

Call for entries!



Promoting education links between SEAMEO and Australia in Southeast Asia and beyond

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Government of Australia are proud to announce the call for entries for the SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award (SAELA) 2016/2017 with the theme “**Addressing Barriers to Inclusion**”.

**Addressing Barriers to Inclusion** is Priority Area number 2 in SEAMEO Education Agenda 2015-2035. In this Priority, SEAMEO is to work towards and promote efforts in “addressing barriers to inclusion and access to basic learning opportunities of all learners through innovations in education delivery and management to provide for the previously inaccessible and vulnerable groups.” In addition, this priority area affirms the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 which is to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

SAELA 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 SAELA are:

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

### About SEAMEO-Australia Education Links Award (SAELA)

SAELA seeks to acknowledge and reward innovative projects or proposals that demonstrate one or more of the following:

1. 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;
2. Recognition of diversity of individuals and sectors in promoting cross-border partnerships on education and thereby inter-cultural understanding;
3. 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.

Entry for SAELA consideration can be either:

1. Existing project on education cooperation between Australia and Southeast Asia or between a country in Southeast Asia or within Southeast Asia; or
2. 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.

Winning project or project 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 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 should present excellent examples of education-related initiatives (either ongoing or proposed) 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, see [australiaawards.gov.au](http://australiaawards.gov.au).

## Who can enter?

1. SAELA is open to any national (individual or organisation) of a SEAMEO Member Country: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.
2. Entrants must be at least 18 years old.
3. Staff members of the SEAMEO Secretariat, SEAMEO Regional Centres and their employees and families are not qualified to compete for this Award.
4. By submitting an entry, the entrant gives SEAMEO Secretariat and the Australian Government permission to use the information submitted including photos and other media for publication and publicity purposes.

## How to enter?

1. Entry is by an **Online Entry Form** at <http://www.seameo.org/go/saela4>.
2. Follow closely the instructions in the online entry form.
3. Entrants are encouraged to use social media platforms like blogs, Facebook page, or YouTube video to document and promote their projects or proposals.
4. A confirmation email will be sent to entrant's registered email address immediately after submission. Formal acknowledgement email for the receipt of your entry will also be sent by SEAMEO Secretariat.
5. The online entry form allows for editing and update, and can be done before the deadline.
6. The deadline for submission of entries is at **23.59 hrs, 31 May 2017 (+7 UTC)**.

## Assessment Criteria and Selection Process

1. SAELA Evaluation Committee consists of experts from Southeast Asia and representatives from SEAMEO Secretariat, SEAMEO Centres, the Australian Government, SEAMEO's partner organisations like UNESCO, and other relevant bodies with expertise in educational fields.
2. The evaluation will be based on the merit of the proposal as indicated by:
  - Innovation, practicability and originality
  - Scope for replication and expansion
  - Value for money and sustainability

- 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. Winner will receive a grant of AUD\$10,000 to support activities of the winning project.
2. Entrants must specify proposed use of the grant in the entry form. It can be for participation in conferences; delivery of training courses; academic exchange programs; cooperation between education institutions; internship programme; expansion of an existing project; purchase of project-related materials and equipment; or other related activities.
3. Winner is expected to submit a report to SEAMEO after the conclusion of the Project, including information on how the grant money was used.
4. Winner will be honoured and receive the grant and Plaque of Recognition at the 49<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Council Conference, 24 – 26 July 2017 in Indonesia. A round-trip economy air ticket from his/her home country will be provided, including pre-determined accommodation and stipend.
5. For a winning entry by a group or organization, only one representative will be invited to the Awarding Ceremony.
6. Winner will be notified by the SEAMEO Secretariat. Information on the awarding ceremony and winner's attendance will be provided.
7. SAELA Rules and Regulations are subject to modification or amendment without prior notice by the Organisers.

## Timeline for SAELA4



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