Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
Research Grant Briefing Session

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Overview of SSEAC

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General tips and advice
Sydney Southeast Asia Centre

› Established 2012
› Priority area for the University of Sydney
› Raise the profile of existing work
› Create more opportunities for those working in the region
Countries of Southeast Asia

› Cambodia
› Indonesia
› Laos
› Malaysia & Brunei
› Myanmar
› The Philippines
› Singapore
› Thailand
› Timor-Leste
› Vietnam
Research clusters

- Economic and Social Development
- Environment and Resources
- Health
- Heritage and the Arts
- State and Society
How do I choose between the grants on offer?

› Four types

- **Research**: Grants for individual or group research projects
- **Mobility**: To bring partners here or to travel to visit a partner
- **Workshops**: Bringing people together to produce some kind of collective output
- **Language**: Training in any Southeast Asian language here or in the region
› **Publication, $3,000, Three Available**
  - Support for academics to publish applied research in an academic journal

› **Cluster Research Grants, $10,000, Five Available**
  - For new projects in/about Southeast Asia
  - One on each of the five research clusters, in the first instance
› **Sabbatical Visitor’s Fund, $3,000, Five Available**
  - Supports academics collaborating with partners at the University of Sydney to travel to Australia to spend their sabbatical here

› **Regional Mobility Fund, Five Available for Each Category**
  - To facilitate research collaboration (existing or new) between SSEAC members and academics in SEA.
    - Australia and New Zealand ($1,000), Southeast Asia ($2,000), other international ($3,000)

› **Visiting PhD Scholar Fund, $2,000, Five Available**
  - Subsidies for PhD students to travel to Australia to spend a period of their candidature at the University of Sydney

› **Conference Fund,* $1,000 PhD Students, $2,000 Academics, 10 Available in Total**
  - For conference support for scholars presenting a paper on a Southeast Asian topic at a quality international conference, or any topic at a conference in Southeast Asia
Workshops

› **SSEAC Workshop Grants, $20,000, Two Available**
  - For international workshops that lead to a special journal edition or edited book on a topic related to Southeast Asia

› **SSEAC Research Capacity Building Grant, $10,000, One Available**
  - Support activities designed to enhance the research or academic writing skills of SSEAC members’ collaborators in Southeast Asia
› **SSEAC Language Training Initiative, Case by Case Availability**
  - short-term (two day) purpose specific intensive language training for academics and students from the University of Sydney in a Southeast Asian language of their choice

› **SSEAC In-Country Language Training Initiative, $2,000, Five Available**
  - A contribution towards course fees and accommodation for in-country language training (at least two weeks intensive)
Who is eligible to apply for SSEAC grants?

› Most grants:
  - **Academics** employed at the University of Sydney in a continuing position or a contract that continues until at least 31 December 2017
  - 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 2017
  - Members of the SSEAC Executive Committee may not apply

› Exceptions:
  - Conference grants: currently enrolled PhD students can apply
  - Regional mobility: SSEAC member applies, but the funding can be used for partners’ travel. University of Sydney academics receive the funding and are responsible for managing it
What will SSEAC *not* fund?

› Most grants
  - items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
  - equipment
  - *per diem* allowances (including meals, laundry, telephone cards and other incidental expenses)

› Exceptions
  - conference attendance (except for the conference grant)
  - costs to fund the participation of academics from other institutions (aside from locally hired assistants when undertaking field research in Southeast Asia) – except for Regional Mobility Grants and Workshop Grants
What are the expected outputs of SSEAC grants?

› Outputs are very important
› Differ from grant-to-grant, but generally
  - Seminar/presentation
  - Evidence of submission of manuscript
  - Opinion piece related to the research/project
  - Policy paper
› Exceptions
  - Research Capacity Building Grant
  - Language grants
What are the reporting requirements?

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How are applications assessed?

› The SSEAC Executive assesses all SSEAC funding applications

› The applications are assessed against the Eligibility Criteria and Criteria for Award, which are indicated within each of the guidelines
› Multiple applications from a single person: all will be considered, but unlikely that more than one will be funded
› 2015 applicants are welcome to apply for future SSEAC grants
› Address the criteria accurately and clearly
  - In the past we have been able to send applications back if there were errors, but anticipating a higher response rate this time