SSEAC RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT 2019 GUIDELINES

The purpose of a SSEAC Research Capacity Building Grant is to support activities designed to enhance the research or academic writing skills of SSEAC members’ collaborators in Southeast Asia.

The program provides grants of up to $10,000 for use in 2019-21. It is expected that applicants will source complementary funding if required to cover additional costs. Up to two Research Capacity Building Grants will be awarded.

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

- Applications must relate to one of the five SSEAC research clusters (economic and social development, environment and resources, health, heritage and the arts, state and society).
- Applicants must be an academic member of SSEAC.
- Applicants must be fixed term or continuing staff employed by; or hold an honorary title at the University of Sydney and have no paid position at another institution.
- Honorary titles and fixed term contracts must be valid to the end of the grant period; otherwise the applicant must attach a letter of intent of employment signed by the head of their academic unit indicating they expect the applicant will continue to be employed or hold an honorary title until the end of the grant period.
- Applicants may only submit one application to the SSEAC Research Capacity Building Grant Scheme per funding round.
- Members of the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee are ineligible to apply.
- Applications must be for activities that support the development of research or academic writing skills of collaborators based in Southeast Asia who are collaborating with a SSEAC academic member.
- Preference will be given to applications that involve a number of collaborators from Southeast Asia involved in a single research team or in multiple research teams.
- Grant recipients will be expected to manage all of the logistics related to the program and acknowledge SSEAC’s sponsorship of the activity and any publications that emerge from it.
- Successful applicants will be required to produce a blog post.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The following criteria will be taken into consideration by the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee when assessing the applications:

- Likelihood of substantive and ongoing collaboration between the participants and the sponsor (if at the beginning of a project) OR the production of quality publication (if at the end)
- Feasibility of the budget and timeline

In cases where scheme requirements are not fully met following an award the awardees will be ineligible to apply for any future financial support from SSEAC.
BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

The program provides grants of up to $10,000 for use in 2019-20. Funding may be used for travel, accommodation, catering and/or editorial assistance. Activities may be held at the University of Sydney or in Southeast Asia.

The following items cannot be funded by the SSEAC Research Capacity Grant:

- Items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
- Equipment
- Conference attendance

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 2019 and must be spent by 30 June 2021.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by 30 June 2021.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Submit an online application [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSEACcap19](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSEACcap19) by 5pm Friday 27 September. 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.