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# NexGen Mekong Young Scientists Program

AGU Fall Meeting 2023

Are you an early career Lower Mekong Basin (LMB) scientist, interested in attending this year's American Geophysical Union (AGU) Meeting and presenting your original research to a diverse group of peers? If so, we encourage you to apply to join the NexGen cohort that will attend AGU this fall.

The NexGen Young Scientists Program (NexGen) is a partnership between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of the Interior, aiming to empower early career professionals and scientists in the LMB to increase science-policy engagement, build working relationships among future leaders, and foster responsible and sustainable stewardship of the Mekong River Basin.

NexGen is excited to announce support for up to ten individuals to attend and present at AGU, taking place from December 11-15, 2023, in San Francisco, California, USA. The opportunity is available to early career individuals from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam who have research to present that aligns with AGU (please check the AGU website - [www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting](http://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting) - for details).

All NexGen funded individuals will be assigned a mentor in their respective disciplines and will be invited to travel to the USA two weeks prior to AGU to interact with their mentor and work on their AGU presentation. For those selected, all travel, lodging, registration, and other costs associated with traveling to the USA and attending the AGU meeting, will be covered by NexGen.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

**When:** November 27 - December 15, 2023

**Activity Location:** San Francisco, CA, USA

**Eligible Applicants:** Nationals from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Application Deadline:** August 9, 2023

### Implementing Partner(s):

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### Key Partner(s)

- Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
- Department of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
- American Geophysical Union

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: [www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting](http://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting)

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

Selected NexGen fellows can expect to travel to Washington DC around November 27, 2023, where they will have the opportunity to interact with the other NexGen fellows and be assigned mentors. Fellows will then travel to their mentor's respective institution (University, Government Institutions, etc.), where they will be hosted, interact with and shadow other researchers, and finalize their AGU presentations. Fellows will then travel to San Francisco, CA for the AGU Fall meeting.

In attending the AGU meeting, NexGen fellows are expected to take full advantage of the networking opportunities throughout the week. Each fellow is also expected to present their own original research through a poster presentation. Following AGU, fellows will return home, having established a network of colleagues with whom they will hopefully develop future collaborations.

## SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted through **August 9, 2023**. To apply, you must:

- 1) [submit an abstract](#) to AGU, due August 2, 2023, and
- 2) submit an application to the NexGen team via e-mail at “[nexgenscientists@gmail.com](mailto:nexgenscientists@gmail.com)” with the following information:
  - Name and contact information
  - A short description (one paragraph) stating why you wish to attend AGU and how you hope to benefit by attending.
  - Attach a copy of your current resume (pdf document)
  - Attach a screenshot of your successful AGU abstract submission.
  - Confirm that you have or can obtain a current passport (valid for a minimum of six months beyond December 15, 2023).
  - Please also state whether you have ever previously been issued with a U.S. visa or if you have ever been refused a U.S. visa.

Applicants should ideally be between the ages of 18 and 40, a national of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam, or Thailand, proficient in written and spoken English, and currently pursuing higher education or a career in the field of natural resources management. Please note that an accepted abstract does not guarantee NexGen funding to attend.

Highly qualified applicants will:

- Recognize the importance of multidisciplinary research
- Be knowledgeable and passionate about the sustainable development of the Mekong River Basin

NexGen is committed to removing barriers to educational opportunities for LMB young professionals, irrespective of gender, ability, or socio-economic background. For additional information, or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact [nexgenscientists@gmail.com](mailto:nexgenscientists@gmail.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>August 2, 2023:</b>	AGU Abstract Submission Deadline
<b>August 7, 2023:</b>	NexGen Application Deadline
<b>August 21, 2023:</b>	Selected participants notified
<b>August 29, 2023:</b>	Deadline to Confirm Participation
<b>November, 2023 (TBC):</b>	Pre-Travel Virtual Briefing
<b>November 25/26, 2023:</b>	Travel to USA
<b>December 11-15, 2023:</b>	Attend AGU Meeting

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