

SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award 2014



A joint initiative of the
Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)
and the Government of Australia to promote education links between
SEAMEO and Australia in Southeast Asia and beyond



The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Government of Australia announce the call for applications for the SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award 2014.

The SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award gives recognition and financial assistance to projects or proposals that demonstrate education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia to bring about a better quality of life through positive relations, education advancement, cultural harmony, innovation, and research.

The objectives of the SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award are:

1. Showcase education, training and research cooperation activities and the value these have in fostering stronger people-to-people and institutional links;
2. Provide the opportunity for sharing and learning of new ideas on education cooperation; and
3. Promote the development of effective education partnerships between countries, organizations, and communities.

THE AWARD

The SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award seeks to acknowledge and reward innovative projects or proposals that demonstrate one or more of the following:

- effective and inspiring efforts of individuals, groups of people, education institutions or organizations to improve education cooperation and linkages across the SEAMEO region and between SEAMEO member countries and Australia;
- recognition of diversity of individuals and sectors in promoting cross-border partnerships on education and thereby inter-cultural understanding;
- support to integration/regionalization of education while promoting the importance of and respect for local wisdom;

The innovation will be in the field of education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia.

An entry for the contest must be either:

1. An existing project on education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia or a country in Southeast Asia; or
2. A proposal on education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia or a country in Southeast Asia, or within Southeast Asia, that could later be implemented in the Southeast Asian context, possibly in cooperation with SEAMEO

A winning project or proposal is:

1. Innovative and demonstrates development and/or implementation of an idea, a tool, a model or initiative that helps improve education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia or within Southeast Asia.
2. Effective and highlights the positive results of education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia such as:
 - transfer of new ideas between countries
 - expansion of educational opportunities
 - improvement of education quality
 - formation of long-term people-to-people links
 - promotion of mutual understanding
3. Dynamic and involves various individuals and sectors in the promotion of cooperation in education between Australia and Southeast Asia

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ENTRIES

Entries could present examples of education-related initiatives (either ongoing or proposed) which are implemented or to be implemented in Southeast Asia and with participation of a country or countries in Southeast Asia and Australia. Entries could be (but not limited to) the following:

- capacity development for teachers
- support for development of curriculum and educational materials
- research consortium
- advocacy and networking
- media collaboration
- community-based development work

Initiatives and proposals should demonstrate the links created or to be created between a country or countries in Southeast Asia and Australia. Examples of these are cooperation in providing technical expertise, adopting/adapting noteworthy practices, technology transfer, and others.

Proposals however should not be activities that might be more effectively supported through the Australian Government's Australia Awards scholarships program such as scholarships and research in Australia.

For proposals of this nature, please see <http://www.australiaawards.gov.au/>.

WHO CAN APPLY?

1. The Award is open to any national (natural person or body corporate) of a SEAMEO Member Country. The SEAMEO Member Countries are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.
2. The applicant, where a natural person, must be at least 18 years old.
3. Members of the SEAMEO Secretariat, the SEAMEO Regional Centres and their employees and families are not qualified to apply for this Award.
4. By submitting an entry, the applicant gives SEAMEO and the Australian Government permission to use the information submitted including photos for publication purposes.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Applicants must complete the application form. The form can be downloaded at www.seameo.org/seameo-australia-award .
2. Applications can be submitted in hard copy or email.
 - a) Hard copy applications: Download and complete the Application Form and send by post with the required supporting documents to:

The SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award 2014
SEAMEO Secretariat
Mom Luang Pin Malakul Centenary Building
920 Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok 10110, THAILAND
 - b) Email applications: Download and complete the Application Form and email to seameo-australia-award@seameo.org. Include in the email all required supporting documents.
3. Last day for submission of entries is on **6 March 2015**.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Evaluation Committee consists of experts from Southeast Asia and representatives from UNESCO, the SEAMEO Secretariat, SEAMEO Centres, and the Government of Australia.
2. The evaluation will be based on the merit of the proposal as indicated by:
 - a) Innovation, practicability and originality
 - b) Scope for replication and expansion
 - c) Value for money and sustainability
 - d) Benefit and relevance to Southeast Asia through the transfer of new ideas, broadened educational opportunities, improvements to education quality, formation of long-term people-to-people links and improvements to mutual understanding to the benefit of all parties.

DETAILS OF THE AWARD

1. The winner will receive a grant worth AUD\$10,000, which is expected to support activities in relation to the winning innovative idea or project.
2. The proposed use of the grant must be set out by the applicant in the application. Activities may include participation in conferences; delivery of training courses; academic exchange programs; cooperation between education institutions; internship program; expansion of an existing project; purchase of project-related materials and equipment; and other related activities. The winner will be expected to provide a report to SEAMEO, including information on how the grant money was used.
3. The winner will be awarded a Plaque of Recognition at the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference in April 2015 in Thailand.
4. The winner will receive a round-trip economy air ticket from his/her home country to Thailand, including pre-determined accommodation and stipend to receive a plaque of recognition.
5. For a winning entry developed by a group or organization, only one representative will be invited to the Awarding Ceremony to receive a plaque of recognition.
6. The winner will be notified by the SEAMEO Secretariat and such notification will include information for the winner on the award ceremony and his/her attendance at the ceremony.
7. Each Contestant agrees that the Contest Rules and Regulations that govern this contest can be modified or amended without prior notice, by the Contest Organizers.

TIMELINE

1. Submission of entries: 1 June 2014 to 1 Mar 2015
2. Evaluation of entries: 9-13 March 2015
3. Announcement of results: 25 March 2015
4. Awarding: Last week of April 2015

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or the Ministry of Education and SEAMEO Regional Centre in your country.



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