

Policy Lab Call for Application

Guideline for Applicants--Young Analysts for Public Policy Innovations

This call for applications will be open until September 15, 2019.

1.1 Who is Future Forum?

Organisation Background

Founded by Ou Virak in late 2015, Future Forum is an independent think tank that focuses on research, analysis, and public policy, representing a dynamic response to an identified “policy gap” in Cambodia. We employ evidence-based research to encourage policy, analysis, recommendations, and debate to inspire Cambodian people – especially youth –to achieve democratic, political and socio-economic change that will benefit all people of Cambodia.

Vision: A just, democratic, dynamic and prosperous Cambodia shaped by the needs of its people rather than its rulers.

Mission: “Public. Policy. Forward.” - Nurture a community of young thinkers, develop positive policy solutions, and engender critical debate, moulding the future of Cambodia.

Objective: Facilitating intellectual research and analysis to positively influence the policy narrative in Cambodia at a local, national and international level.

Core values: Nurture, Create, Debate.

1.2 What is Policy Lab?

Project Description

Policy Lab is a platform that motivates, trains, mentors, and promotes Cambodian youth in critical, systematic, creative, and equity-oriented policy making. The project supports actions that promote youth participation in social and economic policy dialogue, decision making, and policy implementation at national and local levels, where Cambodian youth, civil society organizations, and communities under-represented in contemporary policy discussion can be represented in Cambodian civil society and the policy making arena.

This project will see up to 40 young Cambodians undertake training to develop micro-policy interventions that will be published under “The Big Book of Small Ideas” (BBSI). The BBSI will become a main tool for dissemination while also serving as a means for engagement with policy makers, ultimately creating new focal points for dialogue.

1.3 What does Policy Lab do for you?

Role Description
<p>Policy Lab will equip Young Analysts (YAs) with the requisite skills and training required to identify, conceptualise, and research policy solutions for identified problem areas. YAs must be able to commit to the two training workshops and to the production of a micro-policy intervention paper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Bootcamp training workshop will run for 5 days in mid October. • The follow up workshop will run for 3 days in mid November. • The micro-policy paper is due in mid December. <p>The completed papers will be compiled and published under the ‘Big Book of Small Ideas’ which is due to launch in January 2020. This will provide all YAs with a publication title, alongside expert training in the policy research field.</p>

1.4 Are you eligible?

Candidate Specification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently enrolled in or finished a university program. • Aged between 18 and 25. • Curious about Cambodian development and policy issues. • High proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English is required. • Strong communication skills, both written and verbal. • Ability to commit to the full program of project features outlined in section 1.5. • Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

1.5 What dates matter?

Project Features		
Month	Activity	Target Date
Aug-Sept	Apply to Policy Lab.	15.09.19.
Oct-Nov	Attend Policy Lab's ‘Policy Bootcamp’	07.10.19 – 11.10.19
	Develop a policy concept draft	07.10.19 – 08.11.19
Nov	Policy Bootcamp Follow-Up Workshop	18.11.19 – 20.11.19

	Finalise policy paper.	18.11.19 – 13.12.19
Dec	Submit your policy mini-paper for editing and publication.	13.12.19

1.6. How to apply.

Selection Process
<p>All candidates are invited to send a completed application form to chea.chou@futureforum.asia no later than Sunday, September 15, 2019.</p> <p>More information about Future forum : https://www.futureforum.asia</p> <p>Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest.</p>