

GUIDELINES FOR 2016 AUSTRALIAN STUDIES IN CHINA PROGRAM (2016 ASP)

AUSTRALIA CHINA COUNCIL (ACC) AND FOUNDATION FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES IN CHINA (FASIC)

The ACC is a body under the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The ACC has been supporting Australian Studies in China for decades through a variety of initiatives. In 2011, the ACC supported the creation of FASIC as an independent not-for-profit organisation registered in Australia. FASIC has the ability to raise funds from the private sector to support initiatives which deepen awareness of Australia in China across a range of disciplines and fields of study, including Australian Studies in China. FASIC initiated and supports the BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University and has provided funding to Australian Studies programs throughout China. The ACC and FASIC play a significant role in the promotion of Australian Studies in China and seek to further expand and strengthen research and teaching collaboration between Australian and Chinese universities. FASIC, with the support of the ACC, also provides grants and scholarships to Australian and Chinese academics and professionals.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

FASIC has assumed responsibility for the administration of ASP, which was previously administered for the ACC by the University of Queensland under the leadership by Professor David Carter. Funding for the ASP was historically provided by the ACC, while in recent years, FASIC has assumed the primary funding role. The Australia China Council will continue to provide significant funding to the ASP. In order to help shape the future of the ASP, FASIC formed an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) to recommend changes to the program in order to better serve all stakeholders.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

Based on the recommendations of the AAC, the 2016 ASP will focus on three categories of activities, outlined below, as well as an Australian Studies Journal.

1. CATEGORY 1: COMPETITIVE PROJECTS FOR RESEARCH AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

(a) GUIDELINES

The Program seeks to encourage high quality, original research by Chinese academics and graduate students and to support the teaching of Australian Studies in Chinese universities. The Research and Curriculum Developments grants scheme is available to individuals or collaborative teams for specific projects to be undertaken in the forthcoming year.

Research: the Research and Curriculum Development grants are open to graduate students as well as academic staff. At least half of the annual funding is reserved for projects which include research in Australia. Applicants need to demonstrate how their research will contribute new knowledge to the Australian Studies field in China and engage with existing scholarship.

Curriculum Development: a small amount of funding is reserved to provide assistance to develop new courses and programs in Australian Studies or add new Australian content to existing courses in Chinese universities. Applicants need to demonstrate that facilities are in place for the new course/program to be implemented in their school/department.

Requests for purchasing resources (books and other research or teaching materials) can be included in applications. These requests must be linked to a specific research project or curriculum development initiative. All books and other resources purchased with grant money should be given to the relevant Australian Studies Centre once the project is completed.

Successful applications will be granted with up to AU\$6,000 each. Centres can also bid for building a small collection or 'library' in a centre with priority areas for teaching/research needs. Funded up to AU\$1,000.

(b) APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE PROJECTS FOR RESEARCH AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	
Applicant	
Name	
Title and highest qualification	
Centre affiliation	
Institution	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
Main aims, description and timeline of the project (maximum of 400 words)	
Description of requests for purchasing resources if any (maximum of 200 words)	
Proposed budget and other financial support if any (breakdown required)	
Attachments (such as letters of support, programs, agreements, proposals related to the project)	
<p>Declaration by applicant/s</p> <p>In submitting this application I/we declare that the proposed activity meets FASIC's requirements and that I/we have sought approval from any partners involved.</p> <p>I/we declare that the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my/our ability.</p> <p>Applicant 1</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Applicant 2 (if applicable)</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	

2. CATEGORY 2: COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES CENTRES

(a) GUIDELINES

China now has a large number of well-established and very capable Australian Studies Centres which teach and conduct research across a wide range of disciplines. The purpose of this new fund is to support collaborative initiatives between Australian Studies Centres in China. While applications from single Centres may be considered, preference will be given to collaborative projects involving more than one Australian Studies Centre. Such projects may include conferences, workshops, post-graduate training programs, high profile public events, significant translation projects, high profile events and competitions or the creation of new teaching resources, or other initiatives which advance Australian Studies in China. To be considered eligible for this fund, a centre must be registered with the Chinese Australia Studies Association.

Australian Studies Journal. The proposal is to establish a high-quality leading journal for Chinese scholars and students to publish their papers on Australian Studies. Preference would be for it to be hosted by an institution in China in collaboration with Australian Studies Association. Continuity in quality control is desired – minimum undertaking by the chosen host institution should be 3 years. The journal may have an online platform to allow quicker online access for a larger number of papers such as the ones from the conferences.

Centres can also bid for the production of a hard copy publication related to the biennial conference under this category.

Successful applications will be granted with up to AU\$10,000 each.

(b) APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES CENTRES	
Applicant 1	
Name	
Title and highest qualification	
Centre Affiliation	
Institution	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
Applicant 2	
Name	
Title and highest qualification	
Centre Affiliation	
Institution	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
Main Aims and description of the project (maximum of 300 words)	
Prior experience of applicants (indicating project leader and team's ability to successfully compete the project, maximum of 300 words)	
Expected outcomes and timeline for project completion (200 words)	

Proposed budget and other financial support if any (breakdown required)
Administering Institution, include bank details of where grant money would be sent
Attachments (such as letters of support, programs, agreements, proposals related to the project)
<p>Declaration by applicant/s</p> <p>In submitting this application I/we declare that the proposed activity meets FASIC's requirements and that I/we have sought approval from any partners involved.</p> <p>I/we declare that the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my/our ability.</p> <p>Applicant 1</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Applicant 2 (if applicable)</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>

3. CATEGORY 3: INTERNAL TRAVEL GRANTS

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This program is to facilitate visits between centres in China for collaborations within/involving ASC network and/or to consult resources held in other centres or university libraries.

This is for post grad and early career academics and the focus should be research and/or curriculum development.

Successful applications will be granted with up to AU\$1,500 each. It is recommended that a small amount out of the grant (e.g. \$300) to be paid by the successful applicant to their host institution.

(b) APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL GRANTS	
Applicant	
Name	

Title and highest qualification	
Centre affiliation	
Institution	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
Hosting institution	
Contact details at the hosting institution	
Main aims, description and timeline of the visit (maximum of 400 words)	
Status of the agreement with the hosting institution (Agreement should be attached to the application if available)	
Proposed budget and other financial support if any (breakdown required)	
Attachments (such as letters of support, programs, agreements, proposals related to the project)	
<p>Declaration by applicant/s</p> <p>In submitting this application I/we declare that the proposed activity meets FASIC's requirements and that I/we have sought approval from any partners involved.</p> <p>I/we declare that the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my/our ability.</p> <p>Applicant 1</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Applicant 2 (if applicable)</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	

HOW TO APPLY

Interested parties should follow the guidelines and complete an application form corresponding to the category of the applying grant (word version of the forms downloadable on fasic.org.au). Applications materials should be sent to: apply@fasic.org.au, with the email subject being "2016 ASP Application". Applicants must submit their applications by Monday, 14 November 2016. The successful applicants will be informed of the funding decision in December 2016. All successful applicants must enter into a funding agreement with FASIC to be receive the grant. FASIC reserves the right to make final decisions as to the payment method and timing.

OBLIGATIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant recipients must at all times:

- Act in a thorough, professional and competent manner;
- In a manner consistent with the good name, goodwill and reputation of the ASP, Australia China Council and FASIC; and
- In compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Grant recipients must not:

- Do any act which brings the ASP, Australia China Council or FASIC into disrepute; or
- Act in a way which will result in the ASP, Australia China Council or FASIC suffering a material deterioration of its public image for whatever cause.

ACQUITTAL AND REPORTING

Grant recipients must fully acquit their funding, and return any unspent funds to FASIC, within 30 days of the conclusion of the funded activity. The acquittal should include the original budget as submitted to the program, as well as the final spending.

Grant recipients should also, within 30 days, provide a report of no more than 500 words, describing the event, outcomes, next steps and any media coverage, if relevant.