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Chulalongkorn University

High-Potential Ph.D. Students Scholarship

Chulalongkorn University, the Second Century Fund (C2F)

Fiscal Year 2026

under International Growth Strategy



In alignment with Chulalongkorn University's overarching goal of achieving holistic growth with students at the center, the university has adopted a four-pillar Strategic Growth approach, encompassing International, Impact, Integration, and Internal growth. **The International Growth strategy** is specifically designed to support doctoral (Ph.D.) students by encouraging them to produce research publications in internationally recognized journals. This initiative aims to elevate Chulalongkorn University into the top 100 universities globally.

As part of this strategic effort, financial support is provided through scholarships that cover both students and their advisors, along with tuition fees to facilitate the production of high-quality research. The funding structure is tiered according to the level of research output, divided into **Track A, Track B, and Track C**, to encourage higher levels of academic achievement. Additionally, to ensure the delivery of the research outputs as per agreements, a **Retention Payment** is offered, which will be disbursed upon successful completion and submission of the research.

In light of this, the university has approved the launch of **High-Potential Ph.D. Students Scholarship Chulalongkorn University, the Second Century Fund (C2F)**, effective since Fiscal Year 2025, under the **International Growth Strategy**.

Objectives:

1. To support the university's overarching goal of student-centered growth and the International Growth strategy, aiming to position Chulalongkorn University among the world's Top 100 universities (Admiration).
2. To empower faculty and Ph.D. students by providing incentives for producing high-quality research, aligned with their potential in different output categories (Track A, Track B, and Track C).
3. To implement a Retention Payment system, which ensures research output delivery as agreed, with payments made upon successful submission of the research.

Goals:

Produce at least 100 high-quality research papers (Track A: Tier 1, Q1; Track B: Q1, Q2; and Track C: Q2, Q3) and graduate a minimum of 100 top-tier Ph.D. students, in order to achieve the goal of becoming a Top 100 global university.

Ph.D. Scholarship Goals for Fiscal Year 2026: 100 Scholarships

Application Round	Application Start	Application Deadline	Result Announced	Semester Start
Round 1 Semester 2, Academic Year 2025	September 29, 2025	October 31, 2025	December 3, 2025	January 5, 2026
Round 2 Semester 1, Academic Year 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	August 2026

Budget

All funding and payments are provided by C2F

For Mentor:

Must be full-time faculty member at Chulalongkorn University

- 1) **Mentor's Status and Work Tenure:** The mentor must have sufficient tenure remaining to supervise the student throughout the entire scholarship period. If the mentor's tenure is shorter than the scholarship duration, a successor mentor must be appointed and specified in the contract to ensure continuous supervision.
- 2) **Track Record:** The mentor must have published at least one publication as First or Corresponding author in a Tier 1 (Sciences & Technology field) or Q1 (Social Sciences & Humanities field) within the past three years (from the year of application)
- 3) **International Collaboration** The mentor must have active collaborations with International institutions ranked in the Top 100 of the World University Rankings or the Top 100 Subject Rankings (QS or THE) or Top 2% scientist in the world or with leading research institutes.
- 4) **Output Submission History:** Must have a history of delivering research outputs on time and within the agreed-upon criteria. Excessive extensions of active C2Fgrantees (Master, PhD, Postdoc) or Ratchadaphiseksomphot Endowment Postdoctoral Fellowships—defined as (i) more than two active grantees with extensions not exceeding one year, or (ii) any single active grantees extended with extensions more than one year—or canceled C2F awards without reimbursement of funds may adversely affect application consideration, unless approved by the committee with confirmation that no outstanding obligations to the University remain.
- 5) **Limitations:** Mentor may apply for only 1 scholarship at a time and may hold a maximum of 3 scholarships concurrently (including any existing ones).

The resolution of the committee shall be deemed final.

For Students:

Must be **newly enrolled** in the semester of application; current students are not eligible. No prior dismissal/retirement from other programs.

1) Academic Performance:

- For Master's degree holders, GPAX not less than 3.50
- For Bachelor's degree holders:
 - GPAX not less than 3.25 from the world's Top 500 universities by QS World Ranking *or*
 - GPAX not less than 3.50 from universities outside the world's Top 500

2) **Age Requirement:** Applicants must be no older than 35 years on the start date of the program.

3) English Proficiency:

- Applicants who graduated from an International Institution (Abroad) must have: TOEFL score of at least **500**, or IELTS score of at least **band 5.0**.
- Applicants who graduated in Thailand must have one of the following: CU-TEP score, or TOEFL score, or IELTS score.

4) **Track Record:** The applicant's academic history, including any published work, will be considered.

***Applicants may have completed either a bachelor's or a master's degree, but scholarship support is limited to 3 years.*

****The resolution of the committee shall be deemed final.*

Mentor

- **Research publication :**
 - The authorship: Be First *or* Corresponding author
 - Journal ranking: Tier 1 (Sciences & Technology) *or* Q1 (Social Sciences & Humanities) within the past three years (2022-2025)
- **Research Collaboration Evidence** with Top 100 of the World University Rankings *or* the Top 100 Subject Rankings (QS *or* THE ranking) *or* Top 2% scientist in the world *or* with leading research institutes.
 - Email confirmation *or* Collaboration Letter

Ph.D. Student

- **B21 (U.21) document** - an official acceptance letter from Graduate School/Faculty
- **Certificate of graduation**
- **Academic Transcript**
- **English Proficiency Score**

For an employee from government/company/NGOs, a regular lecturer, or a researcher/research assistant receiving a monthly salary

- The letter of approval for study leave signed by the highest authority of the applicant's organization *or*
- The approval of resignation letter

Ph.D. Scholarship Types, Financial Support and Output

Funding Type	Financial support Support for a period of 3 years	Output	Retention payment	
			Student	Mentor
Track A	1. Monthly stipend of 25,000 THB 2) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students.	1. Sciences & Technology: At least One Tier1 publication 2) Social Sciences and Humanities: At least one Q1 publication	<u>180,000 THB*</u> (5,000 THB x 12 months x 3 years)	<u>120,000 THB*</u> (40,000 THB/year x 3 years)
Track B	1) Monthly stipend of 20,000 THB 2) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students.	1. Sciences & Technology: At least One Q1 publication 2) Social Sciences and Humanities: At least one Q2 publication	<u>180,000 THB*</u> (5,000 THB x 12 months x 3 years)	<u>100,000 THB*</u>
Track C	1) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students.	1. Sciences & Technology: At least One Q2 publication 2) Social Sciences and Humanities: At least one Q3 publication	-	<u>50,000 THB*</u>

*For mentors and students who deliver their output and graduate on time, or within an extension period not exceeding 6 months.

For student with a bachelor's degree in 5-year program, they must deliver output within 3 years and graduated within 5 years, or within an extension period not exceeding 6 months. 8

Applications must be submitted via <https://grantgateway.research.chula.ac.th/>



* Applicants must first reach an agreement with their mentor on the chosen track before applying.

Step 1:

The PhD applicant submits the PhD Application Form through the Grant Gateway. Once the submission is complete, the system will automatically notify the mentor via email.

Step 2:

After receiving the notification via email, the mentor can access and complete the Mentor application through the Grant Gateway. The PhD applicant's submission will appear in the mentor's menu bar.

- 1) A minimum of 100 research articles that have been accepted or published in ISI/Scopus-indexed international journals, ranked Tier 1/Q1/Q2/Q3.
- 2) At least 100 high-quality Ph.D. graduates.

Inability to Deliver Output

In cases where the contract is terminated without delivering the required output, the student must repay the full amount of the scholarship received to the university.

- C2F PhD Postdoc and Conducting Research Abroad Committee according to Notification of Chulalongkorn University Re: Criteria for Granting Funding to High-Efficiency Ph.D. Candidates and High-Efficiency Postdoctoral Researchers of the Second Century Fund, C2F B.E. 2562 (2019)
- Clause 5, Second Paragraph of the Announcement

The committee is empowered to establish the criteria for selecting scholarship applicants, choose scholarship recipients, monitor their performance, and suspend scholarships in cases where recipients fail to fulfill their obligations (as outlined in Clause 11 regarding scholarship recipient responsibilities). The committee's decision on the selection of scholarship recipients is considered final.