

EA-ASEAN Research Fellow Announcement

Position	EA-ASEAN Research Fellow
Location	Jakarta, Indonesia or Bangkok, Thailand or Remote from one of the Southeast Asian countries
Fellowship Duration	6 months
Remuneration	A stipend of USD 1100 per month
Closing date	27 March 2024
Interview Dates	Start from early April 2024
About the Organisation	
<p>The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a membership-based regional human rights organisation founded in 1991 with the mission to promote and protect all human rights, including the right to development, through collaboration and cooperation between human rights defenders and organisations in Asia.</p> <p>At present, it has 85 member organisations across 23 countries in Asia working on a wide range of issues related to human rights, democracy, and development in their respective countries. Its regional Secretariat is located in Bangkok, Thailand, and has offices in Jakarta, Geneva, and Kathmandu.</p> <p>FORUM-ASIA is committed to building a peaceful, just, equitable and ecologically sustainable community of peoples and societies in Asia where all human rights of all individuals, groups, and peoples – in particular, the poor, marginalised, and vulnerable groups – are fully respected and realised in accordance with internationally accepted human rights norms and standard. The organisation advocates human rights issues through engagement with governments, inter-governmental organisations, the United Nations, and regional human rights mechanisms such as in ASEAN for the better promotion and protection of all human rights.</p> <p>FORUM-ASIA has consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC Status) and a consultative relationship with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).</p>	
Summary of the Programme	
<p>The East Asia and ASEAN Programme provides support for and facilitates communication and cooperation among member organisations in Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia on human rights related issues and ASEAN’s human rights mechanisms (i.e., the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)). In addition, the Programme conducts</p>	

and coordinates thematic and country-focused research and documentation focusing on freedom of expression, association, assembly, and civic space.

Duty and Responsibilities

Under the supervisory of EA-ASEAN Programme Manager and EA-ASEAN Programme Officer/Associate, the EA-ASEAN Fellow will contribute on the monitoring and documentation as well as research on human rights situation in East and Southeast Asian countries. These activities include:

- Monitoring and documenting any development related to the restrictive laws to curb freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association in East and Southeast Asian countries, including the situation of ASEAN;
- Produce reports based on the gathered data (quantitative and qualitative);
- Monitor the situation related to the crisis in Myanmar and its impact to civic space;
- Contribute to the management of FORUM-ASIA EA-ASEAN website <https://hrlaw.forum-asia.org/> and <http://humanrightsinasean.info>;
- Drafting press release, statements and or op-eds on key human rights issues East Asia and Southeast Asian countries;
- Other tasks as assigned by supervisor(s).

Qualifications and Requirements

Education:

Undergraduate and/or Postgraduate degree in relevant field to law/international relations/Southeast Asian studies/development/public policy/human rights

Essential Criteria:

- Skill on human rights documentation or research
- Understanding of the human rights situation in East and Southeast Asian countries
- Understanding of the ASEAN and its human rights mechanism
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Excellent reporting and analytical skills
- Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently in a multi-cultural team
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines

Desirable Criteria:

- Preferably has 1 – 2 years of work experience in the field related to human rights
- Experience on qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Website management skills
- Knowledge of human rights situation in Mekong region, particularly Myanmar
- Burmese language skill is an advantage

*We want FORUM-ASIA to reflect the diversity of the communities we work with, offering equal opportunities to everyone regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. **Priority will be given to candidates with Southeast Asian nationalities.***

Application Procedure

Interested applicants must submit the following:

- A copy of your completed Application Form;
- A CV and cover letter (both in PDF file) explaining interest in the fellowship
- At least two contacts of referees.

Completed applications must be sent by email to FORUM-ASIA at applications@forum-asia.org by **27 March 2024, midnight Bangkok Time (UTC +7)**, stating “**EA-ASEAN Research Fellow**” in the subject line. Please note that **late applications will not be considered**. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview. Following the interview, a written assessment will be issued as part of a recruitment process.

