

# ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

*(updated 21 October 2025)*

### What sort of projects are eligible?

The 2025-26 Grants Program will support projects across three streams:

- Stream 1 - Creative industry initiatives to facilitate professional and creative exchanges, residencies and collaborations between Australia and the region, including, but not limited to, Australian artists with Southeast Asian heritage and First Nations artists.
  
- Stream 2 - Projects involving Australians of Southeast Asian heritage to advance engagement with Southeast Asia and increase awareness of the value diaspora brings to this engagement, including projects that promote and support engagement in business, higher education, science, sport and civil society.
  
- Stream 3 - Research (by private or public institutions) aimed at supporting Australian companies' access to and understanding of trade and investment opportunities in Southeast Asia with a particular focus on projects that:
  - investigate new strategies for Australian companies to engage with, export to and invest in Southeast Asia,
  - disseminate case studies or research on resilient supply chains, trade diversification, skills exchange, or emerging sectors where Australia and Southeast Asia can collaborate for mutual benefit or
  - draw on public and private data sources to measure and analyse the position of Australian companies in the region (including relative to likeminded countries) and present those findings publicly.

### What does the Centre mean by Southeast Asia literacy?

The Centre is looking to fund projects that contribute to encouraging and equipping Australians to engage with Southeast Asia. This covers a range of sectors, including business, higher education, sport, not-for-profit and the media, and could include activities in Australia or in Southeast Asia.

### What level of involvement by Australians of Southeast Asian heritage is required to apply for Stream 2?

The intent of Stream 2 is to fund activities that showcase the value that Australians of Southeast Asian heritage bring to Australia's engagement with Southeast Asia. Applications that demonstrate this through identifying relevant partner organisations, audiences and communities are welcome.

### **My activity falls outside the sectors listed in Stream 2. Can I still apply?**

Yes. Activities promoting Southeast Asian engagement in areas not listed under Stream 2 are welcome, assuming all other stream requirements are met.

### **If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?**

No. If applying under Stream 3 your activity should align with **at least one** of the three Stream 3 sub-criteria. There is no requirement for your activity to extend across all three sub-criteria.

### **Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?**

Yes. The Centre cannot consider your application if it does not satisfy **all** eligibility criteria. Eligibility criteria are listed in Section 4 of the Guidelines.

### **What funding is available?**

Applicants may apply for a minimum grant of \$50,000 up to a maximum \$200,000 per year. A total of \$1.1 million is available for the 2025-26 financial year, and \$1.1 million for 2026-27.

### **Can I apply for funding for multiple years in the upcoming grant opportunity?**

Yes. The Centre will consider applications for multi-year grants for up to two years of \$100,000 to \$400,000 across the two years.

### **What can I spend my grant funding on? Can I pay for organisational overheads or salaries?**

Eligible and ineligible expenditure is listed in Sections 5.3 – 5.4 of the Guidelines. Funding **cannot** be used for ongoing salaries/wages or to subsidise general ongoing administration of an organisation.

### **How often does the Centre offer grant opportunities?**

The Centre currently holds one grant opportunity each year.

### **What projects have previously been awarded grants?**

In 2024-25 we awarded 11 grants in the creative industry, business, education, cultural, research and community sectors. To find out more about these projects please visit the Centre's [website](#).

## **Is this a new grants program?**

The ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program was launched in 2024-25. It replaced the grants program previously administered by the Australia-ASEAN Council. The ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program has a larger pool of funding and expanded scope, reflecting the Australian Government's commitment to further strengthening ties between Australia and Southeast Asia.

## **How can I learn more about the ASEAN-Australia Centre and the Centre's activities?**

You can learn more about the Centre and its activities by visiting our [website](#), [registering](#) for updates from the Centre and following the Centre on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

## **My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?**

The lead applicant must be an Australian entity that is located in Australia and has an ABN. If your organisation is based overseas and you wish to apply, you will need to find a suitable Australian partner.

## **Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?**

Yes. There are no restrictions regarding the number of organisations you can partner with. Applications should demonstrate links with least one Southeast Asian partner.

While the Guidelines do not define partnership relationships, demonstrating a formal agreement such as existing networks, MOUs or letters of support will strengthen your application. If successful a formal agreement between all partner organisations must be in place prior to execution of the grant.

## **Can I, or my organisation, submit more than one application?**

Yes, you or your organisation can submit more than one grant application, provided each application is for a different project or initiative.

## **Can I, or my organisation, submit my application under more than one stream?**

If your activity falls across more than one stream you should submit it against the stream it aligns with most strongly.

## **If we already have a grant from another Australian Government grants program, including a DFAT grant, can my organisation still apply?**

Yes, projects with multiple funding sources, including Australian Government funding, are eligible to apply.

You may also hold additional ongoing grants funded through Australian Government sources. There is no requirement for these projects to be acquitted prior to applying.

### **Can organisations that feature ASEAN officials on the governing board be partners on an application?**

Yes, however their position and involvement with the activity should be clearly stated in your application. This applies to all applications to demonstrate the strength of your partnerships with regional organisations.

### **What countries are covered by the ASEAN-Australia Centre grants program?**

Initiatives that support Australia's engagement with the following countries are eligible to apply: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

### **Must my activity be multilateral?**

Projects **should** involve multiple Southeast Asian countries. You may still apply if your activity is bilateral however your application may not be as competitive as applications with a multilateral reach.

### **Can projects be solely internationally, or do they have to be run or partly run in Australia?**

Yes, projects can be delivered solely internationally, provided they are delivered in ASEAN countries or Timor-Leste, and they support engagement with Australia through at least one of the priority areas of the Grants Program.

### **Can projects be run solely in Australia without an international component?**

Yes, activities can be delivered solely in Australia, provided they contribute to strengthening ties between Australia and Southeast Asia and support at least one of the priority areas of the Grants Program.

### **Would you allocate grants to projects that are already underway, or does it have to be a new project?**

Yes, organisations which already have projects underway are welcome to apply for the grant opportunity, provided the project commences or is delivered during the 2025-26 financial year.

### **What is the National Redress scheme eligibility requirement?**

This criterion only applies to organisations **who have been requested to join** the National Redress scheme ([www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au)). If your organisation has not been requested to join, please enter no on the application form.

## What can I do to strengthen my grant application?

We understand that preparing a grant application can be time-consuming. As this is a competitive grant opportunity, we encourage you to take time to submit a high-quality application.

Here are some suggestions for how you can strengthen your application:

- Read and keep in mind the [grant opportunity guidelines](#).
- Clearly demonstrate how your project is aligned to the Centre's strategic objectives and one or more of the streams.
- Outline how the project will be successfully delivered, the intended outcomes, audience reach and impact.
- Provide a transparent budget that shows how grant funding will be spent and demonstrates value with money. Your budget should list expenditure under:
  - Wages and fees (only for the project, not ongoing)
  - Travel costs
  - Event and production costs.
- Take care to ensure that you enter a balanced budget in your application form. Please note **you will not be able to submit your application** if your budget does not balance.
- Demonstrate that you are partnering with a Southeast Asian counterpart on your project.
- Deliver your project with partners from more than one Southeast Asian country, as these initiatives may be prioritised.
- If you have additional funding sources or co-contributions, highlight them in your application as they demonstrate a commitment to your project.
- Provide letters of support or a reference to demonstrate your capability and capacity to deliver your project, noting that referees cannot be ASEAN-Australia Centre staff or ASEAN-Australia Centre Advisory Board members.
- Ensure your application is well-written. Proofread it carefully and make sure you have included all the required information.
- Allow sufficient time for submitting your application to avoid potential lodgement issues.

## **Are the focus areas of the Grants Program the same each year, or do they change?**

The focus areas of the Grants Program change each year in line with the ASEAN-Australia Centre's strategic objectives. The strategic objectives are clearly articulated in the grant guidelines shared each year.

## **How will you decide which grants are successful?**

Grant applications will be reviewed against the eligibility and assessment criteria, which is outlined in the grant guidelines. The assessment committee will evaluate each application based on merit, overall value for money, and the project's ability to support the strategic objectives of the Grants Program.

## **Where and when will you share the outcome of my application?**

The Centre anticipates grants will be awarded in the first quarter of 2026 (Section 7.3 of the Guidelines).

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of applications via an email to the **lead applicant's email address** listed on the SmartyGrants application form. Other listed emails may not receive a notification. Please ensure you update changes to your contact details in SmartyGrants so you can be kept up to date on the progress of your application.

## **If I am successful, when do I have to use my funding?**

If you are successful, you should expend all funding by your activity end date which will be listed in your grant agreement. If you will not fully expend your funding by your activity end date, you must contact the ASEAN-Australia Centre to discuss your options. Unexpended funding may be returned to the Australia Government.

## **When do successful applicants need to start delivering their initiatives?**

Successful applicants must commence delivery of grant activity this financial year, before 30 June 2026.

## **Do successful applicants need to hold Working with Vulnerable People registration?**

Relevant personnel of successful grantees may be required to maintain the following checks:

- Working with Vulnerable People registration.
- Working with Children check.

Greater detail regarding the Centre's requirements can be found in the sample Grant agreement available on our [website](#).

## **What is the deadline to submit my application?**

Applications **must** be submitted by 12.00 pm AEDT (midday) on 6 November 2025 via the [SmartyGrants application form](#).

The Centre will not accept late applications except in exceptional circumstances with prior permission from the Delegate. Please note exceptional circumstances do not include technical or IT difficulties. Please ensure you allow sufficient time for submitting your application to avoid potential lodgement issues.

## What supporting documentation am I required to submit? Where can I do this in the application?

We require the following document with your application:

- a letter of support or reference from any partners that outlines your capability and capacity to deliver your project (referees cannot be ASEAN-Australia Centre staff or ASEAN-Australia Centre Advisory Board members).

You may also choose to upload other documents which support your application. Documents can be uploaded at the end of the application under the File upload section.

## Where can I find more information?

Information about the ASEAN-Australia Centre Grants Program, including the grant guidelines, is available on our [website](#) and [GrantConnect](#).

If you have questions during the grant application process, please contact the ASEAN-Australia Centre at [aseanaustraliacentre@dfat.gov.au](mailto:aseanaustraliacentre@dfat.gov.au).

Applicants may speak with the Centre in their first language by telephoning the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 (local call anywhere in Australia) and asking to be connected with the Centre on 02 6261 1333.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the [National Relay Service](#) on the following 24-hour relay call numbers:

- **TTY/voice calls:** 133 677
- **Speak and Listen:** 1300 555 727
- **SMS relay:** 0423 677 767

If you encounter any accessibility issues while using the [GrantConnect](#) website and application process, please contact the Grant Connect Helpdesk at [Contact Us: GrantConnect](#). Information about the accessibility of the Grant Connect website is provided at [Accessibility Statement: GrantConnect](#).

Indigenous Australian applicants may wish to access assistance in submitting an application where English is not their first language. In these cases, applicants may contact their [preferred Indigenous language centre](#) for assistance.

Attachment B

# Grants Information Session (14 October 2025)

## Presentation Slides





The ASEAN-Australia Centre acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all First Nations people, their cultures and to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

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# Housekeeping points

The Information session is not being recorded. A copy of the slides will be emailed to participants.

The Grants FAQs will be updated to cover questions from this session. You can access the FAQs on our [website](#).

Please post all questions to the Q&A. Any questions we don't address in the session will be answered in the updated FAQs.

# The Centre's Purpose

Mission: to connect Australia and Southeast Asia for a peaceful, stable and prosperous region.

## Our pillars



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## 2024-25 Grant Snapshot

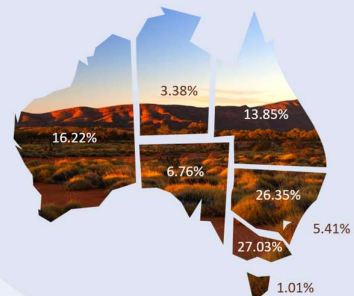
### The stats

**\$2.1M** **\$59.3M**  
funding to grants requested in applications

**11** **296**  
grants awarded applications received

**5** Cultural Initiative programs  
**4** Creative Industry programs  
**2** Practical Research programs

### Applications received by State/Territory



For information on 2024-25's successful grantees visit our website [www.aseanaustraliacentre.org.au](http://www.aseanaustraliacentre.org.au)

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## Grants

- Applications now open
- Closing 6 November 2025
- Available funding - \$2.2 million over 2 years
- Grant duration – one or two years
- Grant amounts available:
  - one-year grants
    - \$50,000 - \$200,000
  - two-year grants
    - \$100,000 - \$400,000



## 2025-26 Priority Streams

## Stream 1

Creative industry initiatives to facilitate professional and creative exchanges, residencies and collaborations between Australia and the region, including, but not limited to, Australian artists with Southeast Asian heritage and First Nations artists.

## Stream 2

Projects that involve Australians of Southeast Asian heritage to advance engagement with Southeast Asia and increase awareness of the value diaspora brings to this engagement, including projects that promote and support engagement in business, higher education, science, sport and civil society.

## Stream 3

Research (by private or public institutions) aimed at supporting Australian companies' access to and understanding of trade and investment opportunities in Southeast Asia with a particular focus on projects that:

- investigate new strategies for Australian companies to engage with, export to and invest in Southeast Asia.
- disseminate case studies or research on resilient supply chains, trade diversification, skills exchange, or emerging sectors where Australia and Southeast Asia can collaborate for mutual benefit or
- draw on public and private data sources to measure and analyse the position of Australian companies in the region (including relative to likeminded countries), and present those findings publicly.

## For all grant streams

- Projects should involve multiple Southeast Asian countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam) in the project activity
- Grant activities should identify Southeast Asian partners in the application
- Applications from First Nations Australians and First Nations Australian-led organisations are strongly encouraged
- Women and women-led businesses and organisations are strongly encouraged to apply
- Applicants with diverse abilities are welcomed.

# Eligibility requirements

## Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia
- have an account with an Australian financial institution
- be located in Australia, an ASEAN Member State or Timor-Leste
- be one of the entity types listed at section 4.1 of the grant guidelines

## Other requirements

You or your organisation must:

- comply with the Modern Slavery Act
- be willing to complete a Working with Vulnerable Persons Statement of Compliance
- be willing to provide or develop Child Protection Guidelines that meet the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Child Protection Policy for your activity if it involves people under the age of 18 years
- have joined the National Redress Scheme within 6 months of being requested
- not have any outstanding reports, acquittals or breaches relating to any Australian Government funding
- apply for funding from \$50,000 up to \$200,000 per annum
- provide a letter of support or reference that outlines your capability and capacity to deliver your project (Please note, referees cannot be Centre staff or Centre Advisory Board members).



Assessment

## Assessment criteria

There are five equally weighted assessment criteria with a limit of 300 words. All criteria must be addressed.

- Criterion 1 - How will the grant contribute to the Centre's objectives and four pillars?
- Criterion 2 - How well does the grant address the grant stream and intended outcomes of this grant opportunity?
- Criterion 3 - How effective and efficient will the applicant be in delivering the grant?
- Criterion 4 - How will the activity deliver enduring and sustainable outcomes beyond the funding period?
- Criterion 5 - How well you will maximise the reach and impact of the funding?

## Assessment process

- Applications will be assessed by Centre and other Commonwealth government employees
- Applications will be reviewed against eligibility criteria
- Applications will be considered on their merits:
  - How well they meet the criteria
  - How they compare to other applications
  - Whether they provide good value with money
  - How they align with the Centre's strategic objectives

# The application

## Tips for completing your application form

- Ensure you have read the current Guidelines and FAQs. These are available on our [Website](#).
  - The FAQs may be updated through this period to provide coverage of questions raised by applicants, so please re-check them before submitting your application.
- Confirm that you meet all eligibility criteria. If you do not, you will not be able to submit your application.
- Allow sufficient time for submitting your application to avoid potential lodgment issues. Late applications will not be accepted.

# Tips for completing your application form

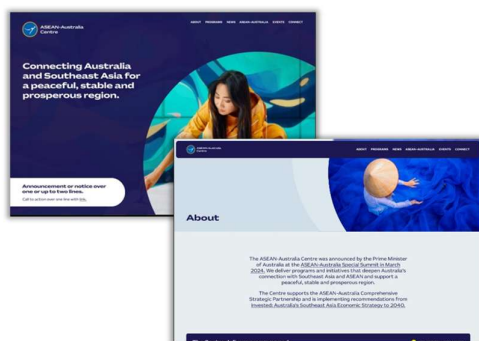
- Outline how your activity will be successfully delivered, your intended outcomes, audience reach and impact
- Request funding amounts that are within the grant guidelines
- Provide a balanced, transparent budget showing how grant funding will be spent and demonstrating value with money
- If you have additional funding sources or co-contributions, highlight them in your application as they demonstrate a commitment to your project.

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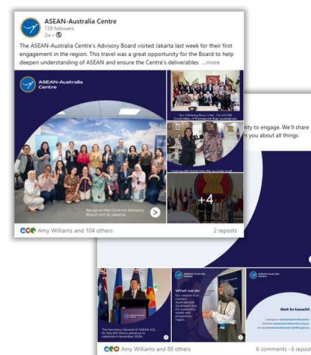
## Web and socials

Website [www.aseanaustraliacentre.org.au](http://www.aseanaustraliacentre.org.au)



Socials

We are live on Instagram and LinkedIn!



LinkedIn: ASEAN-Australia Centre



Insta: @aseanaustraliacentre

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## Next Steps



- Apply through SmartyGrants by the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted
- Review the grant guidelines, FAQs and draft grant agreement before applying. These are available on our [website](#)
- Focus on submitting a strong application. This will be a very competitive process as demonstrated by last year's round
- If you have an enquiry that is not addressed in our reference documents, please email the Centre [aseanaustraliacentre@dfat.gov.au](mailto:aseanaustraliacentre@dfat.gov.au).
- For technical support contact [smartygrants.gov.au](http://smartygrants.gov.au)

Questions

## ASEAN-Australia Centre 2025-26

### Grant Information Session 14 October 2025 – Q&A responses

<b>Questions from Information session attendees</b> <i>(please note questions have not been amended from the Q&amp;A session and are exactly as written by attendees)</i>	<b>Responses</b>
<p>Can we get a link to documents mentioned earlier?</p>	<p>Yes. You can find the link to our website under <b>How can I learn more about the ASEAN-Australia Centre and the Centre’s activities?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Do we fill in the "key partner's name" for name/s of the ASEAN partners?</p>	<p>Yes please.</p>
<p>On grants directed towards the diaspora community, does it have to have an international (ASEAN) component?</p>	<p>No. Please refer to <b>Can projects be run solely in Australia without an international component?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Please advise where the below "Section 2" is listed. I have reviewed the guidelines and website and cannot find the Section 2 mentioned. This is Criterion 2 in the application form - which priority area and intended outcome listed in Section 2 'About the Grant Program'</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Apologises for the inconvenience. The Guidelines are now updated with Section numbers.</p>
<p>Could you please update the Grants Program Guidelines Content Pages with section numbers?</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Apologises for the inconvenience. The Guidelines are now updated with Section numbers.</p>
<p>Apologies, I missed the beginning of the presentation, are you able to please share a link to the power point presentation?</p>	<p>PowerPoint slides will be shared to all registrants for the information session and on our website.</p>
<p>Request to share PowerPoint slides and recording</p>	<p>The PowerPoint slides will be shared to all who registered for the information session. As advised the information session was not recorded.</p>
<p>Online draft document says 200 words, you said 300 words. which is correct?</p>	<p>Answers to the selection criteria are limited to 300 words. The activity summary, rationale and alignment statements are limited to 200 words.</p>
<p>Are there rules around organisational overheads? The budget on Smartygrants does not have this as a line item.</p>	<p>Yes. Please refer to <b>What can I spend my grant funding on? Can I pay for organisational overheads or salaries?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Is payment for academic time (e.g., a university professor) spent working directly on the project an 'eligible project expense'?</p>	<p>Please refer also to <b>What can I spend my grant funding on? Can I pay for organisational overheads or salaries?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>If an academic is contracted for the specific activity, then their labour costs could be an eligible expense. If they are employed on an ongoing basis, then the time they spend on the activity should be considered an in-kind contribution by your organisation.</p>

<p>Can you please explain the point of covering the salaries? - If a person is working on this project, then that cost cannot be covered in the budget?</p>	<p>Please refer also to <b>What can I spend my grant funding on? Can I pay for organisational overheads or salaries?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>If a person is contracted for the specific activity, then their labour costs could be an eligible expense. If they are employed on an ongoing basis, then the time they spend on the activity should be considered an in-kind contribution by your organisation.</p>
<p>The guidelines state as eligible expenditure: labour costs of employees you directly employ to deliver the core elements of the grant project (but not ongoing salaries/wages),</p> <p>Does this mean that you can only ask for salary costs for people you intend to newly employ for this project, or would it be permissible to ask for funding for an existing staff member's time to be dedicated to this project?</p>	<p>Please refer also to <b>What can I spend my grant funding on? Can I pay for organisational overheads or salaries?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>If a person is contracted for the specific activity, then their labour costs could be an eligible expense. If they are employed on an ongoing basis, then the time they spend on the activity should be considered an in-kind contribution by your organisation.</p>
<p>Is there a proforma budget format we should use and attach, or choose something ourselves?</p>	<p>Yes. There's a proforma budget in the application form. Please note that the application budget must balance. If it does not, you will not be able to submit your application. There is no need to attach an additional budget.</p>
<p>Does ASEAN support allocations for capacity-building, training materials, or staff development in partner countries?</p>	<p>This may be included in your budget as an event or production expense.</p>
<p>Are offshore insurances are covered by DFAT? or this needs to be budgeted for multi-year grant? Regards</p>	<p>DFAT does not provide insurance coverage for grantees however if your activity requires specific insurance, this should be included in your grant budget under either the Wages and Fees section or the Event and Production section, whichever you feel is more appropriate.</p>
<p>Can international organisations that receive funding from DFAT or feature ASEAN officials on the governing board be partners on an application?</p>	<p>Yes. Please refer to <b>Can organisations that feature ASEAN officials on the governing board be partners on an application?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Is funding available for the continuation or enhancement of an existing program?</p>	<p>Yes. Please refer to <b>Would you allocate grants to projects that are already underway, or does it have to be a new project?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>I have an ongoing project with a grant from Creative Australia that is due for completion in early 2026. Would I need to complete the acquittal for the previous project before applying?</p>	<p>No. Please also refer to <b>Can my organisation apply if we already have a grant from another Australian Government grants program, including a DFAT grant?</b></p> <p>The Guidelines do not prohibit applicants with ongoing grants from applying. There is no need for the currently held grant to be acquitted.</p>
<p>Can you please explain the National redress scheme criteria? Does every application have to have joined this scheme?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>What is the National redress scheme eligibility requirement?</b> in the FAQs.</p>

<p>Can you provide more details on referees? Do they need to be Australian too? Or can they come from International Organisations?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> and <b>What supporting documentation am I required to submit? Where can I do this in the application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The only restrictions on referees are that referees cannot be ASEAN-Australia Centre staff or ASEAN-Australia Centre Advisory Board members.</p>
<p>For our international industry partners, could you please describe what their support letters should include?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> and <b>What supporting documentation am I required to submit? Where can I do this in the application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>Letters of support/references should outline your capability and capacity to deliver your activity, and confirm the intention to partner/collaborate on the project.</p>
<p>In terms of supporting documents, are there restrictions on what can and should be submitted? In your experience, are there documents which the assessors will not take into account?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> and <b>What supporting documentation am I required to submit? Where can I do this in the application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>You may upload up to 5 documents at the end of the application. Documents should be relevant and support your application.</p>
<p>Given the potential diversity of application subject matter, how are applications ranked once it is determined that they address all the criteria? It seems unlikely that the elimination of applications for not meeting criteria will reduce the overall number to a manageable list. So, how do you select after this?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>How will you decide which grants are successful?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>The guidelines state that relevant personnel of successful applicants will be required to have/maintain Working with Vulnerable People registration. For applicants from jurisdictions which don't have a Working with Vulnerable People register, will they eligible to apply for/hold this grant, and how would those organisations demonstrate compliance with this requirement?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>Do successful applicants need to hold Working with Vulnerable People registration?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>If I target Stream 3, do I need to meet all three conditions in Stream 3? The level of details should you expect? Monitoring Evaluation Learning, metrics settings?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>Clearly demonstrating how your activity meets each selection criterion will strengthen your application.</p>

<p>I have a question about collaborative research. Does this proposal require collaboration with peer researchers in Australia and the ASEAN region? And does the research team need to cover data through visits to both regions, or employ a visiting lecturer-researcher approach?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> in the FAQs</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your Lead applicant.</p> <p>Please also refer to <b>If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>What does the for Stream 3's requirement to 'draw on public and private data sources,' is there an expectation of original primary research (surveys, interviews) or is consolidation and analysis of existing research data considered sufficient?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream, and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>Is it eligible to use grant for doing research such as product development or/and go-to-market to ASEAN countries?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>What outputs are you looking for in research projects? Reports? Events? Anything in particular?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>If I am applying under Stream 3 is my activity required to cover all three sub-criteria?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>Are there particular program types, delivery methods, or cross-border engagement models that are viewed as most effective or impactful?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>

<p>What if our activity is reversed, wherein we bring ASEAN stakeholders to Australia, instead of sending Australians to Southeast Asia? How should we position that under the eligibility or activity requirements?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>Four pillars are mentioned. Should the application cover all pillars or just one of them (i.e., education)?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p> <p>While there is no expectation that activities will address all Centre priorities, this is a competitive process, and greater alignment will strengthen an application.</p>
<p>Would projects focused on women-led peacebuilding and regional security in Southeast Asia be eligible under Stream 2? of the ASEAN–Australia Centre Grants Program? Or should it be focused on corporations and businesses?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>My activity falls outside the listed focus areas in Stream 2, can I still apply?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Regarding the main requirements, are they inclusive or exclusive? (ie. do I or my organisation need to meet all of them or just one of them?)</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Do you need to have all eligibility criteria or just one of them? i.e. Have an ABN and be diaspora?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs</p>
<p>What is "an entity listed in 4.1 of the guidelines" eligibility requirement?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>Section 4.1 of the Guidelines lists the entity types that are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. If you or your organisation do not fall within these entity types you are not eligible for this grant opportunity.</p>
<p>Could you please confirm whether the ABN being referred to is a personal ABN or the University's ABN?</p>	<p>What ABN you use depends on whether you are applying as an individual, or as the lead applicant for an organisation. If you are applying as an individual, then you must provide your personal ABN. If you are applying as the lead contact for an organisation, then you provide the organisation's ABN.</p>
<p>In streams 1-2, the focus is on professionals and artists. Are professional or artists required to have an ABN as well?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>All Lead applicants must hold an ABN to be eligible for this grant opportunity.</p>
<p>How to obtain an ABN?</p>	<p><a href="https://www.abr.gov.au/business-super-funds-charities/applying-abn">https://www.abr.gov.au/business-super-funds-charities/applying-abn</a></p>
<p>How to obtain an ABN if you are from Indonesia?</p>	<p><a href="https://www.abr.gov.au/business-super-funds-charities/applying-abn">https://www.abr.gov.au/business-super-funds-charities/applying-abn</a></p>

Can the same organisation submit more than one application to this grant round, either independently or as part of different consortium arrangements?	Please refer to <b>Can my organisation submit more than one application?</b> in the FAQs
If my grant application targets 2 streams, do I need to submit the same application twice?	Please also refer to <b>Can my organisation submit more than one application?</b> in the FAQs.  You can only submit one application per activity.
Can an Institute or applicant submit more than 1 application? Regards Sunil	Please refer to <b>Can my organisation submit more than one application?</b> in the FAQs.
Can you please advise when the grants are likely to be approved, ie. how soon could projects commence?	Please refer to <b>Where and when will you share the outcome of my application?</b> and <b>When do successful applicants need to start delivering their initiatives?</b> in the FAQs.
Will there be future rounds/opportunities to apply for this type of grant this year or next? If so, would it be possible to find out when the next round is scheduled? Thank you!	Please also refer to <b>How often does the Centre offer grant opportunities?</b> in the FAQs.  The Centre has not scheduled the 2026-27 grant opportunity. If you are interested in future grant opportunities, you may wish to register on our website for notifications.
If successful, when would the grant need to commence and finish? (We would hope to align with availability of in-kind contributions in FY26-27 and FY27-28). Thanks.	Please also refer to <b>Where and when will you share the outcome of my application?</b> in the FAQs.  For this grant opportunity grant end dates will be no later than 30 June 2028
As deadline of grant submission is less than a month now, I wish to ask how many years does the Centre intends to run this kind of funding? and do you usually run this initiative in the last quarter of the year? in short, are you planning to run this program again next year oct 2026?	Please also refer to <b>How often does the Centre offer grant opportunities?</b> in the FAQs.  The Centre has not scheduled the 2026-27 grant opportunity. If you are interested in future grant opportunities, you may wish to register on our website for notifications.
Could you clarify what "Southeast Asia literacy" specifically means in the context of this grant? Is it focused on academic understanding, business awareness, or broader cultural and people-to-people engagement?	Please refer to <b>What does the Centre mean by Southeast Asia literacy?</b> in the FAQs.
Please clarify the expectation regarding the involvement of Australians of Southeast Asian heritage? Would having some, but not all, key participants – such as project coordinators, volunteers, mentors, or collaborators – from Southeast Asian backgrounds be sufficient to meet this requirement?	Please refer to <b>What level of involvement is required by Australians of Southeast Asian heritage under Stream 2?</b> in the FAQs.
Would ASEAN prioritise projects where Southeast Asian partners co-design and deliver the activities (not just participate)?	Please refer to <b>What level of involvement is required by Australians of Southeast Asian heritage under Stream 2?</b> in the FAQs.

<p>If it's a team of Australians working with Southeast Asians and not Australians with Southeast Asian heritage, would we be able to apply?</p> <p>This criterion is slightly confusing</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>What level of involvement is required by Australians of Southeast Asian heritage under Stream 2?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>The guidelines note that projects should involve multiple Southeast Asian countries. Could you please clarify what is meant by this requirement? For example, if a project is primarily delivered in one country, such as Vietnam, but includes an engagement activity or dissemination that reach other ASEAN partners or networks in other southeast country, would this meet the intent of the criterion?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>Must my activity be multilateral?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As the Guidelines state projects <b>should</b> involve multiple Southeast Asian countries, a greater level of multilateral involvement will strengthen an application.</p> <p>The Guidelines do not define activity structures, however clearly demonstrating strong alignment with the Centre's four pillars, the grant stream and selection criteria will increase your application's competitiveness.</p>
<p>What about bilateral partnerships in larger countries vs multilateral partnerships involving multiple smaller countries? I'm chiefly thinking of Indonesia given its size, but this could also apply to other places.</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>Must my activity be multilateral?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As the Guidelines state projects <b>should</b> involve multiple Southeast Asian countries, a greater level of multilateral involvement will strengthen an application.</p> <p>If your activity will be solely bilateral between Australia and Indonesia, you may wish to consider applying for grants under the Australia-Indonesia Institute.</p>
<p>Can Stream 1 include Indonesia? Can the Centre provide a list of Australian artisans that people can collaborate with?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>Must my activity be multilateral?</b> and <b>What can I do to strengthen my grant application?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As the Guidelines state projects <b>should</b> involve multiple Southeast Asian countries, a greater level of multilateral involvement will strengthen an application.</p> <p>If your activity will be solely bilateral between Australia and Indonesia, you may wish to consider applying for grants under the Australia-Indonesia Institute.</p> <p>The Centre does not hold a list of Australian artisans.</p>

<p>I'm from a local organisation based in Jakarta, Indonesia. We are preparing a proposal under Stream 2, focusing on economic collaboration between Australia, Indonesia, and another Southeast Asian country to develop a collaborative project.</p> <p>I would like to ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any specific eligibility requirements for Southeast Asian partners, such as Indonesia?</li> <li>2. Is a multi-country consortium (Australia + Indonesia + another ASEAN country) eligible or preferred under Stream 2?</li> </ol>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>You may have multiple partners including organisations from other eligible countries.</p>
<p>If a consortium application is submitted, what are the requirements for the 'lead organisation'? Must the lead organisation be based in Australia with an ABN, or can an organisation with Australian presence be the lead applicant?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> and <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>The eligibility criteria state that the lead applicant needs to be an Australian entity located in Australia and possess an ABN. Could you confirm whether an eligible institution located in Vietnam, which is an ASEAN member state, is able to apply as the lead organisation, or must the lead organisation be Australian for all applications?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> and <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>Can NGO and Academic Institutes (universities) based in ASEAN countries join as a consortium to apply for these grants? We plan to partner with 1 NGO + 3 Universities from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam, and the Philippines to join as a consortium for this project. Still, the project sites cover all 10 ASEAN countries.</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply? Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>Can the identified Southeast Asian partners be unconfirmed? Identified but yet to partner?</p>	<p>Yes, however as this is a competitive process greater detail regarding your identified partners will strengthen your application.</p>
<p>According to the eligibility requirements, the proposal must be submitted by an Australian institution. If we, as an institution from Indonesia, have ideas for the program, does that mean we need to find an Australian-based partner to develop these ideas together? Or is there another possible arrangement?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>

<p>The guidelines state that individuals are eligible if they are Australian citizens or permanent residents with an ABN. Would non-Australian individuals such as researchers or consultants from ASEAN countries be eligible to participate in the project as co-applicants or consortium members, provided the lead applicant is an Australian entity?</p>	<p>Yes. Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>Overseas individuals and/or organisations may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become the lead applicant.</p>
<p>There are 4 pillars:  1. Southeast Asia Literacy  2. Education  3. Economic linkages  4. Cultural connections and regional ties.</p> <p>The questions are:  Are the applicant should be an Australian? (I am an Indonesian)Are applicant should be an organisation or it can be applied as personal?I have literacy and education intervention program in remote areas in West Kalimantan</p> <p>Our movement is more a community movement in education development and have a food security program covering agriculture, plantations, fisheries, and livestock farming.</p> <p>How to be able to be a partner with the eligible Australian organisation?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>What constitutes a formal partnership for the purposes of eligibility, would existing networks, MOUs, or letters of support suffice?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>I have a question regarding eligibility:  Can an NGO that is based and registered only in Indonesia apply for this grant? If so, are there any additional requirements for an Indonesian-based entity, such as needing an Australian Business Number (ABN) or an Australian bank account?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?, Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>If I'm not wrong, it sounds like only Austrian citizens can apply. As I am Cambodian living in Cambodia, how can I apply?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As you are overseas you may partner with an eligible individual or organisation who would become your lead applicant.</p>

<p>Can we have consortium with university in Australia?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your lead applicant.</p>
<p>What is preferred number of multiple partners? Would there be enough?</p>	<p>Please refer to <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p>
<p>Under the eligibility criteria, the lead applicant must have an ABN and be an Australian entity. Could you please confirm if this means an ASEAN-based institution can only participate as a partner, or if an ASEAN institution can fulfill the role of the lead applicant, provided they have an Australian partner?</p>	<p>Please also refer to <b>My organisation is based overseas. Can I apply?</b>, <b>Do I have to meet all eligibility criteria or just some?</b> and <b>Can I partner with more than one organisation? What do I need to demonstrate our partnership?</b> in the FAQs.</p> <p>As an overseas organisation you may partner with an eligible Australian institution who would become your Lead applicant. The lead applicant must meet all eligibility criteria.</p>
<p>Are you able to share the contact list for this meeting?</p>	<p>No, the Centre cannot facilitate this due to privacy restrictions.</p>
<p>Can you provide in email any possible Australian Organisation lists that eligible, so we can propose as a consortia?</p>	<p>No, the Centre cannot facilitate this due to privacy restrictions.</p>
<p>Can we I access former grant applications of successful participants?</p>	<p>No, the Centre cannot facilitate this due to privacy restrictions.</p>