



**Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Announcement**  
**Re: Postdoctoral Fellowship of Fiscal Year 2025**

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In order to enhance research capacities, particularly increasing the number of international publications and supporting operations as a global and frontier university, PSU has established a postdoctoral fellowship with following criteria:

**1. In this announcement**

- “University” refers to Prince of Songkla University (PSU)
- “President” refers to President of PSU
- “Fellowship” refers to the fund to support a PSU postdoctoral fellow
- “Committee” refers to Postdoctoral Fellowship Administration Committee
- “Supervisor” refers to a PSU professor who provides guidance to a postdoctoral fellow
- “Postdoctoral fellow” refers to a researcher who has completed Ph.D.

**2. The Fellowship**

The university has allocated a budget from the government and Research Development Office (RDO) to provide a research fellowship with following details:

- 2.1 A monthly salary of 30,000 Baht for the first year, along with additional monthly compensation of 5,000 Baht.
- 2.2 An applicant who has met the requirements set in article 5.2.2 will receive additional 5,000 Baht per month in the following year.
- 2.2 Reimbursement for a round-trip travel expenses is provided for a foreign applicant whose permanent residence is outside Thailand. However, if the applicant does not complete 10 months of research per contract agreement the university will not sponsor such travel expenses.

**3. Supervisor** must be a PSU professor with following qualifications:

- 3.1 Has completed a doctoral degree or equivalent.
- 3.2 Has in-depth experiences and continuous research projects that are widely accepted among academic community, as evidenced by publications in the past 5 years, and must be a corresponding author of at least 5 publications indexed in Scopus and ranked in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2, (Year 2019-Present).
- 3.3 Is currently conducting a research project funded by external sources, with sufficient funding to support the postdoctoral researcher. The funding must cover the researcher’s working period for at least 6 months.

#### **4. Applicant must have the following qualifications**

- 4.1 Not over 45 years in age.
- 4.2 Is a Thai or foreign researcher who holds a doctoral degree and has graduated in the last 5 years (equivalent diploma or degree not accepted).
- 4.3 Be the first author of at least 2 research articles published in Scopus-indexed journals, with at least one article ranked in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2 during the last 5 years (Year 2019–Present).
- 4.4 The research topic of the postdoctoral fellow must be related to the supervisor's research scheme.
- 4.5 Be able to work full-time as a postdoctoral fellow.
- 4.6 Not currently receive any other postdoctoral fellowship from any other domestic or international institution.

#### **5. Terms and Conditions**

- 5.1 The supervisor has the responsibility to advise the postdoctoral fellow to successfully conduct the proposed research in accordance with the terms and conditions of this fellowship.
- 5.2 The postdoctoral fellow has the following responsibilities:
  - 5.2.1 The contract with the university is on a yearly basis with a maximum duration of 2 years per round.
  - 5.2.2 For the first round of funding
    - 5.2.2.1 In the first year, the postdoctoral fellow must be the first authors of at least 1 accepted research article indexed in Scopus, ranked in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2. If the postdoctoral fellow does not meet this requirement, the university will terminate the contract.
    - 5.2.2.2 In order to continue the Postdoctoral Fellowship fund in the second year, the fellow must provide research outputs as indicated in article 5.2.2.1, the articles also need to be evaluated and have to meet the agreement of the supervisor and the Postdoctoral Fellowship Administration Committee.
      - If the fellow successfully publishes 2 research articles indexed in Scopus as the first author, with at least 1 ranked in Quartile 1, or if 1 article is ranked in the Top 10% of the journal citation rankings (Scopus) in the first year, the university will add 5,000 Baht to the monthly salary for the second year.
  - 5.2.3 The supervisor who would like to receive the next funding, the performance needs to be evaluated by the Postdoctoral Fellowship Administration Committee at least 30 days before the expiration date of the contract.
    - To qualify, the fellow must have published 4 research articles indexed in Scopus as the first author, with at least 2 ranked in Quartile 1. Alternatively, the fellow must have 2 articles ranked in the Top 10% of journal citation rankings (Scopus).
  - 5.2.4 Submit a progress report or a manuscript every 6 months, starting from the date the contract was signed. Failure to comply may result in discontinuation of the funding.

- 5.2.5 The fellow must be the first author of at least 1 research article per year published in an international journal indexed in Scopus and ranked in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2. The supervisor must be the corresponding author.
- All published articles must include the following acknowledgment (or an equivalent): “This research was supported by Prince of Songkla University under the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.”
- 5.2.6 Other duties assigned by the supervisor.
- 5.3 Failure to comply with article 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 will result in a record of undelivered contract which will disable the applicant for applying this scholarship in the future. The supervisor shall be responsibility for the remaining tasks according to the agreement and shall not be eligible to receive a fellow until all tasks are delivered.
- 5.4 Performance of the postdoctoral fellow will be evaluated every 6 months by the supervisor and the Postdoctoral Fellowship Administration Committee. Failure to pass the evaluation may result in termination of the fellowship.
- 5.5 Each supervisor shall not receive more than 2 fellows with this scholarship. However, the supervisor can apply for a second scholarship after producing the required research outputs as indicated in article 5.2.2.1.
- 5.6 Intellectual properties and other benefits produced from the research during the fellowship must be handled under the university IP regulations.
- 5.7 To count as fellowship outputs, publications must list the fellow as the first author and the supervisor as the corresponding author.
- 5.8 Decision made by the Postdoctoral Fellowship Administration Committee shall be regarded as final judgment. Any appeal will not be considered.

## 6 Application

Supervisor and postdoctoral candidate submit one application (PF2010A for the applicant and PF2010S for the supervisor) to the Research and Development Office, PSU, Hat Yai, Songkhla, 90110 Thailand, Tel. 0-7428-6940. For more details visit <https://research.psu.ac.th/research-fund>

## 7 Deadlines

Applications are accepted 3 times per year:  
 Round 1: October 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025  
 Round 2: February 1 – May 31, 2025  
 Round 3: June 1 – September 30, 2025

Announcements will be made not later than one month after the closure of each application round.

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