



**Visiting Scholar-Post Doctoral Research Program  
at  
College of Education  
Washington State University  
U.S.A.**

**Background**

The Visiting Scholar-Postdoctoral Research Program at the College of Education, Washington State University (WSU), is designed to give selected educational administrators and other education professionals from Thailand an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to meet the complex leadership challenges of the present and the future. The Program provides a professional development opportunity that enables education personnel to reach their fullest potential.

Participants in the Visiting Scholar-Post Doctoral Research Program at WSU will have opportunities to acquire new knowledge and research skills, enhance current ones, and to interact with other WSU personnel with similar responsibilities, challenges, and innovative ideas. The Program emphasizes the skills and knowledge necessary to enhance professionalism, improve communication, and increase employee effectiveness, morale, and growth, as well as providing opportunities for career advancement within their respective institutions.

The College of Education at WSU has extensive experience in arranging post-doctoral experiences for Thai professionals. For example, the College of Education invited Associate Professor Dr. Wirot Sanrattana, Committee Chair of the Doctoral Program in Educational Administration at Khon Kaen University (KKU), to participate in the Visiting Scholar-Post Doctoral Research Program, March-May, 2005. In 2006, eight alumnae of KKU's Doctoral Program in Educational Administration were invited to participate in the Program: Drs. Sawat Pothivat, Gunya Pothivat, Somkid Sroinam, Muntana Intusamith, Prayuth Chusorn, Srimala Jatuporn, Saowanee Triputtarat, and Jaruwan Protumsri.

**The 2008 Program**

For 2008, WSU's College of Education will again make this professional development opportunity available for five faculty members from Thai higher education institutions.

**Time Frame**

**Phase I:** At their respective home institutions in Thailand, participants will initiate a research project in their areas of specialization from January 1 through March 1, 2008.

**Phase II:** Participants will continue their research projects and related professional development activities in the U.S.A. from March 25 through June 15, 2008, according to the following schedule:

<b>dates</b>	<b>Activities</b>
March 25-27	Participate in the 2008 Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association (AERA), New York, and visit Columbia University
March 28-29	Visit the State University of New York at Buffalo
March 30 -31	Visit the University of Maryland
April 1-3	Visit the University of Illinois at Chicago
April 5	Visit Washington State University at Spokane
April 6-8	Participate in the “International Symposium on Educational Research 2008” College of Education, Washington State University.
April 9- May 24	Research and Study on the campus
May 25 - 31	Visit a university in San Francisco
June 1 - 7	Visit a university in Los Angeles
June 8 - 14	Visit a university in San Diego
June 15	Turn to Thailand

### **Program Fee**

The Visiting Scholar-Post Doctoral Research Program fee for 2008 is \$1,000 per participant.

### **Adviser**

**Dr. Forrest W. Parkay, Ph.D.**, Professor, Educational Leadership and Higher Education; Director, University Partners for Academic Leadership (UPAL), Washington State University

### **Faculty Selected for 2008 and Areas of Research**

The following Thai faculty members have been selected to participate in the Visiting Scholar-Post Doctoral Research Program for 2008:

1. Associate Professor Dr. Wattana Suwannatrai – educational administration and leadership
2. Associate Professor Dr. Thongsuk Wansaen – educational research and evaluation
3. Associate Professor Dr. Kanoung Saikaew - educational administration and leadership
4. Associate Professor Dr. Aree Luangna - educational administration and leadership
5. Associate Professor Dr. Chaiya Pawabutra - educational administration and leadership
6. Dr. Pitan Puentong, Director of Ubolrajathani Educational Service Area 1 – educational administration and leadership
7. Assistant Professor Dr. Subun Ieamvijarn – educational administration and leadership

