SSEAC Language Training Initiative
2016 Guidelines

The purpose of the SSEAC Language Training Initiative is to fund 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.

The program will subsidise intensives in up to two languages to be held between December 2016 and June 2018. Participants in successful programs will be required to pay a small fee to participate in the training. 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 submit one expression of interest to the SSEAC Language Training Initiative in any given year. All training provided through this program will be for participants with little or no previous background in the language.

The expression of interest must indicate:

- the language for which training is sought
- the names of at least three participants from the University of Sydney (proposals that identify more possible participants either from the University or elsewhere will be considered favourably)
- any possibilities for co-sponsorship, including the possibility of provision of space for the training
- how the language training would benefit the applicants
- what communities of knowledge within the university would benefit, and how

Based on the expressions of interest, SSEAC will identify a suitable language teacher and, if there are fewer than 15 names listed in the expression of interest, subsequently identify other participants.

Applications must involve at least three and no more than 15 staff or students from the University of Sydney. The applicants must be either:

- academics employed at the University of Sydney in a full-time or fractional teaching or research position
- general staff employed in a full-time or fractional position whose work requires them to know a Southeast Asian language
- research students (full-time or part-time) from the University of Sydney whose research is about Southeast Asia

Criteria for Award

The applications will be assessed using the following criteria:
• Does the program benefit more than one community of knowledge in the University?
• How necessary is the language training to the applicants’ work?
• How much interest is there likely to be for this course by those not listed in the application?
• Are there possibilities for co-sponsorship by a school or faculty?

Budget and Timeframe

The program provides a subsidy for language training in 2016-18. Participants of successful applications will be required to pay a small fee to participate in the course (approximately $100 for two days).

Submission and Deadlines

Expressions of interest for language training should be made to sseac@sydney.edu.au by: 5pm Friday 16 September, 2016. We do not require paper copies of applications. Late submissions will not be considered.