



Call for Applications

ASEAN Young Scientists Connect (AYSC) 2026

19 May 2026 (08:30 – 15:00)

Vimarn Grand Ballroom, Dusit Thani Bangkok, Thailand

As 17 April 2026

The Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) is pleased to invite applications from outstanding young researchers across ASEAN to participate in the ASEAN Young Scientists Connect (AYSC) 2026.

The AYSC 2026 will be organized as a parallel event of the Global Research Council (GRC) Annual Meeting 2026, co-hosted by TSRI, Thailand and NAFOSTED, Vietnam. The initiative aims to strengthen regional collaboration among early-career researchers and to support the development of future research leaders in ASEAN.

ASEAN countries are currently facing shared and increasingly complex challenges, including climate change, environmental degradation, sustainable development, and public health issues. Addressing these challenges requires strong cross-border collaboration, particularly among the next generation of scientists. In this context, AYSC 2026 is designed to provide a dynamic platform for young researchers to build professional networks, foster mutual understanding and trust, and form interdisciplinary and cross-country research teams. At the same time, the program seeks to enhance participants' readiness to engage with regional and international research funding opportunities, while contributing to the development of a long-term regional pool of talented young scientists capable of driving collaborative research and innovation in ASEAN.

This program is designed to create a regional platform for networking, trust-building, interdisciplinary collaboration, and research team formation, while also enhancing participants' readiness to engage in regional and international funding opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Be a citizen of an ASEAN Member State (i.e. Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines)
2. Must be no older than 40 years of age as of May 19, 2026.
3. Must be able to communicate effectively in English, have clear research goal
4. Currently pursuing or holding a Master's/PhD degree in any field.
5. Be able to fully participate in all program sessions and activities

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted via email by sending a Curriculum Vitae (CV) to inter@tsri.or.th by 26 April 2026. :

1. Application form
2. A statement of ideas addressing ONE of the following topics (please select only one):
 - 2.1 **Strengthening Regional Research Collaboration for Collective Impact**
How can your research contribute to cross-country collaboration and scalable regional impact?
 - 2.2 **Advancing Interdisciplinary Research for Sustainable Societies**
How can your expertise contribute to interdisciplinary solutions for complex societal challenges?
 - 2.3 **Shaping the Future Role of ASEAN Young Scientists in the Global Research System**
What is your long-term vision for contributing to ASEAN's global scientific engagement?
3. A letter of recommendation