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Research and Project Development Division

Seed Research Fund in support of the School's Asia Strategy

Background

Work on the LSE Asia Strategy began in 2003. The Strategy forms part of a wider international strategy which has at its core alliances and partnerships as a means of broadening research and teaching offerings, enhancing our international reputation and sharing costs and risks while so doing. The School's multi-faceted relationship with Columbia University is one example of this approach.

Aim

To enable faculty to undertake collaborative research projects relevant to the Asia Strategy, and by so doing, to create or develop intellectual connections that may lead to longer-term, larger-scale, funded work. While the Strategy's immediate priorities may be assumed to be China and India, bids focused on other Asian regions are also encouraged.

Description

From an initial GAIN-funded allocation of £30,000 in each of Fys 2005-06 and 2006-07, the School will provide small seed grants of up to £6,000 to develop collaborative research projects to the point where teams can seek external funding to support their work. Applicants should already have identified their collaborative partner(s) in the partner institution and have a potential research project in mind.

Procedures

Applicants will submit a brief outline of the proposed project (4-6 pages) to Gus Stewart, Director, Research and Project Development Division.

The proposal will identify:

- Members of the research project team at LSE

- Members of the research project team at the partner institution
- A brief description of the proposed research, together with an outline budget by line-item

- Potential funding bodies where these have already been identified: early advice from RPDD is strongly recommended
- Timescale for putting together the collaborative project
- Approximate expected timescale for the research project

.Proposals for seed grants will be assessed initially by the LSE Asia Advisory Group and recommendations for funding support will be forwarded for final decision to Research Committee.

Colleagues should submit applications for support to the Research and Project Development Division by 1 October and 1 April.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications at the earliest possible date following the deliberations of the Asia Advisory Group and Research Committee.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide a brief summary report on the outcomes of their collaborative efforts. The report will summarize outcomes, such as formal funding applications planned or made, further work proposed to refine the potential project, problems encountered or reasons for taking the venture no further. The report will be submitted to both the Asia Advisory Group for endorsement and will subsequently be received for information by Research Committee.

Eligibility

All academic staff at LSE are eligible to apply for research support through this programme. In reviewing proposals, the Asia Advisory Group and Research Committee will look for evidence that applicants have identified an achievable research project, with suitable collaborative partner(s) and the potential for securing external funding within a realistic timeframe. Co-funding from an Asian partner institution, while not a requirement, is welcomed.

Further information

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