RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS FROM THE EU CENTRE

The European Union Centre (EU Centre) in Singapore announces the launch of the EUC Research Grant for Faculty and Researchers and the EUC Post-graduate Student Award.

The EU Centre is a joint partnership of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Established in mid-2008 with financial support from the European Commission, the Centre’s primary mission is to promote knowledge and understanding of the EU through support for EU-focused education, research and outreach activities.

Under an extension of the Grant from the European Commission with additional funding for 2011-2012, the EU Centre in Singapore is pleased to create the EUC’s new Research Grant and Award for academics, researchers and post-graduate students based in Southeast Asia interested in the study and research on the European Union.

The EUC Research Grant (for Faculty and Researchers)

The main objectives of the EUC Research Grant are:

- To promote more awareness and understanding of concrete cooperation between the European Union (EU) and Southeast Asia;
- To help develop expertise in Southeast Asia on the European Union;
- To promote more evidence-based policy research;
- To encourage research collaboration with EU counterparts.

Research Grants of up to €5000 each will be awarded on a competitive basis to those who meet high standards of academic excellence. Significant consideration will be given to the proposal’s contribution to the EU Centre’s priorities of raising knowledge and understanding of the European Union (EU).

Research should address at least one of the following:

- Issues and questions related to EU-ASEAN / EU-Southeast Asian countries’ cooperation
- Policy challenges and opportunities facing the EU with relevance / implications for Singapore / Asia
- Evolving role of the EU as a global actor with respect specifically on its significance and implications for Singapore and the region
- Evaluation and assessment of specific EU policies in Asia or Southeast Asia as a region or in specific Southeast Asian country

Proposals that do not directly address the EU itself must compare the experience of more than 2 EU member states.

Grantees will be expected to demonstrate the results of their research in the following ways:

- Give a presentation / research seminar at NUS or NTU to share research findings; and
- Submit a working paper to be published by the EU Centre or an article for publication in journal / book that acknowledges the funding from the EU Centre in Singapore.
The EUC Postgraduate Student’s Award

The main objectives of the EUC Award for Postgraduate Students are:

- To encourage post-graduate students to undertake research that has a distinct EU-dimension (on EU institutions, policies, case studies from the EU);
- To help develop expertise in Southeast Asia on the EU;
- To build research capacity and encourage academic and research excellence.

The Award of up to €4000 each can be used to support the following:

- Research Fieldwork (e.g., travel to conduct interviews or access data and sources not readily accessible in home universities);
- Attendance of relevant conferences (combined with research fieldwork);
- Research stipend for up to 4 weeks at the EU Centre / NUS or NTU;
- Tuition fees for course modules related to field of research in EU member states;
- Fees for specific courses relevant to research training.

Applicants must submit a proposal of their research thesis or dissertation and a detailed breakdown of how they intend to use the funding.

Students awarded the funding will be expected to deliver a working paper on their research or a report on the conference or course / modules they took. They should also acknowledge the funding support from the EU Centre in their dissertations / research thesis.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The EUC Research Grant and Postgraduate Student Award will be opened for applications on 15 January 2011.

Details on the application for the Research Grant and Student Award will be available on the EU Centre’s website: www.eucentre.sg from 15 January 2011.

In applying for the funding, please follow closely the instructions given on the website.