SSEAC Publication Grant 2016 Guidelines

There are a number of scholars whose engagement in Southeast Asia is primarily through consultancy and outreach activities. Their work involves multiple field visits and close collaboration with institutions and individuals in the region, however the funding structure for these projects often does not include time and resources for the development of academic output. The SSEAC publication grants provide resources to help academics draw and build on their practical experiences in Southeast Asia to publish their applied research in an academic journal.

Two SSEAC publication grants will be offered in 2016 round one, of up to $3,000 in value. For the purposes of the grant, Southeast Asia is defined as Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Eligibility and Conditions

Applicants may only appear on one application to the SSEAC Publication Grant scheme. Applications must:

- involve academics employed at the University of Sydney in a continuing position or a contract that continues until at least 31 December 2018 (members of the SSEAC Executive Committee may not apply). Academics on recurring annual research contracts will need to provide a letter of intent of employment signed by the head of their academic unit indicating they expect the applicant will continue to be employed until 31 December 2018
- be based on work already done as part of a non-academic grant award or consultancy
- be for research that has not previously received ARC, NHMRC or internal academic funding
- Translations of existing academic literature are considered on a case-by-case basis.

By December 2017, grant recipients will be expected to:

- provide six monthly progress reports
- provide evidence of submission of a manuscript in a quality academic journal or similar
- write at least one op-ed piece based on their research for newspaper or online publication (SSEAC can assist with this process)
- give an academic seminar within SSEAC on the project

In cases where these requirements are not fully met, applicants will be ineligible for future financial support from SSEAC.

Criteria for Award
The applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- The suitability/viability of the project that is to form the basis of the academic output (i.e. has the project been completed already? Has the applicant thought about how to translate the project into academic output?)
- The quality of the plan presented for doing so

**Budget and Timeframe**

The following items **cannot be funded** by the SSEAC Grant:

- items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
- equipment
- costs to fund the participation of academics from other institutions (aside from locally hired assistants when undertaking field research in Southeast Asia)
- conference attendance

Funds will be accessible by June 2016 and must be spent by December 2017.

**All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by December 2017 as well as provide six monthly progress reports.**

**Submission and deadlines**

Applications should be submitted electronically to sseac@sydney.edu.au by: 5pm Friday 8 April, 2016.

We do not require paper copies of applications.

The SSEAC Executive Committee reserves the right to specify how awards may be used.