



Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi The Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship B.E. 2567 (A.D. 2024)

King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi has devised Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship to motivate the students to contribute their time studying for doctoral degree and to continuously enhance their experience in research and development under the supervision of high experienced group of researchers and advisors. This scholarship is for those doctoral students who want to develop themselves as quality doctorate so as to create a positive impact in driving and producing research or utilizing their high-level knowledge and skills in performing work which will be beneficial to society and economy of the country.

By virtue of Article 8 and Article 13 of the Regulations of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi on Students Scholarship Fund B.E.2553 and 5/2566 meeting resolution of the Board of Student Education Fund Management on January 29, 2024, it has been agreed to make an announcement of The Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship as follows:

Article 1 This announcement is called Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in the title of the Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship B.E. 2567 (A.D. 2024).

Article 2 This announcement is effective for the Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship students who have studied from academic year 2024 onward.

Article 3 In this announcement,

“University” means King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

“Board” means the Board of Student Education Fund Management

“Scholarship” means Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship

“Recipient” means eligible student who has passed the selection process to receive the Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship

Article 4 Objectives of the Scholarship:

- 4.1 To support increasing the numbers and quality of the Doctoral student in the university
- 4.2 To enhance the edge of competence in education management and the supervision of doctoral students' thesis
- 4.3 To strengthen the university's research system so as to produce research with positive impact on the economy and society

Article 5 Qualifications of Eligible Applicant:

5.1 General Qualifications

- 1) The applicant must be well- behaved and has never committed any misconduct.
- 2) The applicant should be fully aware, eager, and willing to reap the academic and other activities including social responsibility and maintaining Thai culture and custom.
- 3) The applicant must be able to complete the study within the specified period of the program.
- 4) The applicant must be able to study full time.
- 5) The applicant should also possess other specified qualifications as the committee deems appropriate.

5.2 Educational Background:

- 1) Bachelor Degree with first class honors, or
- 2) Having achieved cumulative GPA of not less than 3.25 for Bachelor's degree, being awarded second class honors and in the first 20% of the class with certified letter from the Registrar's Office or
- 3) A GPA of 3.5 and above for the Master's Degree, or
- 4) The applicant with a master's degree (Thesis plan) must have at least 1 full research paper published in a national or international journal. The applicant who graduated with a master's degree (Non-thesis plan) and has gained a GPA lower than 3.50 but not lower than 3.25 must have at least 1 full research paper published in a national or international journal.

- 5) The applicant must be expected to graduate with Bachelor's degree or Master's degree from a higher education institutions accredited by the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC) before the opening of the semester of 2024 academic year. Also, the applicant can sign the contract only after receiving the graduation certificate.
- 6) Candidates must not be current doctoral student or have never been KMUTT's doctoral student before.
- 7) The applicant must be able to demonstrate reasoning, necessity, knowledge and understanding in the field of his/her thesis at satisfactory level through interviewing and own written statement of purpose of about 600 words.
- 8) The applicant, who had experience in doing thesis or research work or choose to do the same under a group of researchers who have done research papers or have potential to do so to contribute to the economy and society, will be considered as a plus.
- 9) The applicant must have a recommendation letter from the thesis advisor and the supervisor, in case the applicant used to be employed, stating that the applicant is a devoted researcher/employee and also a positive-attitude person.
- 10) The applicant must provide a certify letter from KMUTT instructor or researcher indicating his/her willingness to be the applicant's advisor, if granted the scholarship.
- 11) An applicant can submit other additional supporting document relating to the work of research and other academic aspects.
- 12) The candidate is responsible for verifying and certifying himself/herself that he/she has actually met all qualification requirements as per the announcement and he/she must also submit all required completed and accurate document. If the candidate cannot submit all required document within the application period, he/she shall be deemed being disqualified. In case of any mistake incurred of the candidate due to whatever causes or the candidate lacks any qualifications as per the announcement resulting in being disqualified to apply for the scholarship, it shall be deemed that such candidate is disqualified to apply for admission in accordance with this announcement and the candidate's application and admission shall be void.

In addition, the candidate cannot exercise the right to demand anything from the university.

If, afterward, there is a verification on the document or qualifications and it is appeared that any scholarship recipient has any unfit qualifications or incompatibility or lacks any qualifications as per the announcement, it is deemed that such recipient is disqualified to apply for the scholarship ever since the beginning and not entitle to be recruited for receiving the scholarship. However, the university reserves the right to cancel the scholarship and such recipient is required to pay back the total amount of scholarship to the university as per the set condition in Article 12.

Furthermore, if the university has verified and found out that any candidate has an intention to forge the document and use false information in whole or in part, it shall be deemed that such candidate has committed an offence according to the Criminal Law and shall be prosecuted under the law.

- 13) The applicant should also possess other specified qualifications as the committee deems appropriate.

Article 6 Qualifications of Advisors

- 6.1 Instructors or researchers who shall act as an advisor must be under the group of researchers or the research center that has a successful work of research or has potential to produce quality research with significant meaning in contributing to the economy and society according to the assessment of the committee established by the university. Besides, they must have a record of receiving research fund in order to be able to produce fine and continual work of research.
- 6.2 The instructor or the researcher who will perform the duty of an advisor must have at least 5 articles of the research paper published in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2 of the Scopus database considering from the CiteScore in the corresponding field of study within the past 5 years and has experience of an advisor for doctoral student until graduation.

As for the programs in the fields of Liberal Arts and Social Science, Education, and Architecture, the instructor or the researcher who will perform the duty of an advisor must have at least 3 articles of the research paper published in Quartile 1 or Quartile 2 of the Scopus database considering from the CiteScore in

the corresponding field of study within the past 5 years and has experience of an advisor for doctoral student until graduation.

6.3 Instructors or researchers having no experience as an advisor to any doctoral students can be a co- advisor working with experienced advisors who have successful work of research provided that they must be under the group of researchers of the university.

6.4 For instructors or researchers of over 57 years of age, they are required to sign the document to confirm their responsibilities as an advisor as specified in the Contract of Scholarship attached with the certify letter from the Dean.

Article 7 Recruitment and Consideration to Grant the Scholarship

For recruitment, the university shall proceed with Active Recruitment methodology to consider granting the scholarship. In the event that there is an applicant with excellent or outstanding qualifications but there is one that is incomplete and such applicant is not considered for a scholarship, the committee shall, then, reconsider whether to grant the scholarship within one year after he/she is admitted for studying.

Article 8 Conditions for Receiving Scholarship

8.1 The recipient must complete signing both the scholarship and the guarantee contracts.

8.2 The recipient shall receive monthly living allowance and tuition fee all though specified program period only. Such period cannot be extended.

8.3 The university shall consider whether to continue granting the scholarship to the recipient on yearly basis as per the following criteria:

- 1) The recipient must achieve cumulative GPA of not less than 3.50 at the end of the academic year. In case the recipient's cumulative GPA is lower than 3.50, the scholarship will be suspended. If the recipient's cumulative GPA meets the specified criteria in the following semester, the recipient may be considered to continue receiving the scholarship.
- 2) The recipient must demonstrate the progress of the research and the proceeding as per the study plan in order to complete the program with quality as scheduled. In addition, he/she is required to produce and present the progress report every semester, otherwise, he/she may be considered to discontinue receiving the scholarship.

- 3) The recipient must participate in seminars to exchange knowledge or associate with other students in various activities as required by the university. Besides, he/she must provide support for the university's activities in aspects of academy, society and fostering art and culture. Failure to do so without proper reasons, the recipient may be considered to discontinue receiving the scholarship.
- 8.4 The recipient may receive partial scholarship despite failure to complete the study within the specified program plan, but must not beyond the maximum program period.
- 8.5 In case the scholarship recipient has committed any disciplinary offences or is deemed by the university of having improper behavior or causes to receive the scholarship, the university reserves the right to cancel the scholarship. Such recipient, therefore, is required to pay back the total amount of scholarship to the university as per the set condition in Article 12.

Article 9 The scholarship recipient shall receive the fund covering the followings:

- 9.1 Tuition fee as per program plan (tuition fee, school fee and accident insurance) of which the funding period cannot be extended.
- 9.2 The recipients shall receive monthly living allowance of 18,000 Baht, all inclusive, during the specified period of the program plan. Once the recipient's thesis proposal is approved, an additional monthly all-inclusive living allowance of 4,000 Baht shall be paid to the recipient starting from the following month of receiving the examination results.

The scholarship recipient must submit the thesis proposal examination results to the Student Financial Aid Unit, as per the specified form, within 30 days from the date of receiving such examination results. However, the living allowance and the additional living allowance shall be provided within the duration of the program plan only. The funding period cannot be extended.

However, if the scholarship recipient has submitted the thesis proposal examination results to the Student Financial Aid Unit later than the period mentioned in the first paragraph, the Scholarship Recipient shall receive the living allowance at mentioned amount starting from the following month from the date the Student Financial Aid Unit has received the examination results, as per the specified document form, from the scholarship recipient.

9.3 The scholarship recipient may request additional support fund for research progress if he/she has the research paper of which he/she is the First Author and is published in the international academic journal appeared in :

- (1) Web of Science database and
- (2) Quartile 1 or Quartile 2 of the Scopus database considering from the CiteScore in the corresponding field of study as announced latest on the date of submission for publishing.

The University shall support the research article accepted from the international journal in Quartile 1 at the amount of Baht 1,500 per month per article and in Quartile 2 at the amount of Baht 500 per month per article. However, the University shall give such support fund in the following month after the evidence of acceptance for publishing together with the completed specified form have been submitted to the Student Financial Aid Unit.

However, the University will give such support fund within the specified period according to the study plan of the curriculum only.

9.4 Allowance in supporting the research expenses: This allowance is provided with the purpose to enable the recipient to pay expenses of necessary tasks in order to accomplish quality research for graduation. The maximum additional allowance for research expenses of 150,000 Baht shall be provided for a 3-year program, 200,000 Baht for a 4-year program, and 250,000 Baht for a 5-year program. The criteria and the payment method shall be as set by the university.

9.5 Allowance for expenses incurred of short-term research in overseas: The allowance is limited to one time in one country and the duration is not over 6 months as per following details:

- 1) Apart from the current financial support, the recipient shall receive additional monthly living allowance, all inclusive, of up to 40,000 Baht while in overseas. The criteria and the payment method shall be as set by the university.
- 2) Actual cost of economy class air ticket, passport, visa, travel insurance, health insurance and accident insurance of not exceeding 65,000 Baht in total.

In the event that the Scholarship Recipient has the necessity to travel after the end of the program plan period and in order to receive the aforementioned allowance for the expenses incurred of the short-term research abroad, such Scholarship Recipient must propose the trip plan and the expenses budget of such short-term research to the funder before the end of the program plan period.

Article 10 Expenses covered by the Research, Innovation and Partnerships Office:
The Scholarship Recipient shall receive allowances covering the followings:

10.1 Expenses for the advisors or co-advisors to visit the recipient and exchange academic knowledge while the recipient is on exchange trip in overseas: The fund shall be provided for one trip and the maximum duration of 7 days only, covering the following:

- 1) Daily allowance and accommodation cost according to KMUTT regulations.
- 2) Actual cost of economy class air ticket, passport, visa, travel insurance, health insurance and accident insurance, of not exceeding 65,000 Baht in total

10.2 Expenses for the visit of an advisor from overseas to follow up on the recipients' research: This allowance is for one time and maximum of 7 days duration only. The recipient must nominate the name, profile and research work of the advisor's from overseas.

- 1) Compensation for the advisor at the amount of 7,000 Baht per day: This rate is inclusive of daily allowance and accommodation cost.
- 2) Actual cost of economy class air ticket, passport, visa, travel insurance, health insurance and accident insurance of not exceeding 65,000 Baht in total

Article 11 The university shall consider revoke the scholarship in following cases:

11.1 The recipient changes the faculty, department, program or majoring after having applied for admission or during studying in the program.

11.2 The recipient changes the advisor after having applied for admission or during studying in the program.

Unless there are compelling reasons and such changes would benefit both the scholarship recipient and the university, the recipient must demonstrate that the proposed changes will enable them to successfully complete their studies within the program plan. This is subject to the discretion of the committee in considering approval.

11.3 The recipient's status as doctoral student has been terminated due to resignation, failure to achieve required GPA or being dismissed.

Article 12 In case of the scholarship recipient wishes to terminate his/her study, or being terminated by the university, or cannot graduate within the maximum period of the program, or is receiving other scholarship at the same time without proper reasons as indicated in the scholarship grant conditions, the recipient shall have to pay back the total amount of scholarship received from the university within 30 days after notified by the university. Failure to do so within specified due period, the scholarship recipient must pay additional interest at the rate of 15% per year, counting from the date following the last day of the due period.

Should the scholarship recipient request to pay back in installments, it is up to the university's discretion to allow to do so. However, the Scholarship Recipient must submit the memorandum, as per the specified form, to the Student Financial Aid Unit within 30 days from the date of the occurrence in the first paragraph.

Article 13 The scholarship recipient, who is terminated due to following causes, shall be exempted from paying back the scholarship fund received:

13.1 Death

13.2 Suffering from 7 critical illnesses: non-invasive cancer, invasive cancer, major stroke, chronic kidney failure, severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease / end-stage lung disease, acute heart attack, and fulminant viral hepatitis.

13.3 Mental infirmity

13.4 Mental disordered or physically incompetent

13.5 Any other causes shall be considered by the committee.

For the causes specified in Article 13.2 and Article 13.3 the recipient must provide the certificate of medical diagnosis from a government hospital stating that the recipient is unfit to continue his/her study due to diseases, mental infirmity, and Article 13.4 the recipient must provide the court order that declares the person as

physically incompetent, resulting in the recipient being unable to continue his/her study.

Article 14 The recipient must submit the thesis presenting an innovation, creativity, or criticisms with new ideas. The recipient must have at least 2 research papers, which are part of the thesis, published or accepted to publish before completion of the study program.

14.1 It requires the full paper which is neither an article from the consolidation of academic conferences nor a journal from the academic conferences to be published in the international journal in the Web of Science database and can be found in the standard database, that has referees, at least not less than 2 papers. The total numbers must not be less than those specified in the curriculum provided that the recipient must be the first author. However, the Scholarship Recipient must submit the memorandum, as per the specified form, indicating the request to submit own research paper according to the scholarship conditions to the Student Financial Aid Unit within 30 days of receiving the notification of acceptance to publish the research.

14.2 If the recipient has any other achievements such as patents, innovations, designs or prototypes that can be brought for additional commercial or public benefits, then, he/she can propose for additional funding from the Jiaranai Petchara Scholarship.

14.3 In case there are more numbers of full paper publication, which can be found in the standard database, that has referees according to Article 14.1, than those specified in the regulations, the recipient shall receive additional fund from the Jiaranai Petchara Scholarship.

14.4 In case that the paper is published in any top ranking journals such as Nature, Cell and Science, the recipient shall receive an additional fund from the Jiarania Petchara Scholarship.

14.5 For the publication of a full or partial research paper derived from the doctoral degree's research paper, it is necessary to specify the phrase "Petchra Pra Jom Klao Doctoral Scholarship from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi" in the acknowledgement section.

Article 15 The scholarship recipient shall be waived the right affirmation fee as per the condition set by the university.

Article 16 Chairman of the Board of Student Education Fund Management shall oversee that all are proceeded in accordance with this announcement. In case there is any conflict or any circumstance out of this announcement, Chairman of the Board of Student Education Fund Management's order and consideration on that shall be deemed final.

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