

# SSEAC Large Grant Scheme 2026

## Guidelines

The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC) supports outstanding collaborative research in Southeast Asia. The 2026 SSEAC Large Grant scheme will provide strategic support to a small number of projects that will lead to an application for a large research grant in the next year. The projects will address the issues of significance to Southeast Asia, support SSEAC's [Strategic Plan 2024-2029](#), in alignment with the five [SSEAC Grand Challenges](#).

For the purposes of this scheme, Southeast Asia includes the following eleven countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

The scheme is intended to identify applicants for a Large Grant who are planning to submit to a specific scheme by June 2027. The focus of this scheme is grant calls aligned with the [SSEAC Grand Challenges](#) and focusing on Southeast Asia. For the purposes of this scheme, a "Large Grant" may include but are not limited to the following schemes: Wellcome Trust Discovery, Wellcome Trust Climate Impact Awards, Google.org Impact Challenge, Cooperative Research Centres, Centres of Excellence, ACIAR grants and other national or international schemes.

### The scheme provides:

- Funding of up to \$20,000\*, and professional support to translate a research proposal into a successfully funded large grant submission (including strategic pilot projects);
- An opportunity to connect with researchers across the University to harness capacity in multidisciplinary research, across Faculties and Schools; and
- The ability to bring together a proposal over an extended period to ensure a high level of competitiveness for a given funding scheme.

\*Expenditure should be clearly justified in the application. Applicants need not request the maximum available amount. Co-funding or in-kind contributions can be included in the application.

### Key dates

Applications open: 29 April 2026

Applications close: 14 May 2026

Outcome notification: by 31 May 2026

Period during which funds may be expended: 1 June 2026 – 31 December 2026

### Eligibility

To be eligible for this program:

- The applicant must be a University of Sydney employee holding a salaried academic appointment at 0.4 full-time equivalent or above.
- The research must be undertaken in Southeast Asia or with a primary focus upon Southeast Asia.
- The applicant must commit to submitting a "Large grant" by June 2027. Applicants who do not submit this grant may be ineligible for subsequent SSEAC funding for 3 years.
- Applications must include investigators from at least **two** Faculties or University schools
- Applicants must provide documentation (e.g. a copy of an email) from their Head of School indicating that they support their submission.

SSEAC members who have received internal funding through previous SSEAC schemes must demonstrate, within their application, how they have delivered on the outcomes proposed in their prior application.

### How to apply

Applicants will complete SSEAC Large Grant application form. They will describe the scheme to which they plan to submit an application, the activities will be supported by this grant, the details of the team of investigators and how SSEAC funding will be used to support an outstanding submission of a Large Grant.

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