

MUIC Research Clusters and Research Cluster Grants

The establishment of research clusters is one of the initiative strategies of MUIC. The purpose of this is to create research groups that involve researchers from MUIC with collaborative research institutions, other universities, and industry partners. The Research Cluster Grant aims to foster collaborative projects with interdisciplinary excellence. Having formally recognized research clusters will foster collective scholarly activities, idea sharing, extensive research impact and external funding along with providing a collegial context for researchers and a research collaboration network. Therefore, MUIC is pleased to provide the very first financial support to research clusters that meet the criteria for formal recognition and application requirements for the MUIC Research Cluster Grant.

Application Guidelines for Formally Recognized Research Clusters

Recognition as a 'research cluster' requires the approval of the Dean of MUIC through recommendation of the Research Committee. The following is a guideline for application:

1. There must be at least 3 MUIC researchers from different disciplines. Members of research clusters may be individual scholars who are working on the same or related research theme of the cluster, or scholars in collaborative institutions or universities as part of a team.
2. The research cluster manager must provide the following information:
 - 1) Cluster members' names, research activities and performances
 - 2) Research theme, objective, tentative activities, and expected outputs and outcomes of the cluster. Applications should follow the proposal format provided below.
3. The research cluster manager must submit an annual report on the activities and research outcomes to RPM.

Application Guidelines for Research Cluster Grant 2022

1. Only formally recognized research clusters may apply for the MUIC Research Cluster Grant 2022. However, the application for the recognition of research clusters can be submitted along with proposals for the Research Cluster Grant 2022.
2. Research cluster projects must consist of at least 2 sub-projects.

Timeline for application and research budget

	The 1 st Proposal call	The 2 nd Proposal call
Launch of the call	1 September 2021	1 February 2022
Closing date for submissions	29 October 2021	25 March 2022
Feedback of decisions	December 2021	May 2022
Contract signing	February – March 2022	June – July 2022

Proposal Format for Research Cluster Recognition

Each proposal must include the following items:

- Title of research cluster
- Name, affiliation and contact information of Research Cluster Manager
- Names, affiliations, and contact information of all cluster members
- Summary of research themes, tentative activities and outputs of the cluster (limit to 250 words).
- Description of the summary (four pages maximum)
- Curriculum vitae of each member (include research specialties, publications or other academic products)

Proposal Format for Research Cluster Grant 2022

Each proposal must include the following items:

- Research Project Title
- Sub-projects title
- Duration of project (not more than 2 years)
- Project manager, PI and co-PI of each sub project
- Project rationale
- Project theme and scope
- Summary table of research project plan. This must include activities/experiments/methodologies, expected output, budget.
- Project proposal of each sub-project using proposal form available at:
<https://muic.mahidol.ac.th/eng/research-opportunities-grants/forms/>