

## **THE AMBASSADOR CHITO STA. ROMANA THESIS/DISSERTATION GRANT FOR CHINA STUDIES (2022-2024)**

In memory of the late Philippine Ambassador to China Jose Santiago “Chito” Sta. Romana, who served as a Professorial Lecturer at the Asian Center, the Philippine Association for China Studies (PACS), UP Diliman and the UP Asian Center is offering of a thesis/dissertation grant.

The grant is open to all graduate students of the University of the Philippines Asian Center and the Tri-College PhD Philippine Studies Program. Application is open from **1-30 November 2022**. Successful applicants will be announced by **15 December 2022**.

### **RESEARCH GRANT GUIDELINES**

#### **A. ELIGIBILITY AND DURATION**

The grant shall be in support of students of the Asian Center and the Tri-College PhD Philippine Studies Program who are undertaking a Master of Arts thesis or PhD dissertation related to China/Chinese Studies. The grant amount will be offered for AY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

1. The grant program is open to students who have successfully defended a thesis/dissertation proposal or already in the writing stage at the time of application and have submitted a progress report certified by the thesis/dissertation adviser;
2. The applicant must be on active status (i.e., currently enrolled or in residency status); and
3. The applicant must secure a recommendation from the thesis/dissertation adviser indicating capacity of the student and potential contribution of the study to knowledge and development of China/Chinese Studies.

#### **B. BENEFIT OF THE ASSISTANCE**

1. The amount for each approved application is up to PhP 80,000 per year.
2. The approved amount is contingent on the number and merit of approved applications.

#### **C. APPLICATION PERIOD and REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applications will be accepted from November 1 - 30, 2022 by the Asian Center Office of the College Secretary (OCS) through email, [acsec.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:acsec.upd@up.edu.ph). Subject line must follow the format: [Last Name, First Name]\_Sta. Romana Grant Application.
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3. Applications must submit the following documents:
  - a. Application letter addressed to:

The Selection Committee  
The Ambassador Chito Sta. Romana Research Grant  
Through: The Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman

- b. Endorsement from the thesis or dissertation adviser
- c. Copy of approved thesis or dissertation proposal
- d. Certification of research proposal approval
- e. Certification of at least GWA of 1.75.

#### **D. SELECTION OF GRANTEES**

- 1. The UP Asian Center shall nominate students on the basis of good academic standing, details of the research, and nature of the need for funding, all subject to acceptance by PACS who will be selecting the grantees.
- 2. The UP Asian Center shall nominate a number of students, based on the grant amount available each year.
- 3. The UP Asian Center shall send documents and other necessary materials to PACS regarding the shortlisted students.

#### **E. DISBURSEMENT OF THE GRANT**

Once the has approved the grants recommended by the UP Asian Center, the PACS shall disburse the funds directly to the grantee's bank account.

- 1. 50% upon the approval of the research proposal;
- 2. 50% upon completion of the project as certified by the thesis/dissertation adviser.

#### **F. OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANTEE**

- 1. Successful completion of the research as certified by the thesis/dissertation adviser;
- 2. Submission of a financial report and proof that s/he used the funds only for the intended purpose;
- 3. Adherence to the highest standards of scholarship in the conduct of the research;
- 4. Availment of the first disbursement equivalent to 50% if unable to proceed after the approval of the proposal within the maximum residence period;
- 5. Acknowledgment of the UP Asian Center and PACS in the thesis/dissertation awards received by the grantee.

#### **G. FULFILLMENT OF DUTIES**

- 1. The UP Asian Center shall monitor the performance of the student in relation to the terms of reference agreed to by the grantee and the UP Asian Center.
- 2. If during the period of grant program, the UP Asian Center determines that the student's outputs are deficient, and after consultation between the parties responsible for administering the program, the UP Asian Center may remove the grantee from the grant program.