

SSEAC Annual Awards

Background: The SSEAC Awards were established in 2025 to recognise and celebrate exceptional contributions by members and partners of the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC). The awards acknowledge individuals whose work demonstrates outstanding leadership, impact, collaboration and commitment to advancing SSEAC's mission of strengthening engagement with Southeast Asia.

Presented annually at the Sydney Southeast Asia Research Innovation Symposium, the awards provide an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the achievements of those making a meaningful difference through research, partnership development, policy engagement, capacity building and community leadership. Following a successful inaugural year, the awards have become an important mechanism for recognising excellence across the SSEAC network.

Awards

1. **SSEAC Impact Award:** recognises outstanding impact in Southeast Asia-related research, policy engagement, community collaboration or capacity building.
2. **SSEAC Leadership Award:** recognises exceptional leadership, mentorship, strategic vision and contribution to the SSEAC community.
3. **SSEAC Early-career Award:** recognises a current PhD student or researcher with 5 years or less post PhD completion for outstanding research performance and/or research partnership

Eligibility and requirements

- Nominees may be SSEAC members or external partners.
- Nominations must include:
 - The nominee's full name
 - The nominee's position
 - The award category
 - A statement of up to 200 words outlining the nominee's achievements and how they meet the award criteria.

Deadline

Email nominations to sseac@sydney.edu.au by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 11 November 2026.

Assessment

The SSEAC Leadership Group will review nominations against the award criteria.

Presentation of Awards

The Awards will be presented at the Sydney Southeast Asia Research Innovation Symposium on 18 November 2026.