SSEAC SOUTHEAST ASIA PARTNERSHIP GRANT 2018 GUIDELINES

The purpose of the SSEAC Southeast Asia Partnership Grant is to foster collaboration with universities in the region, or with SSEAC’s partner institutes elsewhere in Asia.

The program provides two classes of grants for use in 2018–20:

- Up to three large grants ($30,000–50,000)
- Up to five small grants ($10,000), with a limit of one per cluster

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 application to this scheme. Members of the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee may not apply. PhD and Honours projects are not eligible for funding.

Applications must:

- Be for research about Southeast Asia that fits within at least one of the five SSEAC research clusters (economic and social development, environment and resources, health, heritage and the arts, state and society)
- Foster research collaboration with academics (individuals or teams) at a Southeast Asian university, or at a SSEAC partner institute, i.e. the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies (Kyoto University), Global Asia Research Centre (National Taiwan University), Asia Research Institute (National University of Singapore) and the Southeast Asia Research Centre (City University of Hong Kong)
- Be submitted by an academic employed at the University of Sydney in a full-time or fractional (0.5+ FTE) teaching or research position. Applicants must hold a continuing position or a contract that continues until at least 31 December 2021. 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 2021.
- Identify a co-chief investigator at the Asia-based university involved in the collaboration. This person should be involved in the development of the application
- Not be for projects which have previously been funded from any source

Grant recipients will be expected to:

- Provide six monthly progress reports
- Provide evidence of substantive outcomes of the grant (academic and institutional links), commensurate with its size, and evidence of concrete plans to capitalise on those outcomes

In cases where these requirements are not fully met, applicants will be ineligible to apply for any future financial support from SSEAC.
CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when assessing the applications:

- Quality and ongoing potential for research collaboration (initiatives that foster institutional engagement rather than engagement between individual researchers will be given preference)
- Research excellence of the proposed project
- Feasibility within the timeframe supported by the scheme
- Strength of the applicants’ research track record relative to opportunity
- Prospects for definite outcomes that will lead to deeper institutional links and preferably also ERA eligible publications and external funding applications

BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

The following items cannot be funded by the SSEAC Southeast Asia Partnership Grant:

- Items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
- Honoraria for researchers (per diems during campus visits or fieldwork are permissible, at the university-nominated rate of 70% of the ATO minimum rate)
- Funding for student travel
- Conference attendance
- Equipment

Please attach quotes found on the internet (or otherwise) as evidence of estimates for travel and accommodation costs.

The SSEAC Grants Subcommittee reserves the right to specify how awards may be used. Funds will be accessible in November 2018 and must be spent by December 2020.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by December 2020.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Submit an online application https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSEACsap18 by 5pm Friday 21 September 2018. Late submissions will not be considered.

A sample of the online Proposal form is available for download on the grants website. We suggest you work on your responses offline and copy and paste your answers once it is complete.