



# MEKONG INSTITUTE YOUNG SCHOLARS (MIYS) PROGRAM

## ABOUT MI

**Mekong Institute (MI)** is an inter-governmental organization serving the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China. MI holds the distinction of being the only GMS-based development learning institute, founded by the six GMS Governments, offering standard and on-demand human resource development programs with focus on capacity development for regional cooperation and integration.

## ABOUT THE MIYS PROGRAM

The program aims to develop the human resource capacity of public institutions involved in the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) development and cooperation initiative by providing a structured learning opportunity and hands-on experience to selected officials and staff over a six-month period. Participants of the program will be identified as Mekong Institute Young Scholars (MIYS). Supported by the People's Republic of China, the MIYS Program also seeks to strengthen the linkage between these public institutions and MI.

The program will feature an in-classroom training where participants will be introduced to basic facilitation skills and regional cooperation concepts in the context of the LMC. After completing this, they will then be assigned to work as Program Officer in any of the five departments of MI based on their interest (*Agricultural Development and Commercialization, Trade and Investment Facilitation, Innovation and Technological Connectivity, Regional and Local Economic Development - East West Economic Corridor, Communications and Knowledge Management*). This practical assignment will ensure that after completion in the program they have acquired the skills and exposure to the work of a development agency like MI.



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## QUALIFICATIONS

- Nationals of LMC countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam)
- A government official or staff from the academia
- At least 25 years old
- Holds at least a bachelor's degree in social sciences, economics, public administration, international development, communications, and areas related to agriculture, trade and investment, innovation and technology
- At least four years of direct experience in any of the LMC countries, particularly in training, research, policy development, development project planning, implementation and monitoring, or communications
- A team player and able to work with different nationalities and people from varied cultural backgrounds
- Ability to carry out research
- Strong analytical skills and demonstrated interest for learning and self-improvement
- Advanced computer skills (i.e., Microsoft Office Package/ Microsoft Project/Internet)
- Fluent in written and spoken English. Additional proficiency in another LMC country language aside from his/her mother tongue is desirable.

All selected candidates will receive a fair monthly stipend in the course of their participation in the program. MI will cover the travel costs of selected candidates from and to their home station and MI. Health insurance will also be provided. MI will cover all expenses related to activities and travel on duties.

Upon successful completion of the program, all MIYS are requested to reintegrate back to their respective organizations. The organizations are requested to pay the candidates' monthly salary and retain their positions in the course of their participation in the program.

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## APPLICATION

Candidates are requested to prepare their **curriculum vitae and cover letter** addressed to:

Ms. Tina WANG

MIYS Project Manager/Program Coordinator  
Mekong Institute, 123 Mittraphap Road  
Muang District, Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand

**APPLICATIONS ARE CHANNELED  
THROUGH THE MI COORDINATING  
AGENCY IN YOUR COUNTRY.**

Please [contact them](#) for more information.

**Application until February 16, 2018.**

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