

SSEAC COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT 2023 GUIDELINES

The purpose of the SSEAC Collaborative Research Grant is to provide a pathway to quality applications to the NHMRC, ACIAR, or ARC Discovery and Linkage schemes.

The program provides up to 5 grants of up to \$20,000 for use in 2023–25.

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 the SSEAC Collaborative Grants Scheme per round
- Applicants must be [SSEAC members](#)
- Members of the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee are ineligible to apply

Applications must:

- Involve at least one 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 30 June 2025. 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 30 June 2025
- Involve a second collaborator (academic or non-academic, including other University of Sydney academics)
- Australia-based academic applicants must hold a PhD
- **Not** be for projects that have been funded from any source
- 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)

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Submit an application to the NHMRC, ACIAR, ARC Linkage Project or ARC Discovery Project scheme by 30 June 2025 where the Chief Investigator is an academic employed at the University of Sydney
- Record a SSEAC Stories podcast
- Present their work at a SSEAC event, if requested
- Have written at least one op-ed piece based on their research for newspaper or online publication (SSEAC can assist with this process)
- Provide evidence of submission of a manuscript in a quality academic journal or similar (if collaborating with an academic partner) or equivalent output if collaborating with a non-academic partner by 30 June 2025
- Submit periodic progress reports a final report (including expenditure report) by 30 June 2025

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 by the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee when assessing the applications:

- Quality and ongoing potential for research collaboration
- Research excellence of the project and feasibility within the timeframe supported by the scheme
- Strength of the applicant's research track record relative to opportunity
- Prospects for definite outcomes that will lead to ERA eligible publications and quality applications for the NHMRC, ACIAR, ARC Discovery or Linkage schemes

Preference may be given to applications by multidisciplinary teams.

BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

The program provides grants of up to \$20,000 for use in 2023–25.

The following items may be funded by the SSEAC Collaborative Research Grant (but not limited to):

- Research assistance
- Joint field work
- Expenditure to facilitate a workshop
- Simultaneous interpretation
- Translation and certification of materials

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

- Items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
- Equipment
- Costs to fund the participation of academics from other institutions (aside from locally hired research assistants when undertaking field research in Southeast Asia)
- Conference attendance

The SSEAC Grants Subcommittee reserves the right to specify how awards may be used. Funds will be accessible in November 2023 and must be spent by 30 June 2025.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Applications should be submitted electronically to sseac@sydney.edu.au by **5pm Thursday 26 October 2023 (AEST)**. Late submissions will not be considered.