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To: UP Faculty Members and Researchers

Through: The Chancellors
The Acting Chancellor/Dean, UP Cebu

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Subject: Call for proposals for Cycle 8 of the Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program

This is to announce a Call for Proposals for Cycle 8 of the Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program. Attached are the pertinent guidelines and the current research and creative work priority areas. These and the application forms may be downloaded from the OVPAA website (ovpaa.up.edu.ph).

All CUs are invited to submit full proposals (not capsule proposals). At least one proposal with lead proponents from UP Baguio, UP Cebu, UP Mindanao and UP Visayas will be considered for funding.

The proposals must represent the niche of each CU, which would include creative work in some CUs. Interdisciplinary, inter-CU collaborations are encouraged. The proposals must exhibit strong foreign and external collaborations, i.e., should have a co-proponent from a leading foreign university or research institution, preferably one that is part of an international academic/research network to which UP belongs or that UP faculty engage with:

1. Asia Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)
2. ASEAN European Academic University Network (ASEA-UNINET)
3. ASEAN University Network (AUN)
4. Korean Studies Association of Southeast Asia (KoSaSa)
5. Southern Taiwan Universities Alliance-UP Academic Networking Platform
6. South Asia and Taiwan University (SATU)
7. Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE)
8. International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
9. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
10. Asian Institute of Management (AIM)
11. World Bank
12. World Health Organization (WHO)
13. Others

Proposals with significant counterpart funding from the foreign-based co-proponent will be favorably considered.

Likewise, as in previous EIDR calls for proposals, collaboration with leading SUCs and HEIs, and with government agencies and the private sector, is strongly encouraged. This is in line with UP’s THINK PAPER on Knowledge-based Development and Governance which proposes to increase the country’s “Suprastructure” (PhD-level expert human capital) working in a Hubs-and-Spokes model of regional development of the country.

The UP and foreign-based proponents, as well as local partners, must agree to share intellectual property, publish papers and produce other academic output together, mentor and produce Masters and PhD graduates together. Funds will be provided directly/only to the UP research group, but funds can be used to support the collaboration.

Proponents must provide the names of three external experts who could review their proposal. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. novelty and intellectual merit of the proposed research and/or creative program
2. significance and broad impact of the priority areas it intends to address
3. strategy and methodology for its execution
4. proponents/investigators' competence/track record
5. involvement of foreign collaboration
6. feasibility for completion in 2 years, in cases with strong justification, renewable for another 2 years
7. availability of facilities and equipment to the proponents
8. foreign/external counterpart funding

Results of the evaluation will be released within 1.5 months. Proponents will be informed of the reviewers’ comments and suggestions and will be asked to submit revised proposals for final evaluation.

Three or more new EIDR proposals or one new EIDR proposal and two or more ongoing EIDR programs that require the same equipment or require support to train
personnel, to operate, maintain, and repair existing equipment or equipment centers in order to implement their research projects, may apply for an EIDR Joint Proposal for Equipment Acquisition and MOOE beyond the allowable budget of P10M per EIDR program per year. The proposal will be annexed to the EIDR proposal whose proponents will take the lead/responsibility in procuring and using the equipment. A detailed justification of equipment acquisition must be provided, as well as plans for the personnel training, operation, care, maintenance and repair of the equipment.

Respective OVCRDs/OVCREs are responsible to undertake tasks similar to those outlined in previous calls for EIDR proposals such as in Memorandum No. OVPAA 2014-70.

A write-shop seminar may be organized by the OVPAA to assist proponents in the preparation of their proposals and budgets.

Deadline for submission of proposals is on 15 July 2016.
Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program
Call for Proposals for Cycle 8 (23 May 2016)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The following general guidelines are for planning EIDR program proposals to be submitted under EIDR Cycle 8.

1. Show significant, measurable output that can be generated within two (2) years.
2. Have a reasonable budget suited to the proposed program, not exceeding PhP10M/year per program (each program consists of up to 4 projects) following the EIDR guidelines for expenditures.
3. Pursue interdisciplinary research between closely related disciplines or across disciplines of the arts, humanities, culture, education, social sciences, physical sciences, computational sciences and engineering.
4. Pursue research topics that are aligned with the priority thrusts and research strengths of the CU.
5. Have a strong collaboration with foreign universities, such as those that are members of regional academic networks (e.g. APRU, ASEA-Uninet, AUN, KoSaSa, SATU, PAASE, etc.) or external agencies that have better capabilities (e.g. IRRI, AIM, ADB, World Bank, WHO, etc.)
6. Involve collaboration among units in a CU and across different CUs.
7. Involve collaboration with leading SUCs, HEIs, LGUs and other gov’t agencies, and the private sector.
8. Use quantitative, verifiable data/information, integrated with qualitative data/information, and creative work, where applicable, as a major basis/rationale, objective and result of the study.
9. Generate academic/scholarly publications, education and public dissemination materials, policy papers, implementation plans, where applicable, to show importance and relevance of the program/project, and establish value chain to society.
10. Contribute to the creation or growth of research/creative groups and allocate financial support from the grant for mentoring Master’s and Doctoral students.
11. Plan EIDR to serve as seed funding to obtain more/future funding from external funding agencies such as CHED, DOST, DA, DOH, the private sector, etc.
12. Pursue output with intellectual property protection and commercialization potential, and prepare technology transfer and business development plan in collaboration with business development units in UP or industry, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) or community cooperatives.
13. Prepare laymanized materials to publicize the EIDR project and the expected results/outputs.