



## Open Institute / Spanish Cooperation Research Grants

The goal of the Open Institute / Spanish Cooperation Research Grants is to improve the quality of academic research in Cambodia by supporting the use of correct research methodology in Master and Ph.D. thesis, as well as to ensure correct integration of gender aspects in all research.

A maximum of 10 research grants, with a maximum value of \$1,000 per grant will be given to Master or Ph.D. students of Cambodian public universities to cover research expenses that take place between January and May 2013 in the framework of a Master or Ph.D. thesis.

**Who may apply:** students currently enrolled in a Master or Ph.D. program in a public university in Cambodia working on a thesis. For Master's students, the thesis must have a presentation date inside 2013. Applicants must not have received any other grants for the work on their thesis.

**What the grants cover:** Research expenses that take or have taken place between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013, as well as a small honorarium for the researcher (a maximum of \$60 per month) to cover expenses that are difficult to justify. Grantees will also be offered participation in a 36-hour course on research methodology offered by the Open Institute (fully in Khmer) during February and March 2013.

**Criteria for selection of grants:** The selection committee will select up to 10 grants among the applications based on the following criteria:

- The quality of the research approach in the proposal (highest weight on the decision).
- Correct integration of gender aspects of the topic if applicable, or justification if there are no gender aspects. Specific gender topics will be considered favorably.
- Correct and realistic budgeting of the requested grant.
- While giving priority to other factors, the selection committee will attempt to ensure that different fields of knowledge and different universities are represented on the group of selected grantees.

**How to apply:** Candidates must send by e-mail to [grants@open.org.kh](mailto:grants@open.org.kh) or bring to the office of the Open Institute (House 19 Street 374, Toul Svay Prey 1, Phnom Penh) the following set of documents in either Khmer or English:

- A cover letter, addressed to the director of the Open Institute, naming the university and program (Master or Ph.D.) in which they are enrolled, the topic of their thesis, the date at which the thesis must be presented, the total amount of money that they are requesting as a grant, and their contact details.
- Their research proposal.
- A detailed budget indicating how the requested money will be spent.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by the Open Institute by the **15<sup>th</sup> February 2013**.

**Presentation of the results:** The grantees will be asked to present the methodology used in their studies at a Seminar on Research Methodology that will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.