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Chulalongkorn University

# **High-Potential Postdoctoral Fellowship**

## **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 High Potential Postdoctoral Researchers (Postdocs) 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 fellowship that cover both postdocs and their mentors to facilitate the production of high-quality research. The funding structure is tiered according to the level of research output, divided into **Track A and Track B** for Sciences and Social Sciences & Humanities, 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 Postdoctoral Fellowship Chulalongkorn University under 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 High-Potential Postdocs by providing incentives for producing high-quality research output for Chulalongkorn University, aligned with their capabilities at various levels (Track A and Track B, both in the fields of Science and Social Sciences & Humanities).
3. To implement a Retention Payment system, which ensures research output delivery as agreed, with payments made upon successful submission of the output.

## Goals:

To produce at least 325 high-quality research papers (Tier 1, Q1, and Q2) and to support at least 325 high-potential postdoctoral fellows per fiscal year, in order to propel the university toward the Top 100 globally.

# Application Schedule for the C2F Postdoctoral Fellowship (Fiscal Year 2026, 325 Fellowships)

Round	Application Period	Result Announcement	Commencement 
1	7-31 Jul 2025	1 Sep 2025	Nov 2025
2	1-31 Oct 2025	28 Nov 2025	Dec 2025
3	1-15 Dec 2025	30 Dec 2025	Jan 2026
4	1-11 Jan 2026	30 Jan 2026	Feb 2026
5	1-8 Feb 2026	27 Feb 2026	Mar 2026
6	1-8 Mar 2026	31 Mar 2026	Apr 2026
7	1-8 Apr 2026	30 Apr 2026	May 2026
8	1-8 May 2026	29 May 2026	Jun 2026
9	1-8 Jun 2026	30 Jun 2026	Jul 2026
10	1-8 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026	Aug 2026
11	1-8 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	Sep 2026

Successful candidates may commence their contract **within 3 months** from the commencement month specified in the results announcement for each round.


For example, for the January 2026 commencement round, the fellowship may begin in January, February, or March 2026.

Accordingly, current fellows who have fulfilled all required outputs on or after the **9th month** of their current contract may apply for a new fellowship before the end of the current contract. If approved, the new contract may commence consecutively upon completion of the current contract, without terminating the current contract.



<https://url.in.th/AgmO>

**More Information**

 Note: The application period may be subject to change as appropriate for each round. Please refer to the official announcement for each application round.

## Mentor Criteria:

1. Must be a full-time faculty member at Chulalongkorn University, not under a probationary period, with a remaining contract covering at least the full one-year postdoctoral fellowship period. (Faculty members in the competitive track may apply with a co-funding model.)
2. Must have at least one qualifying international journal publication as the first or corresponding author, published within the past three years from the year of application, in accordance with the publication requirements of the applied track.

Track A	Track B
Science & Technology Field: Tier 1	Science & Technology Field: Q1
Social Sciences & Humanities Field: Q1	Social Sciences & Humanities Field: Q2

3. Must have an active international research collaboration with (i) a university ranked in the Top 100 of the QS or THE World University Rankings (overall or by subject), (ii) a world-leading research institute, or (iii) a scientist listed among the world's top 2%, with evidence of such global-level excellence dated within the past three years from the application year.
4. Must have a record of timely fulfillment of scholarship obligations. Excessive extensions of active C2F awards (MSc, PhD, Postdoc) or Ratchadaphiseksomphot Endowment Postdoctoral Fellowships—defined as (i) more than two active awards extended by up to one year, or (ii) any single active award extended by 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. Must apply for only one fully funded fellowship per round. (If a mentor submits more than one applicant in the same round, any additional applicants must apply with a co-funding model.)
6. Must supervise no more than four active postdocs, including new applicants, in total across the C2F and Ratchadaphiseksomphot Endowment fellowships. (Any fifth or subsequent active postdoc requires a co-funding model.)

Active award: an award for which the scholarship obligations have not yet been fulfilled.

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

## Postdoc Criteria:

1. Must have completed a Ph.D. program with a dissertation.
2. Must have at least one qualifying international journal publication as first author, in accordance with the publication requirements of the applied track.

Track A	Track B
Science & Technology Field: Q1	Science & Technology Field: Q2
Social Sciences & Humanities Field: Q2	Social Sciences & Humanities Field: Q3

3. Must be no older than 45 years of age at the time of application. (Applicants older than 45 may apply under a co-funding model.)
4. Must have no history of contract violations or misconduct.

The postdoc's track record may be considered, including their publications and the institution from which they graduated.

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# Financial Support and Required Output

Funding Type	Monthly Stipend	Required Output	Retention payment*	
			Postdoc	Mentor
Postdoc Track A	40,000 THB	<b><u>Sciences &amp; Technology Field:</u></b> At least One Tier1 publication <b><u>Social Sciences &amp; Humanities Field:</u></b> At least one Q1 publication	<u>120,000 THB</u> (10,000 THB x 12 months)	<u>40,000 THB</u> (40,000 THB/year)
Postdoc Track B	30,000 THB	<b><u>Sciences &amp; Technology Field:</u></b> At least One Q1 publication <b><u>Social Sciences &amp; Humanities Field:</u></b> At least one Q2 publication	<u>120,000 THB</u> (10,000 THB x 12 months)	<u>30,000 THB</u> (30,000 THB/year)
*Retention payment shall be provided to mentors and postdocs who deliver their output on time or within an extension period of no more than six months.				

## **Note:**

1. The monthly stipend and retention payment are subject to withholding tax in accordance with the tax rates stipulated in each faculty's policy.
2. The visa type for international postdoctoral fellows shall comply with the policies of the Office of International Affairs and Global Network, Chulalongkorn University.

- 1) A minimum of 325 research articles per fiscal year that have been accepted or published in ISI/Scopus-indexed international journals, ranked Tier 1/Q1/Q2.
- 2) At least 325 high-quality Postdocs per fiscal year.

## Inability to Deliver Output

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

## Budget

- All funding and payments are provided by C2F.

- 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 fellowship recipients is considered final.