

“Financial Technology”

Visiting Research Economist (VRE)

The VRE will undertake a research project on “**Financial Technology**”. The research is envisaged to be an empirical study/survey of SEACEN economies. If need be, a survey can be conducted to gather information from SEACEN member banks/monetary authorities. The duration of the project is eight (8) months.

Prospective candidates should submit their application together with a cover letter, curriculum vita, application form and a two to three page research proposal detailing the project’s coverage and methodology. Applicants from SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities should submit their applications through their respective member central banks/monetary authorities. For the Terms and Reference and application form, please see the attachments below.

All applications should be sent to the following e-mail address: hr@seacen.org by [15 April 2017]. Please indicate “VRE: Financial Technology” in the subject header.

Terms of Reference of VRE

“Financial Technology”

- Participants:** Researchers from member central banks/monetary authorities, academia and experts in relevant fields of central banking areas/studies.
- Honorarium/Payment:** A competitive honorarium of USD15,000 will be provided. Twenty percent of the honorarium is payable upon submission of a complete preliminary draft, while the rest will be disbursed fully upon the timely submission of the final draft report, deemed publishable by The SEACEN Centre. The deadline for the submission of the final report is 15 December 2017.
- Visits to the Centre:** A maximum of two (2) visits, determined in consultation with The SEACEN Centre, with a maximum total duration of 60 days.
- Airfare:** Round-trip business-class airfare.
- Hotel Stay:** Lanai Kijang, Kuala Lumpur or another location if Lanai Kijang is unavailable. The SEACEN Centre will select the hotel and make the necessary arrangements.
- Local Transportation:** The SEACEN Centre will provide daily transportation from/to hotel to/from The SEACEN Centre. If accommodation is at Lanai Kijang, the VRE is advised to take the free shuttle service provided by Lanai Kijang.
- Responsibilities of VRE:**
- The VRE is required to complete the research project as assigned by The SEACEN Centre within the stipulated period.
 - At the discretion of The SEACEN Centre, the VRE may be invited to conduct research seminars related to the topic. The SEACEN Centre will provide and assist in the administrative arrangements in conducting the workshop and seminar.
- Deliverables of VRE:**
- The VRE is expected to deliver a research report deemed publishable and of a length commensurate with the scope of the proposal as indicated in the research proposal.
- The nominated VRE should have the following qualifications and experience:
- A relevant postgraduate degree and strong analytical skills;
 - Resourcefulness and an ability to work independently;
 - Experience in conducting research as well as field experience, preferably in the relevant field(s) related to the project; and
 - Proficiency in written and spoken English.