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## Internship Details

- 12 week placement at the Faculty of Environment of Resource Studies – Mahasarakham University, Thailand
- Attended annual Conference in Battambang, Cambodia
- Conducted qualitative research on the justice of water allocation during drought events
- Conducted 16 semi-structured interviews with residents, officials, and business owners
- Presented Research at the 2017 Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference



## Partnership Details

- UCRSEA is a five year partnership funded by IDRC and SSHRCC
- Brings together Canadian and Southeast Asian universities and partners
- Aims to address vulnerabilities to climate change in urbanizing areas of Southeast Asia through research and knowledge development

## Key Takeaways

- Just allocation of water during drought events is a concern for relevant local actors
- Generational gap present between traditional rural residents and younger Thai citizens moving to urban areas
- Many other pressing regional environmental concerns such as flooding and waste disposal
- Landscape of aid and development is highly complex

