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President

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Dear Dr. Vudtechai:

We are pleased to announce the **Call for Applications to the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grants**. Each grant is for a total amount of US\$5,000.

The grant is open to outstanding Southeast Asian academics championing inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development, which is the priority thrust of SEARCA for its current Five-Year Plan.

The following are the guidelines of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant:

1. The awardees must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Must be a Southeast Asian national, with tenure and holding an academic rank of not lower than Assistant Professor.
 - b. Must have a PhD in fields related to the advancement of agricultural science and technology and development of rural households/communities (see Table 1 for Fields of Study).
 - c. Must have proven track record of excellence in academic and/or research in his/her chosen field of specialization within the broad priority thrusts of SEARCA.
 - d. Must have not been a recipient of a SEARCA Professorial Chair Grant in the past five (5) years.
 - e. Must have the official endorsement of the Chief Executive/Head of his/her institution not only on the applicant's academic qualifications but also on his/her good moral character.
2. The following are the Terms of Reference of the grantee:
 - a. Teach at least one graduate course in his/her area of specialization at the university during the year of award.
 - b. Deliver at least one public lecture on the subject of his/her research (which should be aligned with SEARCA thrusts) during the period of award at his/her university.



- c. Submit a hard and a soft copy of his/her public lecture to SEARCA upon culmination of his/her professorial chair grant.
- d. Submit a monograph version of his/her paper for publication by SEARCA.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate receiving nominees from Kasetsart University following the prescribed format in Form 1, herein attached, by **31 January 2015**. We have also enclosed poster on the Professorial Chair Grant for dissemination. You may reproduce the announcement, if necessary. Information about the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant is also accessible through SEARCA's website at www.searca.org.

For further information and queries, please contact SEARCA's Program Head for Graduate Education and Institutional Development through telephone (63-49) 536-7164; 536-2290 local 164 or email gsd@searca.org.

Very truly yours,



Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.
Director

Attachments:

1. Professorial Chair Poster
2. Professorial Chair Form 1

SEARCA REGIONAL PROFESSORIAL CHAIR GRANT

**Open to outstanding
Southeast Asian
academics championing
inclusive and sustainable
agricultural and rural
development in the
Southeast Asian region.**



Each year, the call for candidates to the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair will be sent to universities in the Southeast Asian Region. The nominating university will submit to SEARCA the following documents on or before the deadline:

1. Letter from the Chief Executive/Head of the Institution endorsing at most three initially screened applicants with a summary of information on the credentials of the nominee(s) based on Form 1.
2. Curriculum vitae of the recommended/endorsed faculty members and a summary of the information as requested.
3. A summary/outline of proposed lecture of the faculty member-applicant of not more than three pages highlighting the expected results of the research study and describing its relevance in terms of regional development issues and as they relate to SEARCA's thrusts.

SEARCA will accept nominees from Southeast Asian Universities until **31 January of every year.**

ELIGIBILITY

- a. Must be a Southeast Asian national, with tenure and holding an academic rank of not lower than Assistant Professor.
- b. Must have a PhD in fields related to the advancement of agricultural science and technology and development of rural households/communities (see Table 1 for Fields of Study).
- c. Must have proven track record of excellence in academic and/or research in his/her chosen field of specialization within the broad priority thrusts of SEARCA.
- d. Must have not been a recipient of a SEARCA Professorial Chair Grant in the past five (5) years.
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GRANTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a. Teach at least one graduate course in his/her area of specialization at the university during the year of award.
- b. Deliver at least one public lecture on the subject of his/her research (which should be aligned with SEARCA thrusts on inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development) during the period of award at his/her university.
- c. Submit a hard and a soft copy of his/her public lecture to SEARCA upon culmination of his/her professorial chair grant.
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TIMETABLE

For 2015, the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair will be guided by the following schedule:

31 January	:	Deadline for submission of nominees
February	:	Evaluation of nominees
March	:	Awarding of Professorial Chair Grants



Form 1: Information to be submitted by Applicant/Nominee to the University in addition to Curriculum Vitae, Endorsement Letter and a Brief Summary of Proposed Lecture

Basic Information
1. Name of University of Affiliation:
2. College/Department:
3. Designation in the College/Department:
4. Highest Degree attained/year attained:
5. Field of Specialization:
6. Courses currently taught:
7. Teaching Performance/Student Education of Teaching Rating:
8. Last Professorial Chair Award received (Title and Year awarded): <i>(Note: Information required should cover period from last Professorial Chair award (not necessarily from SEARCA) or from date of appointment if no such award has been received. Please indicate whether activities undertaken for each information required the scope of coverage, i.e. national or regional)</i>
Intellectual Productivity
9. List of completed researches:
10. List of on-going researches: Please indicate whether national or regional in scope:
11. List of scholarly publications (e.g. refereed journal publication, book/book chapters, monographs): Please indicate whether national or regional in scope
12. List of publication not falling under scholarly publications (e.g., unpublished papers presented in conferences, unpublished research/project reports, discussion papers): please indicate whether national or regional in scope:
13. List of academic/scholarly awards received (other than professorial chair) – brief description of each, year awarded and please indicate whether national or regional in scope
14. List of research results/outputs with IPR/patented: please indicate if national or regional in application Services to the University
15. List of administrative positions held in the University: Position title, Date Served, Brief Description of Responsibility
16. List of other services rendered for the university: Type of Service, Date of Service, Brief Description of Service (see examples below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as keynote speaker/resource speaker/lecturer • No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as discussant/moderator • No. of conferences/workshops/training courses where you served as rapporteurs • Others
Services to the Larger Community
17. List of services rendered to the larger community: type of service, date of service, brief description of service
18. Other credentials you think will support your application: list and briefly describe.

Instruction to relevant Office/Department of the Universities that manages the pre-screening of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair applications for SEARCA's program: Please use as applicable, the above parameters for short-listing your nominees and send summarized information of your nominee(s) (at most three nominees) to the Graduate Education and Institutional Development Department, SEARCA, together with CV, endorsement letter in relation to the nominees' academic excellence and good moral character as well as brief summary of proposed lecture topic.

Table 1. POSSIBLE FIELDS OF STUDIES/EXPERTISE

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Science • Horticulture • Agronomy • Crop Protection • Plant Breeding • Soil Science • Biology as applied to agriculture • Physics like agricultural physics/environmental physics • Biotechnology • Statistics as applied to agricultural modelling/analysis • GIS/Geographic positioning system • Other relevant fields
Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human nutrition and food • Poverty alleviation • Community and resource planning • Human and family development studies • Social development services • Agricultural credit and cooperatives • Agrarian reforms • Strategic Planning and policy studies • Other relevant fields
Development Communication/ Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural extension • Participatory communication approaches • Field testing and evaluation of new communication technologies for rural and agricultural development • Extension communication approaches • Science and technology information flows • Other relevant fields
Economics and Other Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural economics • Agricultural policy analysis/agricultural policy & development • Natural resource and environmental economics • Agricultural marketing and prices • Agribusiness • Sociology • Anthropology • Other relevant fields
Forestry and Environmental/Natural Resources Management and Other Related Fields	



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