




Prince Mahidol Award Foundation under Royal Patronage

Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program

In collaboration with

Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital

and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PRESS RELEASE

On the result of the

Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program

Scholarship Recipients 2026

Background

The Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program (PMAYP) was established pursuant to a resolution adopted at the 2/2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation under the Royal Patronage on November 20, 2007. The Program aims to encourage young Thai physicians who are passionate about medicine and committed to the profession to follow in the footsteps of His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla. It is administered by three committees: the Steering Committee, the Working Committee, and the Selection Committee.

Once candidates who meet the Program's objectives have been selected, their names are submitted to the Board of Trustees for the final decision. Successful candidates receive a royal scholarship to undertake a one-year professional placement in Thailand or overseas. The scholarship covers related expenses, and the year counts toward their post-graduation service obligation after completing medical school.

Today (23th November 2026) at 13.30 hrs. **Clinical Professor Emeritus Supat Vanichakarn**, Secretary General of Prince Mahidol Award Foundation under the Royal Patronage; **Mr. Panidone Pachimsawat**, Deputy Director-General, Representative of Director-General, Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Public Relations of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation; **Professor Vicharn Panich**, Chairman of Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program Steering Committee; and **Professor Emeritus Sompop Limpongsanurak**, Chairman of Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program Selection Committee, together issue a press release on the result of Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program scholarship recipients for 2026 at the Sirindhorn conference room, Chalermprakiat Building, G floor, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University

Twenty-one applicants from 12 institutes were nominated for Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program in 2026. The Selection Committee selected the scholarship recipients and presented to the Board of Trustee of which HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn is a President. The final decision had been made on the 3rd November 2026.

The five scholarship recipients of the Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program 2026 are listed below in alphabetical order:

1. **Mr. Pasit Komonsuwan**
   Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University
2. **Ms. Praeploy Amornsillaphachai**
   Phramongkutklao College of Medicine
3. **Mr. Phakhaphol Sophonsakulsuk**
   Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University
4. **Mr. Seksan Yoadsanit**
   Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University
5. **Mr. Akrapol Suppasedtanon**
   Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University

(Details are attached)

Programme
Press Conference on the Announcement of the
PMAYP Scholarship Recipients 2026

13.00 hrs. Registration

13.00 hrs. Opening of the Press Conference

Master of Ceremonies **Asst. Prof. Kanokwaroon Watananirun**
Committee Member and Secretary,
PMAYP Working Committee
PMAYP Scholarship Recipient (2009)

Clin. Prof. Emer. Supat Vanichakarn
Secretary General, PMAF

- Provides an overview of the establishment of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation and its initiatives to benefit humanity, including the Prince Mahidol Award, the Prince Mahidol Award Conference, the Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program, and the Prince Mahidol Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Prof. Vicharn Panich

Chairman, PMAYP Steering Committee

- Outlines the background and objectives of the Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program.

Prof. Emer. Sompop Limpongsanurak
Chairman, PMAYP Selection Committee

- Explains the scholarship selection criteria and procedures, and announces the 2026 Prince Mahidol Award Youth Program Scholarship Recipients.

Mr. Panidone Pachimsawat

Deputy Director-General, Representative of Director-General,
Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand,
in his capacity as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Public Relations
of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation

- Delivers congratulatory remarks and provides information on the support extended by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The PMAYP Scholarship Recipients 2026

- Introduce themselves and briefly present their proposed projects, including their areas of interest, inspiration, and aspirations to contribute to the benefit of the country.

Deans of the home institutions of the PMAYP Scholarship Recipients, or their representatives

- Deliver congratulatory remarks and present commemorative gifts.

- Q&A Session, Group Photo and Refreshments -

Prince Mahidol Award
Youth Program Scholarship
Recipients 2026

PASIT KOMONSUWAN

A sixth-year medical student,
Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University
Research topic:

Effect of central compression sutures on the intrinsic tensile properties of fascia lata grafts used in superior capsular reconstruction for irreparable supraspinatus tea



Massive irreparable rotator cuff tears pose significant treatment challenges, particularly in older adults. Superior capsular reconstruction (SCR) is a joint-preserving surgical technique that uses fascia lata grafts to restore shoulder stability. However, the biomechanical effects of graft preparation techniques, particularly central compression sutures, remain unclear. This study aims to compare the mechanical properties of fascia lata grafts prepared using three different techniques. Grafts obtained from human cadaveric specimens will undergo uniaxial tensile testing to assess their resistance to elongation. The findings are expected to provide objective biomechanical evidence to optimize graft preparation techniques, support more standardized surgical practices, and contribute to improved clinical outcomes in the future.

Honors and Awards

2025
- Published "Biomechanical comparison of suture and screw fixation in PCL avulsion with variable bone quality" in Scientific Reports and presented related research at ISAKOS Congress 2025, Germany.
- Selected for the SCOPE clinical exchange program at University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Vice President, Ramathibodi Medical Student Council (RAMSC), co-organized the 10th Student–Faculty Seminar, served as M.D.–M.Eng. Student Coordinator, and initiated the first Dual Degree Seminar.

2024
- Received the Best Student Paper Award at IEEE ROBIO 2024 for "Intra-operative trajectory realignment algorithm for minimizing pedicle screw misplacement in cervical spinal fusion."
- Received the Second Runner-up Poster Award at TMEC 2024 for "OKRs: A tool to unite student organizations and break silos."
- Selected to organize and facilitate two workshops at AMEE 2024, Switzerland.

2023
- Presented "OKRs: A tool to unite student organizations and break silos" and facilitated a Systems Thinking workshop at AMEE 2023, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- Selected for the SCORE research exchange program at University Medical Center Freiburg, Germany.
- Vice President, Organization Development of RAMSC.

2022
- Strategic Change Director, Ramathibodi Medical Student Council (RAMSC).
- Core Team Member of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace (SCORP), IFMSA-Thailand.
- Peer supporter trainer, Peer Support Hub initiative.

2021
- Volunteered in the development and operation of Ramathibodi Hospital's telemedicine system during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Peer Supporter, Peer Support Hub Initiative.

PRAEPLOY AMORNSILLAPHACHAI

A sixth-year medical student,
Phramongkutklao College of Medicine
Research topic:

Optimizing national pediatric solid tumor referral systems through resource mapping



This project aims to strengthen Thailand's referral system for children with solid tumors, enabling timely access to appropriate care by addressing disparities in specialized resources and multidisciplinary capacity. In collaboration with the Thai Pediatric Oncology Group (ThaiPOG), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA, the project will integrate referral pathway analysis with resource mapping to develop a framework that matches patients' treatment needs with hospital capabilities, aiming to develop a "disease-specific referral framework". A central objective is to advance this framework into national referral policy through engagement with the National Health Security Office (NHSO) and relevant stakeholders. The project seeks to establish a coordinated care network, improve resource use, and reduce inequities in access to childhood cancer care across Thailand.

Honors and Awards

2026
- First author of "Bridging gaps in survivorship care in LMICs: A multicenter study on healthcare providers' perceptions of late effects in pediatric cancer in Thailand," published in *Pediatric Blood & Cancer.*
- Invited Speaker and Panelist on quality improvement in cancer survivorship at the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) Asia 2026, Mongolia.
- Selected as one of 200 participants from 1,200 applicants for MIT Hacking Medicine × Siriraj 2026 to develop healthcare innovations.

2025
- Winner, Clinical and Translational Research Track, Oral Presentation, IMRC 2025, for "Bridging gaps in survivorship care in LMICs: A multicenter study on caregivers' perceptions of late effects in pediatric cancer in Thailand."
- President, PCM Research-MedXcellence, Phramongkutklao College of Medicine.
- Executive Management Assistant and Lead Moderator of the SIOP Asia Educational Session Series.

2024
- Second Place, Poster Presentation for "The benefit of family members' perceptions and feedback in project-based learning health Promotion" at the Thai Medical Education Conference (TMEC 2024).
- Third Place, Medical Education Track, Oral Presentation at the International Medical Student Research Conference (IMRC 2024).
- Presented a short communication (in-person) on "Exploring student preferences in project-based learning formats: An explanatory mixed-methods study" at AMEE 2024, Switzerland.

2023
- Finalist, IFMSA Bootcamp Policy Competition.

2022
- Participated in the Medcubator Pre-Incubation Program for Medical Startups to develop medical innovation concepts.
- Member, Standing Committee on Human Rights and Peace (SCORP), IFMSA-Thailand.

2021
- Country Coordinator for Thailand, Activities for Emergencies, Disaster Risk & Humanitarian Action (ACTION) Program, IFMSA-Thailand.
- Semi-finalist, Youth Voice for Healthcare Policy Competition
- Oral presented research on urban–rural educational inequalities during COVID-19 at the 4th World Conference on Research in Education (WORLDCRE 2021).

PHAKHAPHOL SOPHONSAKULSUK

A sixth-year medical student,
Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University
Research topic:

Towards a good death for all: Developing community-centred palliative care through compassionate communities and primary health care



This project aims to develop a community-centred palliative care model informed by the principles of compassionate communities and primary health care, emphasising community participation, social networks, primary care and intersectoral collaboration. The study will begin by exploring existing compassionate communities initiatives and primary health care practices across Thailand, followed by a review of relevant literature and comparative learning from international experiences, particularly in the United Kingdom and Kerala, India. Using qualitative research methods and comparative analysis, the project seeks to develop a conceptual framework that explains the system dynamics, social mechanisms, and governance arrangements between communities and health systems. The findings will inform the development of a context-sensitive model for Thailand and provide a foundation for future policy recommendations to strengthen community-centred palliative care.

Honors and Awards

2026
- Received the Good Conduct Award 2026 from the Buddhist Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage.
- Presented three academic works (two oral presentations and one poster presentation) at the 9th Public Health Palliative Care International Conference (PHPCI 2026), Taiwan.
- Initiated and organized "Good Death for All," promoting palliative care awareness and advance care planning in Samut Prakan, Thailand.

2025
- Presented "From intentions to implementation: Addressing causes of advance care planning mismatches in rural hospital palliative care settings" at the 19th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC), Finland.
- Received an Honorable Mention Award, ranking among the top 10 of 136 entries, in the "The Heartful Story" Palliative Care Narrative Writing Competition at Siriraj Palliative Care Day 2025.
- Organising Committee, Death Fest 2025 in collaboration with Peaceful Death.

2024
- President, MDCU Research Club.
- Deputy Vice President, External Affairs of IFMSA-Thailand (2023–2024).
- Rapporteur, Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC 2024).

2023
- Received Second Place in the scientific poster presentation category at the Asian Medical Students' Conference (AMSC 2023), Taiwan.
- Project Director of the Bedside Volunteer Programme at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital.
- Led the "Death Before Dying" project in collaboration with IFMSA-Thailand and Peaceful Death.

2022
- National Public Health Officer of IFMSA-Thailand (2022–2023).
- Led the "Research Talk" project to promote research skills and the "Mind, Life and Soul" project to support the mental and spiritual well-being of medical students.

2021
- IFMSA-Thailand committees for Public Health and Research Exchange.
- Volunteered in the "Survival Box" project, providing online support to people affected by COVID-19.
- Community Outreach Team Member of AMSA-Thailand.

SEKSAN YOADSANIT

A sixth-year medical student,
Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University
Research topic:

Thailand's blueprint for AI-augmented Alzheimer's care pathways: Development of multimodal AI screening and health economic evaluation



As populations age in Thailand and around the world, health systems must meet the growing demand for care while reducing disparities in access. For people with Alzheimer's disease, early diagnosis may improve access to timely and appropriate treatment. However, testing for amyloid deposits in the brain to support diagnosis remains costly, and access is limited in Thailand. To address this challenge, this project aims to develop an artificial intelligence model that uses clinical information and brain images to estimate the likelihood of detecting amyloid deposits and help physicians prioritize referrals for testing. The project will use international data to develop the model, evaluate its accuracy in Thai patients, and assess the cost-effectiveness of this approach compared with current practice. The goal is to support timely and equitable access to testing for patients who need it.

Honors and Awards

2026
- Selected by Thailand's Ministry of Public Health as one of two Thai medical student representatives to attend the 79th World Health Assembly, Switzerland.
- Selected as one of three teams representing Thailand in Harvard University's Venture Incubation program and advanced to the final round with a project applying artificial intelligence to Thailand's emergency medical services.

2025
- Co-developed an artificial intelligence system for answering patient questions using electronic health records. Presented at ACL 2025, Austria, the system ranked first in expert evaluation at the ArchEHR-QA Shared Task.
- President, Ramathibodi Medical Student Council and Chair of the 10th Medical Student Seminar, initiating a seminar on dual-degree programs.
- Youth Representative and Invited Speaker at a meeting on youth engagement in health, organized by UNICEF and Thailand's National Health Commission Office.

2024
- Junior Researcher, Health Policy and Systems Research Unit, Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, contributing to the evaluation of Thailand's "One ID Card for Healthcare Anywhere" policy and presenting findings to the National Health Security Office.
- Received the Best Short Communication Award at the Thailand Medical Education Conference 2024.
- Co-organized three workshops at AMEE 2024, Switzerland.

2022
- Selected by WHO to organize and facilitate the Activity Management workshop at the Youth Forum on Health and Climate Change.
- Received First Prize in the Medical Education poster presentation category at the International Medical Student Research Conference 2022

2021
- National Officer on Research Exchange of IFMSA-Thailand and represented the organization at the 14th National Health Assembly.
- Founded and chaired the Ramathibodi Pitching Challenge, a medical innovation competition for upper secondary school students.

2020
- Named Valedictorian of the third graduating class of Kamnoetvidya Science Academy (KVIS) and received the graduation certificate from Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.
- Offered admission to study Engineering Science at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Founded the "Learn From Home – Free Tutoring Project," providing online learning resources and further education guidance to secondary school students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

AKRAPOL SUPPASEDTANON

A sixth-year medical student,
Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University
Research topic:

Revolutionizing cervical cancer treatment: Synergizing the radio-immunotherapy trial with novel patient-specific cancer-on-chip precision models



Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers among Thai women. Concurrent chemoradiation (CCRT) followed by brachytherapy (BT) achieves excellent local control, yet distant metastasis remains the leading cause of treatment failure. This project aims to enhance radiation-induced immunopotentiation by combining short-course immunotherapy with brachytherapy-like external beam radiotherapy before CCRT and BT. The study will assess the safety and efficacy of this sequence. In parallel, a patient-derived organoid Cancer-on-Chip (PDO-CoC) platform will be developed to study interactions among radiation, tumor cells, and immune cells. On-chip responses will be compared with clinical outcomes. Both datasets will be integrated into a patient-specific Digital Twin to predict treatment response early and guide adaptive, personalized treatment.

Honors and Awards

2026
- Delivered an oral presentation on "Integrated operational and financial feasibility and risk management of combined proton and BNCT particle therapy center in quaternary university hospital" at PTCOG 64, France.
- Delivered an oral presentation on clinical and dosimetric factors associated with recurrence and adverse events in cervical cancer patients at ESTRO Meets Asia 2026, Singapore.
- Presented a Poster Highlight on EMBRACE-II protocol compliance and clinical outcomes in locally advanced cervical cancer at ESTRO 2026, Sweden.

2025
- Presented "Single-Center Retrospective Study of Five-Fraction Dominant-Targeted Boost with MR-Guided Adaptive Radiotherapy in Localized Prostate Cancer (RETRO-DOTA-5F)" at ESTRO 2025, Austria.
- Received the Siriraj Medical Student Research Award 2025 for a student exchange and elective program at Osaka Medical and Pharmaceutical University, Japan.
- President, 14th Siriraj International Medical Microbiology, Parasitology and Immunology Competition (SIMPIC 2025).

2024
- Vice President, 13th Siriraj International Medical Microbiology, Parasitology and Immunology Competition (SIMPIC 2024).

2023
- Activity Manager, 12th Siriraj International Medical Microbiology, Parasitology and Immunology Competition (SIMPIC 2023).

2022
- Master of Ceremonies for the Siriraj Royal Cremation Ceremony and the Department of Anatomy's Annual Religious Ceremony.
- Master of Ceremonies and Head of the Medtalk activity at the 23rd Siriraj Medical Camp.
- Head, Delegates staff and Director, Stage performance, Nice to Meet (Sala) Ya 2022