Call for Myanmar Research Fellows

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The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University (CMU) has several vacancies for Research Fellows from Myanmar. These fellowships are open to Myanmar researchers, activists, or members of civil society, and we aim to target those who wish to undertake a specific project and would benefit from engaging with the dynamic community of scholars at CMU.

The fellowships will initially run for a period of 6 months, beginning August/September 2021 through until February 2022, with the possibility of extension depending on the availability of additional funding. Fellows will be provided with a living and accommodation allowance, medical insurance, the cost of international travel and quarantine in Thailand, and working space and visa support. They will have access to facilities at the university and form part of our network of Thai, Myanmar, and international researchers.

The basic criteria for a Myanmar Research Fellow include:
- Strong experience in research, activism or any work contributing to equality in Myanmar.
- The ability to continue to engage in this work having been impacted by recent events.
- Robust spoken and written skills in both Myanmar and English is desirable, as are ethnic language skills.
- A bachelor’s degree in any discipline is a requirement. More advanced degrees are desirable.

The awarding of fellowships will be competitively assessed and awarded by a selection committee. Upon accepting of the fellowship offer, the fellow will agree with RCSD to the delivery of research outputs. Amid the current context, these outputs may not necessarily be academic or scholarly in nature but can reflect different ways of contributing knowledge and ideas to the university and Myanmar.

To apply, please send a CV and statement of purpose to rcsdcmu@gmail.com. This statement should include your relevant background, your current situation, and a description of a project or work which you will engage in and contribute during your time in Chiang Mai (max. 2 pages).

Applications are now open and will close on 31st July 2021 (Thailand time). Interviews with shortlisted candidates will take place around the second week of August.