project advisors must be lecturers, researchers, or teachers who are currently working at Thammasat University and have published not less than three research articles in international academic journals during the past five years from the submission date of the application. In addition, the project advisors cannot have more than five grantees under their care.

Grantees who previously received the Grants may apply for the Grants only one more time. For their second application, their previous research projects must be published in academic journals listed on the national database, namely, TCI Tier 1; or published in international academic journals listed on the international databases, such as SJR, ISI Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

**Article 7** – Details of the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers are, as follows.

(1) Grants for researchers, for an amount not exceeding 150,000 Baht.

(1) The first installment, for fifty percent of the approved grant, will be paid after the project proposals are approved and the grantees have entered into a grant agreement with the University.

(2) The second installment, for fifty percent of the approved grant, will be paid after the grantees deliver the final report, as well as all the supporting documents listed under Article 20.

(2) Rewards for project advisors, for an amount not exceeding 20,000 Baht.

The number of grants to be allocated in each fiscal year shall be determined by the Board.

**Article 8** – The grantees must conduct and complete their research projects within the schedule approved by the Sub-Committee.

**Article 9** – Project proposals submitted for the Grants must be prepared while observing the following provisions.

(1) The project proposals must have a definite and clear research topic and scope. The proposals must be made in the format specified by the University.

(2) The project proposals must specify a project schedule that is no longer than one year and include a detailed expenditure plan. The project itself cannot be a project or part of any projects that have already received sufficient funding from other sources.

(3) The project proposals cannot be a part of the course of education and for the graduation of any students

(4) In the event that the proposed research projects require ethical approval for research involving human participants, the Ethics of Animal Use in Research, bio-

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safety, or other similar research standards, the applicants must submit evidence of approval received from the relevant committees with their project proposals.

**Article 10** – The grant application process for Granting the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers is, as follows.

(1) The applicants must submit the project proposals that have been approved by their advisors to their original affiliation within the schedule specified by those sections, using the Application Form for the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers specified by the Committee, in the format of Word and PDF files.

(2) The Section-level Research Promotion Committee or the Section-level Committee, if there is no Section-Level Research Promotion Committee, must review and verify the correctness of the proposals; and screen and select the proposals for further consideration by the Sub-committee.

(3) After completing the steps described in Item (2), the Sections must then submit the project proposals attached with their comments to the Research Administration Division, which will gather and present the proposals to the Sub-Committee.

In this regard, the Sub-Committee reserves the right not to accept any project proposals if the applicants fail to submit all the required supporting documents.

The Sub-Committee's decision is final.

**Article 11** – In the event that the grantees declare that their research projects do not involve research standards that require ethical approval for research involving human participants, the Ethics of Animal Use in Research, bio-safety, or other similar research standards. If it has been found afterward that the research projects actually involve the abovementioned standards, the grantees will be solely responsible for any consequence thereof.

**Article 12** – The grantees must enter into a grant agreement with the University within the due date specified in the announcement of the result of the grant application. The form of the grant agreement will be specified by the University, in accordance with the Committee's proposal.

**Article 13** – After the parties enter into a grant agreement, if the grantees wish to change any details of the research project, for example, the list of the co-authors, the project title, the expenditure plan, the project schedule, etc. The grantees must first seek and receive consent from the Section-level Research Promotion Committee or the Section-level Committee, as the case may be, in order to submit the request for contract amendment to the Sub-Committee.

**Article 14** – The Section-level Research Promotion Committee or the Section-level Committee, if there is no Section-Level Research Promotion Committee, must monitor and supervise the grantees to complete the project and deliver the result; or to return the grant if they fail to complete the project. If grantees are unable to complete the project they must return the grant, as per the provisions of the grant agreement, except for the cases listed under Article 25.

**Article 15** – The Sub-Committee must allocate the Grants for the Research and Innovation Promotion Grants for New Researchers at a lump sum rate, for an

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amount not exceeding 150,000 Baht per grant. The payment will be made in installments, as per the following provisions.

(1) The first installment, for fifty percent of the approved grant, will be paid after the project proposals are approved and the grantees have entered into a grant agreement with the University.

(2) The second installment, for fifty percent of the approved grant, will be paid after the grantees deliver the final report, as well as all the supporting documents listed under Article 20.

**Article 16** – The rewards for project advisors will also be paid in installments, following the same provisions described in Article 15.

**Article 17** – There is also an additional reward for the grantees, for a total amount not exceeding 15,000 Baht. The payment details of the additional reward are, as follows.

(1) A sum of 5,000 Baht is to be paid when the grantees submit evidence which shows that they have submitted their research articles for publication in international research journals listed on international databases, such as SJR, ISI Web of Science, or Scopus; or evidence which show that their research articles have been accepted for publication in national research journals listed in TCI Tier 1 database, within one year of the signing date of the grant agreement.

(2) A sum of 10,000 Baht is to be paid when the grantees submit evidence that shows that their research results and innovations have been used for commercial or public benefit within three years after the expiration of the grant agreement.

**Article 18** – The University must pay the Grants directly to the grantees' bank accounts.

**Article 19** – The Grantees must submit a progress report, as per the schedule and format specified by the Committee.

**Article 20** – The Grantees must deliver the final report, as well as the following supporting documents, to the Sub-Committee within the due date specified in the grant agreement.

(1) One set of the final report. (On the bottom of the report's cover must state that this research project was funded by Thammasat University Research Fund, Fiscal Year ...)

(2) If the final report was made in the Thai language then submit one set each of the Thai and English language versions of the abstract. On the other hand, if the final report was made in the English language then submit one set of an abstract made in the English language.

(3) Evidence which shows that the grantees have submitted their research articles for publication in international research journals listed on international databases, such as SJR, ISI Web of Science, or Scopus; or evidence which shows that their research articles have been accepted for publication in national research journals listed in TCI Tier 1 database

(4) One set of the electronic files of the supporting documents listed in Items (1), (2), and (3), in the form of PDF files.

In the event that the grantees are unable to submit the supporting documents listed in Items (1), (2), (3), and (4) within the due date specified in the grant

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agreement, the grantees must submit an explanation of their inability thereof to the Section-level Research Promotion Committee or the Section-level Committee, as the case may be, for at least 30 days in advance, in order to submit the request an extension of the due date to the Sub-Committee. The grantees may submit the request for an extension of the due date only twice and for a period of not more than six months for each extension.

**Article 21** – The final report and the research articles must clearly be declared in the Acknowledgement section with the following text: *“This study was supported by Thammasat University Research Fund, Contract No. TUYR .../...”*, whether in the Thai or English language.

**Article 22** – The research projects whose results are published in a manner described under Article 6 will not be eligible for other grants allocated by the Research and Innovation Department from the Fundamental Fund or Thammasat University Research Fund.

**Article 23** – The research results must be published after the approval date of the Grants. If the grantees wish to change the research topic, the research results must be published after the approval date of the change of the research topic.

**Article 24** – The Sub-Committee may terminate the grant agreement in the following situations.

- (1) The grantees lack the qualifications listed under Article 6.
- (2) The grantees fail to submit the progress report on time without reasonable cause.
- (3) The grantees fail to complete the project, in accordance with the given objectives.
- (4) The grantees receive funding or grants for the same research project from other sources or organizations without the Sub-Committee’s approval.

**Article 25** – After the grant agreement is terminated, the grantees must return the funds that they have previously received to the University. Except in the case where the Sub-Committee deems appropriate. The grantees may not be required to return the fund, whether partially or wholly, in the following cases.

- (1) The grantee dies and no one can replace the grantee in the research project.
- (2) The grantee is unable to continue the research, due to force majeure.
- (3) Other reasons that the Sub-Committee deems appropriate.

**Article 26** – The grantees whose grant agreement is prematurely terminated will not be able to submit an application for research funding for one year from the date of termination.

**Article 27** – Once the research project is completed, the grantees must submit the summary report of expenditure, comparing to the approved expenditure plan, to the Research Administration Division, which will submit the report for the Sub-Committee’s acknowledgment.

If the fund has not been entirely used up, the grantees must return any remaining amount to the Research Fund and submit the duplicates of receipts to the Research Administration Division.

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**Article 28** – In the case of scientific research projects in which the Sub-Committee approves the purchase of research equipment necessary for the projects, the grantees must prepare an inventory of the research equipment, deliver and transfer the ownership of the equipment over to their original affiliation.

**Article 29** – All research projects or operations that are currently being funded under the Thammasat University Announcement, re: The Research Promotion Grants for New Researchers of Thammasat University, B.E. 2561, and the amendments thereof before the effective date of this Announcement shall continue to proceed according to the provision of the previous announcement until such research projects or operations are completed.

Announced this on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- *Signature* –

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