

## UCRSEA Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2017

The Urban Climate Resilience Southeast Asia Partnership (UCRSEA), located in the Asia Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, invites applications for a one-year UCRSEA Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Urban Climate Change Resilience. Research proposed must be pertinent to UCRSEA's focus on building urban climate change capacity, particularly in the Mekong region. The Fellowship will commence 1 July 2016, with an annual salary of C\$40,500 plus benefits.

The Partnership addresses vulnerabilities to climate change in urbanizing areas of Southeast Asia with the goal of enhancing resilience and, hence, economic and social well-being. Individual and community vulnerabilities in the region are linked to global environmental change and to the rapid pace of urbanization and economic integration of the region. Specifically, we seek to provide vulnerable peoples in transitional states with the space to learn about and share in decisions about protecting themselves from the economic, social and physical impacts of climate change.

### ***Qualifications***

The successful applicant is expected to reside in Toronto, Canada during the term of the Fellowship, and will have the opportunity to participate in the intellectual life of the Munk School of Global Affairs and larger University of Toronto community during the 2016-2017 academic year. Support for conference and research travel in Southeast Asia is available.

Eligibility is limited to applicants who have received their PhD in a relevant discipline within the three years prior to the start date of the UCRSEA fellowship (i.e. July 2014 or later). **All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.**

### ***Responsibilities***

In addition to pursuing an intensive research project, the post-doctoral fellow is expected to participate as a member of the UCRSEA team.

Core responsibilities of the post-doctoral fellow include:

- Conducting research of relevance to the UCRSEA project;
- Presenting two research seminars at the Munk School of Global Affairs, with the first in the Fall of 2016 and the second in the Spring of 2017;
- Preparing an original, full-length research paper for publication as part of the *UCRSEA Paper* series;
- Participating in the UCRSEA Virtual Graduate Student Seminar.

Other responsibilities, to be identified with UCRSEA partners and directors based on the fellow's interests and UCRSEA's research agenda, could include:

- Planning UCRSEA conferences, events or workshops, in conjunction with UCRSEA partners;
- Preparing research papers for publication as part of the *UCRSEA Papers* series;
- Participation in other UCRSEA research projects and initiatives; and
- Providing research assistance and support to the UCRSEA Co-Directors.

### ***Applications***

The deadline for applications is **10 February 2016 at noon (EST)**. The committee will notify applicants of their decision by 10 March 2016.

Application instructions can be found at:

[http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca/post-doctoral\\_fellowship/](http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca/post-doctoral_fellowship/)

## About the UCRSEA

UCRSEA is a network of scholars and researchers working to address a critical gap in understanding the role of urbanization in the growing risks posed by climate change in Southeast Asia. Our project involves international collaboration between academics in Canada and partners located in four countries that are experiencing both rapid urbanization and the severe effects of climate change: Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. UCRSEA includes universities, NGOs, local organizations and local governments engaged in multi-disciplinary partnership, combining the science of interpreting climate change's uncertainties, risks and impacts with social science analysis from geography, anthropology and planning.

The UCRSEA is undertaking a range of research and program activities:

- conducting original, independent, academic research that views urbanization as a transformative process in terms of poverty, vulnerability, growth and climate change impacts;
- promoting and sharing our research through publications, as well as through workshops, conferences, webcasts and presentations;
- convening roundtables and public events to engage discussion among scholars, policy makers and community leaders in cities of Southeast Asia and Canada;
- supporting graduate and post-graduate students to thereby build Canada and Southeast Asia's expertise in the field of urban climate change impacts and responses.

### **Funding**

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For more information about UCRSEA: <http://urbanclimateresiliencesea.apps01.yorku.ca>