SYDNEY NLA RESEARCH GRANT 2018 GUIDELINES

The Sydney NLA Research Grant has been jointly established to support members of the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC) and the China Studies Centre (CSC), at the University of Sydney, to work with the Asian Collections of the National Library of Australia (NLA).

The NLA holds the largest, most significant collections of Asian-language and Asia-related research materials in Australia. The Library also collects materials on Australia published in a number of Asian languages, and remains the best-resourced institution in the country for this purpose.

To facilitate the use of this significant resource by University of Sydney researchers, the CSC and SSEAC will offer grants to allow our members to stay in Canberra for one to two weeks in order to make use of the Asian collections and consult with NLA collection staff.

PROVISIONS OF THE GRANT

The CSC and SSEAC will provide two grants each per funding round, with two rounds per year.

Each applicant can request a funding contribution of up to $1,500 intended for:

- accommodation and living costs in Canberra, and
- travel to and from Canberra (e.g. equivalent to one return economy airfare)

All arrangements will be the responsibility of grantees. The funding can only be used towards agreed expenses as outlined in the application. Priority will be given to applications by ECR and HDR student members of CSC and SSEAC.

Please note, CSC and SSEAC will each administer applications from their own members. In the case of joint membership, applicants should apply to the centre most relevant for the nature of the proposed research.

NLA IN-KIND SUPPORT

Successful applicants will be supported by provision of an overview of the collections, access to the Asian Collections reference staff, daily access to the Asian Collections stacks and personal consultation with specialists as required, enabling them to maximize their research time in a peaceful and supportive environment. Successful applicants will also have the option of contributing posts to NLA social media or writing short blogs about their experience.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

A successful applicant must:

- be a member of the CSC or and SSEAC
- demonstrate the relevance of the NLA collection for their proposed research
- be able to visit the NLA within six months of being awarded funding
- provide a brief completion report within three months of the visit
- provide a financial report from the University’s Planning and Reporting finance system showing expenditure of awarded funds
- formally acknowledge the support received from the grants in presentations and publications or activities arise from the supported visits at NLA
HOW TO APPLY

Submit an online application [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SydNLA](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SydNLA) 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.

ENQUIRIES

All questions concerning the grants for CSC members should be addressed to the China Studies Centre at chinastudies.centre@sydney.edu.au. For SSEAC members, please contact the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre at sseac@sydney.edu.au.