SSEAC Language Training Initiative 2014-15 Guidelines

The purpose of the SSEAC Language Training Initiative is to fund short-term (2 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 three languages to be held between September 2014 and June 2015. Participants in successful programs will be required to pay a small fee to participate in the training.

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 2014-15. 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 between September 2014 and June 2015 should be submitted to sseac@sydney.edu.au by 5pm Friday 29 August 2014. We do not require paper copies of applications. Later submissions will be considered if funds are still available.