



The past three years have been a transformative journey for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSH) at RUPP. Through a series of thoughtfully designed workshops, we have created platforms and opportunities for doctoral students and early-career researchers to build foundational skills, refine their research frameworks, and bring their work to realization through higher quality PhD proposals and journal articles. From the inaugural sessions in 2022, which laid the groundwork for understanding research methodologies to the 2024 workshops, this journey has significantly strengthened the capabilities of Cambodian researchers, especially those who are underprivileged and underrepresented.

This initiative has also been a collaborative success supported by the expertise of resource persons, the dedication of participants, and the solid support of RUPP our host institution, and our partners, including the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and Sida. The progress we have made together has been marked by many achievements, such as the awarding of research grants, the successful completion of higher-caliber research proposals, and the recognition of our participants on international stages. These milestones are not only a reflection of individual growth but also a step toward elevating Cambodia's academic standing regionally and globally.

Looking to the future, we are excited to embark on the next phase: the 2025-2026 Journey of Deepening research Capabilities in Social Sciences and Humanities in Cambodia, focusing on advanced research skills, inter and cross-disciplinary approaches, and strengthening the integration of Cambodian scholarship into regional and global academic networks. As Dean of FSSH, I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together and remain committed to this shared vision of pursuing academic excellence for the Social Sciences and Humanities in Cambodia.

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