

UK-Southeast Asia Knowledge Partnership

COLLABORATION DEVELOPMENT AWARDS – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Key dates

- Applications by 23rd August 2013
- Decision notification by mid September 2013
- Travel to be complete and invoices submitted by 7th March 2014

Introduction

The Southeast Asia Science and Innovation Team and the British Council announce a call for proposals to support the initial stages of new collaborations between UK and Southeast Asia researchers and policy makers.

The available funds are intended to catalyse new collaborations between partners in SE Asia and the UK. Funds are available to support the following activities:

- SE Asia-based partners visiting the UK, or UK-based partners visiting SE Asia to develop research collaborations
- Short secondments to a potential partner's research laboratory in Southeast Asia or the UK to evaluate the viability of joint projects or to develop project proposals

Funds awarded under this call can be used to develop contacts and proposals for joint projects. They are not intended to fund research itself – this would have to be supported by the usual national mechanisms.

What Is Available

The scheme is intended to support the development of collaboration between scientists and policy makers in the UK and SE Asia. The awards are to support travel and subsistence from SE Asia to the UK or vice versa. Requests for funding can be made to spend time in either region, visiting one or more laboratories to identify opportunities for collaboration or to discuss specific projects with universities or companies. The value of the awards funded under this call will be up to a maximum of £2,000 (pounds sterling).

Costs that can be included are economy class airfares, hotel rooms, subsistence (at rates to be specified in the approval letter), local travel, and visa costs. No other costs will be allowed.

Visits must be completed and the British High Commission must receive all claim forms/invoices/receipts for reimbursement of costs approved under these awards no later than 7th March 2014. Payment will not be made until the post-visit report has been received.

Who can apply

Researchers in universities, polytechnics, research institutes and companies in the UK or SE Asia are eligible to apply.

Outcomes

The purpose of the awards is to enable researchers to spend time with potential partner institutions to gain an in-depth understanding of their research and formulate proposals for future collaborative research, which can then be put to funding bodies. In submitting the application for an award, the proposal will need to include an action plan that gives details of the main activities, including a visit timetable and potential future submissions to funding bodies. Each successful applicant will also be required to write a short report (2-3 pages), within one month of the visit, specifying the actual outcomes and actions arising from discussions with their host(s).

How to apply

Applications should be made, in English, on the application form.

Assessment

A review panel will assess each application. The selection criteria will include:

- the benefits to the UK likely to accrue from the visit
- the potential for collaborative research which may result from the proposed contacts
- complementarity of the experience/expertise of the two teams.

Application Deadline

Application forms should be received by e-mail to application in English should be received by no later than 17.00 GMT on 23rd August 2013. Decisions will be communicated in the middle of September 2013.

Further Information

If you need further information or have any questions please contact the Science and Innovation Team for SE Asia via e-mail at SEAsiaSI@fco.gov.uk.