

Prepared by ESEAP Programme Officer (as at April 2022)
With inputs from ESEAP Funds Committee

Objective: This document serves as a supplement to the regional funds committee [recruitment page](#) by providing more information about the East Southeast Asia Pacific funds committee; the skill sets we are looking for and how to apply

What's this about?

The ESEAP Funds Committee was officially formed in August 2021, after an open call for applications (also on [Diff](#)). This was in line with the regional participatory grantmaking approach adopted as part of the [2020/2021 grants strategy relaunch](#).

To date, the ESEAP fund committee comprises 5 members with 4 members from East Southeast Asia region and 1 member from East Asia region ([more details on committee members](#)).

Since inception, the ESEAP funds committee members have:

- Completed 30 hours of learning to build shared knowledge on the history of grantmaking, regional opportunities and explored equity, diversity and inclusion principles within the movement;
- Collectively reviewed, evaluated grant proposals and participated in the decision making process for the Wikimedia Community, Alliances and Research Fund programmes;
- Provided feedback and reflected on the learnings from inaugural round of grantmaking

Regional Funds committee members also have the option to be part of the Peer Learning Working and Advisory Group of the "[Let's Connect](#)" programme with the intent to provide [support beyond funding](#).

Who is missing?

We look to double the size of the ESEAP Funds Committee and welcome applicants with wide ranging skill sets or experiences to join us (see also [eligibility](#)). These could include

- experiences in thematic areas such as culture and heritage, gender, advocacy or climate change in the region
- New users or experienced contributors within the open knowledge ecosystem

We value diversity and encourage

- young people (aged 18 and above), women, indigenous people, ethnic, cultural, gender minorities to apply

How can I make a difference?

- As a Funds Committee member, you will learn about the open knowledge ecosystem in up to 31 countries in ESEAP through reviewing proposals, participating in deliberation discussions and making funding decisions

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- With a total of 7 regional funds committees covering the global movement, there will be multiple opportunities for reflection, sharing and learning from other regional funds committees.
- Your impact can be assessed through understanding the key learning questions and metrics tracked at a project, region and global level
- If English is not your working language, translation and interpretation support can be made available

What can I offer?

We value your time, lived experience, curiosity and your voice.

There are generally two open grant calls per year around March/April and September/October for the ESEAP region. During these peak periods, you may spend on average 10 hours reviewing proposals and participating in deliberation calls. In a regular month, time investment would be 1-2 hours for learning journeys, committee check-ins etc.

To see, hear, observe, learn about the impact that the grants are making takes time, which is why this is a 2-year commitment.

I'm interested. What's next?

For interested applicants, please get in touch with ESEAP Senior Programme Officer (Jacqueline Chen; jchen@wikimedia.org) to share your intent and statement of interest. **The deadline for application is 31 May 2022.** We are accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis and are encouraging early submissions.

Statement of Interest

- Tell us about yourself and why you want to join the ESEAP Funds Committee. Please consider responding to some of the questions below, but it is not necessary to respond to all of them in your application. Please keep your statement under 500 words.
 - Current participation in the Wikimedia movement or the Free Knowledge Ecosystem
 - How do you think you could contribute towards building the committees' role and ways of working?
 - What would you do to make decision making more participatory?
 - What would you do so grantmaking can have a greater impact?
 - Why do you think the committee needs someone like you?

Additional Resources

- [Grants meta page](#) - Overview of all grant funding programmes
- [ESEAP grants page](#) - Information on grant cycles and status of grant applications
- Related Diff post: [Community Resources announces new funding strategy](#); [Announcing Regional Fund Committee Members](#); [Launch of Wikimedia Alliances Fund](#); [Launch of Wikimedia Research Fund](#); [Round 2 grant call schedule](#)
- Let's Connect Programme - [Register for peer learning programme](#)