



Call for Applications: SUNY/CUNY Southeast Asia Consortium (SEAC) Workshop and Field School, 2025-26

SUNY/CUNY Southeast Asia Consortium (SEAC) is an initiative to support the study of Southeast Asia, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. As part of this initiative, we invite applications from faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students for the SUNY/CUNY SEAC Workshop and Field School in **Vietnam and Cambodia**, in **January 2026**.

Submission Open from May 15 to August 15, 2025 (5:00 PM ET)

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Core research agenda

This academic year (2025-26), our theme is **“Climate Change, Sustainability and Geography.”**

Papers for the workshop may address any areas within the theme, from any disciplinary perspective (Paper presentations are optional for undergraduate student attendees). Topics may include climate change, geography, and environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainability in Southeast Asia. They may also include contributing factors, challenges, adaptation and mitigation strategies, policies and practices in Southeast Asian countries.

For the field school, participants will explore local sites, populations, efforts, ideas and practices utilizing innovative methods to examine geography, climate change, and sustainability from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Eligibility

Faculty (including temporary, non-tenure track, tenure track, and tenured), graduate students (PhD, MA, and other), and undergraduate students at SUNY and CUNY enrolled in any discipline of study who are engaged in research or studies related to this year's theme are eligible to apply.

Approximately ten (10) participants will be selected.

Responsibilities

Selected **faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students** will participate in:

- a 1-credit online-synchronous course in Fall 2025 taught by the lead faculty (can also audit for 0 credit)
- a 3-day workshop and a 7-day field school in January 2026 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Siem Reap, Cambodia (Workshop and Field School will be joined by faculty and students from local institutions)

*For selected faculty who wish to leave earlier than the ten-day duration of the program, they must indicate so in their applications and provide reasons with supporting documentation.

All major expenses, including economy airfare and accommodation, will be covered by SEAC.

How to Apply

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Faculty and graduate students:

1. Statement of interest in the SUNY/CUNY SEAC Workshop and Field School and this year's core research agenda (300-500 words)
2. A paper abstract for consideration for the workshop (300-500 words)
3. A resume or curriculum vitae (2-5 pages)
4. For graduate students, a digital copy of recent academic transcripts from SUNY/CUNY
5. A completed application form (see download link)

Undergraduate students:

1. Statement of interest in the SUNY/CUNY SEAC Fellowship and this year's core research agenda (300-500 words)
2. Optional: A paper abstract for consideration for the workshop (300-500 words)
3. A resume or curriculum vitae (2-5 pages)
4. A digital copy of recent academic transcripts from SUNY/CUNY
5. A completed application form (see download link)

NOTE: Get your application in EARLY. All materials should be packaged as a single PDF and submitted via email to SEAC@sunycunysoutheastasiaconsortium.org with the subject line "SUNY/CUNY SEAC 2025-26" by August 15, 2025, 5 pm ET. Selected applicants will be notified no later than August 29, 2025.

Inquiries about the application and admission process may be submitted to SEAC@sunycunysoutheastasiaconsortium.org

About SUNY/CUNY SEAC

The consortium aims to develop institutional infrastructure and robust connections across New York's public university systems—the 64-campus, 370,000-student State University of New York (SUNY) and 25-campus, 270,000-student City University of New York (CUNY)—with the wider New York public and policy community, and with counterparts in Southeast Asia.

For four years, SUNY/CUNY SEAC will delve into one interdisciplinary theme, through curricular, research, and public-outreach components. Centerpiece initiatives each year align with a signature theme related to Southeast Asian and diasporic polities, cultures, landscapes, and communities. Each highlights an area in which SUNY and CUNY have expertise, while maximizing interdisciplinary reach, encouraging innovative research, and fostering connections between Southeast Asian and diasporic studies.

Lead Faculty and Facilitators

Dr. Michitake Aso (University at Albany, SUNY)

Dr. Peter Marcotullio (Hunter College, CUNY)

Dr. Vida Vanchan (Buffalo State University, SUNY)

For more information and regular updates, please visit <https://www.sunycunysoutheastasiaconsortium.org/>

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