SSEAC PIVOT GRANT 2020 GUIDELINES

The purpose of the SSEAC Pivot Grants is to provide a pathway for academics whose ability to collect data in Southeast Asia has been restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic to reorient their research focus.

The program provides grants of up to $5,000 for use in 2020. Up to ten pivot 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

- Applicants must be a fixed term or continuing academic staff member employed by the University of Sydney (and not hold a paid position at another university).
- Fixed term contracts must be valid for a further twelve months.
- Applicants may only submit one application to the SSEAC Pivot Grant 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 conducted primarily by PhD student, are not eligible for funding.
- Successful applicants are required to abide by University of Sydney policies.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

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

- Extent to which research has been affected by COVID-19 pandemic
- Feasibility of new research plan and relevance of selected course/dataset to this plan
- Distribution of eligible applications across clusters

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 $5,000 for use in 2020. Funding may be used for:

- Purchase access to data that the University does not already have rights to
- Enhance their skills using existing courses offered by the University of Sydney Continuing Education Program or, if one is not available, an external course that meets stringent value of money guidelines. Types of courses could include, but are not limited to, those focused on Excel, project management, Word, NVIVO, statistics, social media research methods.

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

- Travel
- Research assistance
- External contractors
- Equipment
- Costs to fund the participation of academics from other institutions
- Conference attendance

The SSEAC Grants Subcommittee reserves the right to specify how awards may be used. Funds will be accessible in September 2020 and must be spent by December 2020.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by December 2020.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Submit an online application https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSEACpiv20 by *5pm Friday 11 September*. Late submissions will not be considered.

A sample of the online proposal form is available for download on the SSEAC grants website. We suggest you work on your responses offline and copy and paste your answers once it is complete.