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LSE SEAC Research Fund – call for applications

The LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC) invites applications for funding in aid of research on social science issues relevant to Southeast Asia. The aim of the Fund is to fill a gap in the available support and to promote high-quality research by LSE academics on the region.

Applications are invited for activities to take place from January 2018 to July 2019, and will be considered for funding up to a maximum of £5,000. Only in exceptional circumstances will applications for a higher amount be considered.

Eligibility

- Applications are open to SEAC Associates and LSE staff at Assistant Professor/Assistant Professorial Research Fellow level (salary band 7) or above, whose continuous employment demonstrates a substantial long-term commitment to the School, and who would be employed by the School for the duration of the grant.
- The funds must be used specifically to facilitate new or on-going research on Southeast Asia. Funds will not be provided for work already done.
- Eligible expenses include: research related travel, research assistance, translation and, in exceptional circumstances, research materials (books, secondary sources and access to primary data).
- Ineligible expenses include: conference attendance, salaries, physical infrastructure, vehicle purchase, rent, permanent resources, large equipment, institutional overheads and endowments.

Deliverables

- An interim report detailing activities undertaken so far must be submitted by the end of December 2018. SEAC reserves the right to reduce or withdraw the award if no report is received by the deadline.
- A short final report, including a statement of final spending, must be submitted within three months of the end of the grant period.
- Each grant recipient is required to produce at least one op-ed or blog post and to participate in one public lecture/seminar as part of the SEAC engagement series.
- Successful applicants are expected to actively participate in SEAC activities, including lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Successful applicants are expected to publish the results of research in the normal way. Acknowledgement of SEAC's assistance should be made in all publications, a copy of which should be sent to the Centre.

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To apply

Applications should consist of the applicant's short CV (max. 4 pages), a budget describing how the funds will be spent, and a proposal (max. 1500 words) that addresses the following:

- Research question, incl. context and aims
- Contribution to the literature
- Theoretical framework and methodology, incl. activities (please include a clear timeline)
- Expected outputs

Notes on the budget

- Any staff costings should factor in additional costs arising from pay awards implemented by LSE and employer on-costs.
- Salary costs should be obtained from the Research Division.
- Goods and services imported from abroad are usually subject to VAT of 20%, and this should be included in the budget.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically by **Sunday, 12th November 2017** to Quynh Le Vo (q.l.vo@lse.ac.uk).

Criteria applied in grant awards

Applications will be considered by a Selection Committee comprising the LSE SEAC Director, an LSE researcher external to SEAC, and a further member drawn, on a rotating basis, from the Centre's Associates. The Committee will assess proposals based on the following:

- Originality, significance, and rigour of proposed the research
- Feasibility (on-time completion and delivery of proposed outcomes)
- Value for money

Award of Funds

- Decisions will be made by the beginning of Lent Term 2018, with funding available for projects to start in mid-January 2018.
- Funds will only be accessible after SEAC has received the signed award letter from the successful applicant.
- LSE SEAC will host and administer all awards.
- Grants must be used solely for the purposes set out in the award letter except that an investigator may transfer a maximum of £750 between budget headings without reference to SEAC. Requests for virement in excess of this amount should be addressed to the SEAC Manager.
- SEAC requires successful applicants to comply with LSE's Research Ethics Policy. An appropriate risk analysis statement must be submitted by the successful applicant prior to the commencement of activities.

Further information is available from the LSE SEAC Manager, Quynh Le Vo (q.l.vo@lse.ac.uk).