

ANRCB Small Research Grants (SRGs)

Purpose of the ANRCB Small Research Grants

The primary goal of the ANRCB project is to strengthen capacity to carry out and effectively use nutrition research within the Lao Center of Nutrition, the University of Health Sciences, and the Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute. Training is foundational to supporting this effort. The purpose of the ANRCB Small Research Grants is to complement training activities and to provide a practical research experience for a select sub-group of trainees. The SRGs will pair Lao partners with US university research partners. This pairing will provide research mentorship throughout a year-long research process, starting with the development of research ideas, extending through the process of research design, and continuing through completion and reporting of results. The ANRCB project will provide financial support for research activities in the form of a small research grant to the Lao partners. Separate support will be provided to US-based research partners.

Eligibility

The SRG program is open to students, faculty, and staff of UHS, LaoTPHI, and CN who have successfully completed or plan to complete one or more ANRCB research training modules. It is expected that the SRG activities to be undertaken will build directly on the ideas, materials and methods included in ANRCB training modules. All research exchanges will be conducted in English; therefore, applicants should be comfortable working in written and spoken English. Expressions of interest from teams assembled from more than one of the offices listed above are encouraged.

Selection Procedure

January 2022: A call for expressions of interest will be issued. Expressions of interest by Lao researchers should include a brief statement no more than one page in length containing:

1. Name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s) and education (degree, granting institution, and field);
2. Research topic/issue/question (including why the topic is important to nutrition in Lao PDR);
3. How and where the research could be conducted;
4. A simple budget, not exceeding \$5,000, covering proposed expenses for the Lao team only; and
5. A proposed timeline of activities.

March 2022: Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the ANRCB senior research team and selected for further development in partnership with ANRCB researchers, who will identify and assign collaborator-mentors from Purdue University or Indiana University. In some cases, proposed activities may be combined or modified. Once mentors have been assigned, it is expected that each team will work collaboratively to refine the research topic and design and present it for group feedback and further refinement prior to beginning the research activity. The research will be completed as part of a year-long program that will include group presentations and feedback from peers, culminating in the preparation of a research abstract or paper suitable for submission to a journal or academic conference.

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