

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hay President Nong Lam University KP6, Linh Trung, Thủ Đức Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Attention: Dr. Duong Duy Dong, Vice President for Research and International Cooperation

Dear Dr. Hay:

We are pleased to announce the Call for Applications to the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grants 2016-2017. Each grant is for a total amount of US\$5,000 and is open to outstanding Southeast Asian academics championing inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development, which is the priority thrust of SEARCA for its current Five-Year Plan.

The following are the guidelines of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant:

- 1. The awardees must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Must be a Southeast Asian national, with tenure and holding an academic rank of not lower than Assistant Professor.
  - b. Must have a PhD in fields related to the advancement of agricultural science and technology and development of rural households/communities (see Table 1 for Fields of Study).
  - c. Must have proven track record of excellence in academic and/or research in his/her chosen field of specialization within the broad priority thrusts of SEARCA.
  - d. Must have not been a recipient of a SEARCA Professorial Chair Grant in the past five (5) years.
  - e. Must have the official endorsement of the Chief Executive/Head of his/her institution not only on the applicant's academic qualifications but also on his/her good moral character.
- 2. The following are the Terms of Reference of the grantee:
  - a. Teach at least one graduate course in his/her area of specialization at the university during the year of award.
  - b. Deliver at least one public lecture on the subject of his/her research (which should be aligned with SEARCA thrusts) during the period of award at his/her university.
  - c. Submit a hard and a soft copy of his/her public lecture to SEARCA upon culmination of his/her professorial chair grant.
  - d. Submit a manuscript of his/her paper for possible publication by SEARCA.

In this regard, we would highly appreciate receiving nominees from Nong Lam University following the prescribed format in Attachment 1 by 3 March 2017.

Details of the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair Grant are also accessible through SEARCA's website at <a href="www.searca.org">www.searca.org</a> or you may contact SEARCA's Program Head for Graduate Education and Institutional Development through telephone (63-49) 536-7164; 536-2290, 554-9330 to 9337 local 2200 or email <a href="mailto:geidd@searca.org">geidd@searca.org</a>.

Very truly yours,

Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.

Director

Attachments a/s