



## **Call for Applicants:**

# **Science Diplomacy Workshop for Early-to-Mid Career Researchers in ASEAN Plus Three**

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Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI), the National Science Museum (NSM), Thailand in cooperation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) are inviting individuals from the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Member States to apply for participation in an upcoming pilot workshop on science diplomacy scheduled to take place on 19-24 August 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop is divided into two parts.

Part I (19-22 August) will target at getting to understand about the concept of science diplomacy and sharing experiences in science diplomacy in the region. The workshop aims to introduce scientists, policymakers, and other stakeholders to the principles of science diplomacy. It offers participants an opportunity to explore current international policy matters related to science diplomacy under the planetary boundaries framework: WEF (Water, Energy, Food) Nexus focus. Additionally, participants will be equipped with the essential skills needed for careers that integrate both science and diplomacy. The workshop is originated from a collaboration between the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). The AAAS-TWAS Science Diplomacy training program was founded in 2014 and has since provided training to over two hundred emerging leaders from over 50 countries.

Part II (23-24 August) will provide an interactive workshop as a platform for sharing thoughts and ideas in preparing the future leaders to respond to science diplomacy challenges. This second half is a continuing effort of TSRI and the National Science Foundation who are co-leading the "Advancing Leadership Program" under the Belmont Forum.

To foster strong connections between researchers and policymakers, applications for the course are being accepted from "participant pairs." Ideally, both individuals in the pair should reside and/or work in the same country, while not being affiliated with the same institution. Applicants in the "participant pairs" should share interests in science, technology, and innovation, even if they haven't collaborated before.

The "participant pairs" will include:

### **Participant 1:**

- be a researcher in the early-to-mid career stage (preferably under 40 years old)
- hold citizenship in one of the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) economies
- be an individual with a proven track record of outstanding research and a keen interest in engaging with international policymaking on a broader scale, and



## Participant 2:

- be a policymaker actively engaged in the realm of science, technology, and innovation-related matters. This individual should fall into one of the following categories:
  - A local or national government official,
  - A policymaker,
  - A diplomat,
  - Staff at an academy of sciences at supervisory level,
  - Civil servant,
  - A representative of a research funding institution, and
  - Staff or expert working for and/or with an international (e.g. UN) organization.
- hold citizenship in one of the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) economies.

Both participants will submit individual applications but must identify their partner in their application and justify a beneficial partnership. It is recommended that the participant pairs must have coordinated their applications beforehand. Applications without an identified partner will not be reviewed.

For ASEAN participants, the organizers will cover all expenses for the selected pairs, including transportation, accommodation, visa fees, meals, and incidental expenses. Selected participants from the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea will be self-funded. They will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses as well as their accommodation.

## Important dates:

Deadline for submitting applications: 12 July 2024 (17:00 GMT+7)

Announcement of the selected pairs: 19 July 2024

Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand: 19-24 August 2024 (expected to arrive on 18 August)

## List of documents to be submitted to [inter@tsri.or.th](mailto:inter@tsri.or.th):

1. Application form
2. A letter of recommendation
3. CV

## Selection criteria:

The program is open to all ASEAN Plus Three (APT) economies. The selection of participants will be based on various factors, such as research quality, experience in science diplomacy, and potential for future collaboration. The workshop can accommodate a maximum of 26 participants, with two participants allowed per economy.



**Application forms:**

Application form  
for researchers



Application form  
for policymakers



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