

SSEAC EMCR SEED GRANT 2023 GUIDELINES

The purpose of the SSEAC EMCR Seed Grant is to provide a pathway for new academic projects in/about Southeast Asia including for scholars who are engaging in the region for the first time. In addition to supporting new research initiatives, these grants offer an opportunity for experimenting with new research ideas and eliciting feedback on them from the SSEAC community.

The program provides grants of up to \$10,000 for use in 2023-25. Up to one grant per Cluster 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 a [SSEAC Academic](#)
- Applicants must be an early career (within five years of conferral of your PhD) or mid-career (within five to ten years of conferral of your PhD) researcher
- 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 this scheme per funding round
- Members of the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee are ineligible to apply
- Projects cannot already be funded by any other source (new projects that build on existing research are eligible)
- PhD projects, or projects to be conducted primarily by PhD student, are not eligible for funding

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Abide by University of Sydney policies and show due diligence when researching in-country
- Record a SSEAC Stories podcast
- Submit periodic progress reports a final report (including expenditure report) by 30 June 2025

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

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

- Project quality and feasibility within the scheme timeframe
- Strength of track record relative to opportunity
- Prospects for definite outcomes that will lead to quality ERA eligible publications (e.g. Q1 Scimago / Web of Science / SCOPUS journals) and external funding applications (specifically, but not limited to ARC DECRA, Discovery, Linkage and/or Fellowship schemes)

Preference may be given to projects that involve collaboration.

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 2023-25. Funding may be used for travel for primary research and research assistance.

The following items **cannot be funded** by the SSEAC EMCR Seed Grant:

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

Please retain 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 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.