



Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization
and the Government of Canada

Information Note

2018/2019 SEAMEO - JASPER Research Award

Theme: Overcoming Barriers to Inclusion





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Background

The SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award was established in 1990 with the support of the Government of Canada as a way of recognizing exemplary research conducted by Southeast Asian nationals in the region. The yearly award aims to encourage young scholars to pursue research on a relevant theme on social development in Southeast Asia and to facilitate continued interaction and knowledge-sharing among Southeast Asian and Canadian researchers.

The Theme for 2018/9 SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award

The theme for 2018/9 SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award is *Overcoming Barriers to Inclusion*.

Since 2015, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education has approved of SEAMEO Education Agenda to direct the countries and SEAMEO units in the region to focus the development schemes in some or all of the seven priority areas namely, 1) Early childhood care and education, 2) Addressing barriers to inclusion, 3) Resiliency in the face of emergencies, 4) Promoting technical and vocational education and training, 5) Revitalising teacher education, 6) Promoting harmonization in higher education and research, and 7) Adopting a 21st century curriculum. From then on, there have been programmes and activities implemented by the ministries as well as SEAMEO Secretariat and Centres according to the priority areas. Several programmes are also undertaken with partners and agencies who have mutual interest and aim.

Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy seeks to eradicate poverty and build a more peaceful, more inclusive and more prosperous world. Canada firmly believes that promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls is the most effective approach to achieving this goal. A feminist approach does not limit the focus of efforts to women and girls; rather, it is the most effective way to fight the root causes of poverty that can affect everyone: inequality and exclusion. Given this inclusive approach is one of Canada’s key Development priorities, the SEAMEO Secretariat and Canada Embassy in Bangkok deliberately considered and consensually concurred to have Priority #2 as a fundamental concept to the 2018/9 SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award. This round’s SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award recognizes research studies that investigate how education, science and culture can help overcome barriers to inclusive education for marginalised groups. The Award distinguishes studies that explore concepts, traditional or innovative models and best practices on academic and research in promoting inclusive education in Southeast Asia. Likewise, research studies may include investigations or documented cases on policies and practical strategies toward inclusive education.

Thematic Strands

Research studies may cover one or more areas in overcoming barriers to inclusive education, defined by UNESCO Bangkok Office, as follows.

- Physical access and learning environment
- Curriculum and Assessment
- Teacher training and support
- Community involvement
- Family involvement
- National and local policies
- Economic issues related to education

Eligible Applicants

1. A national of a SEAMEO Member Country*;
2. Holder of a master's or doctorate degree;
3. Not more than 55 years of age at the time of application;
4. Not currently associated with or employed by any of the SEAMEO Centres/Network or SEAMEO Secretariat;
5. Not previously received any awards organised by SEAMEO Secretariat;
6. For studies/projects conducted by a team of researchers, only one author will be eligible for nomination. The submission should include a written note from the co-author(s) waiving any claim to the award, in case the research is selected; and a statement indicating the nominee's level of responsibility (in percentage) for the research work; and
7. Physically fit to travel; certification by a competent physician may be requested before travelling.

*SEAMEO Member Countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam.

Eligible Research Entries

1. The research must be a completed research study/project conducted in Southeast Asia (*covering one country or more in the Southeast Asia region*) relating to the identified theme for the year.
2. The research must have been completed within the past three years.
3. All submissions, including photo captions and other materials, must be in English.
4. All research entries conducted for graduate/post-graduate theses or doctoral dissertations will not be accepted.
5. Research entries from previous winners of SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award and other SEAMEO Awards will not be accepted.
6. A research entry should comprise:
 - I. 20-page summary of the research paper;
 - II. one-page abstract of the research paper; and
 - III. Complete research paper.
7. Research entry should have the following essential sections:
 - I. Introduction (including rationale, statement of the problem, research objectives);
 - II. Methodology;
 - III. Results and Discussions;
 - IV. Conclusions and Recommendations;
 - V. References; and
 - VI. Appendices.
8. Non-winning research entries may be selected to be featured in SEAMEO's Southeast Asian Journal of Education, subject to permission/approval from the author.

Award Selection Process

This year the selection will be comprised of two stages:

1. Review

Officials of SEAMEO will be convened to review the submitted entries. Only shortlisted papers that pass this primary process will be submitted to experts' review.

2. Selection

A Selection Committee composed of representatives from relevant international organizations, experts in the field covered by the theme who shall conduct the final review of the qualified paper. Selection will be based on the quality of the research report, its relevance to the theme and to improving education in Southeast Asia and its potential for promoting better understanding between Canada and Southeast Asia.

Benefits to SEAMEO-Jasper Research Awardee

1. The winner of the SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award will be awarded a Plaque of Recognition at the SEAMEO High Officials Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.
2. The SEAMEO-Jasper Research Award winner will receive a travel fellowship to Canada or to any two (2) of the SEAMEO Member Countries to disseminate the results of winning research to Canada embassies in Southeast Asia/relevant education/research institutions.

The fellowship includes 8-day travel expenses** to Canada/Southeast Asian countries (inclusive of travel time). However, the fellow must be responsible for expenses related to immigration such as passport and visa which occur prior to the visit. The fellowship will include assistance by the SEAMEO Secretariat in travel and meeting arrangements. The fellowship visit shall be done within twelve months from the date of the winner announcement.

**The travel expenses to be provided refer to an economy-class round-trip air ticket, accommodation and per diem (SEAMEO rate).

Submission of Research Entries

Candidates are expected to submit one set of hard copy and one set of electronic file of the following:

1. Completed application form ([Download the form here](#))
2. A 20-page summary of the research paper (including rationale statement of the problem, objectives, methodology, results and discussions, conclusions and recommendations; and references/appendices);
3. A one-page abstract of the research paper; and
4. Complete research paper.

Hard copy and electronic submissions must reach the SEAMEO Secretariat on or before **31 August 2018.**

The research submissions should be clearly marked and addressed to:

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