

EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package - Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE)

Opportunity Brief: Grants for ASEAN-EU Higher Education Institution clusters fostering academic connectivity.

The EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package - Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE) Academic Connectivity Grant supports the sustainable promotion of research, research management structures, teaching, and higher education, as well as strengthening the ties between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the European Union (EU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Background:

This funding is made available by the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE), which is funded by the European Union and aims to enhance exchange and connectivity in higher education, research, and technical vocational education and training (TVET). This programme is implemented by the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education (Nuffic) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The SCOPE-HE Academic Connectivity Grant is open to HEIs from member states of ASEAN and the EU that will coordinate a cluster of four to six institutions and jointly design and implement cross-regional academic connectivity activities (such as—but not limited to—: researchers, academic staff, and PhD students' mobility; curriculum revision; networking events; publications). Three focus areas have been defined: Green Transition, Digital Transformation, and Blue Economy.

Funding details:

Number of available grants	3
Maximum amount per grantⁱ	545,000 €
Funding periodⁱⁱ	January 2025 to December 2027
Focus areas	Green Transition, Digital Transformation, Blue Economy

Who can apply:

HEIs from member states of ASEAN and the EU with prior track record of academic cooperation with multiple associates based in Europe and/or Southeast Asia.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applying HEIs are expected to:

- Establish a cluster of four to six HEIs (minimum of two institutions each from ASEAN and the EU);
- Lead the cluster and coordinate the implementation of all activities throughout the funding period;
- Select one focus area that the cluster aims to address (only one key area can be selected, one HEI can send one application per focus area);
- Provide a track record of past collaborations with at least one of the cluster members.

The Grants can be used to support the implementation of the following activitiesⁱⁱⁱ:

- Conducting research that is relevant to the selected focus area;
- Development and revision of teaching/learning materials;
- Organisation of workshops and academic meetings;
- Carrying out further and advanced training;
- Implementation of project-related stays and mobilities (research, specialised course/workshop, summer schools, internship, study, teaching);
- Realisation of target group-oriented public relations work.

Application and selection process:

Applying HEIs are expected to respond to the Call for Applications published by DAAD and provide all required documents requested in the terms of reference. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of academics and experts from ASEAN and the EU.

Indicative Timeline	
Call for Applications:	August 2024
Information Session for Applicants:	September 2024
Deadline for Applications:	October 2024
Selection Process:	November – December 2024
Notification of selected HEI Clusters:	January 2025

Additional information:

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More information about SCOPE-HE can be found [here](#). For enquiries about SCOPE-HE, please contact Ms. Inty Dienasari (Communication Manager) via email: idienasari@nuffic.nl.

We encourage all eligible institutions to apply to this exciting opportunity to strengthen academic connectivity and contribute to impactful scientific collaboration in ASEAN and the EU.

ⁱ Applying HEI Clusters can receive up to 545,000 € within the overall funding period.

ⁱⁱ These are estimate dates.

ⁱⁱⁱ This list is not exhaustive, more information is available in the call for applications.