



Aus4Skills

Pre-application Training Workshops

Small Grants Fund Round 2-2018

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Introduction Small Grants Fund (SGF)

- An element of the Alumni Engagement Strategy and Plan
- Administered by Aus4Skills
- 2017: Round 1
- 2018: Round 2. First time adopting **SmartyGrants** online system



SMALL GRANTS FUND ROUND 1



53

Successful Applications
(105 Submitted Applications)

AUD
493,000



Australian Government Funding

ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

109



ACTIVITY CATEGORIES



TYPE OF ALUMNI

- Australia Awards Scholarships **92**
- 4 Endeavour Scholarships
- Vietnamese Government Scholarships **8**
- 5 Self-funded

PRIORITY SECTORS



Contribution to Aus4Skills Program Outcomes

Aus4Skills Program Outcomes:

Outcome 1

Male and female alumni use new skills and knowledge to make positive contributions to selected priority areas

Outcome 2

Stronger workplace enabling environments for skills utilisation in selected priority areas

Outcome 3

Australia and Vietnam have stronger, sustainable links in selected sectors/agencies

Contribution to Aus4Skills Program Outcomes

Selected priority areas/sectors

- Governance and Economic Growth
- Transport
- Water and Sanitation
- Education
- Gender Equality
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Regional Stability and Human Rights
- Disability
- Climate Change

Eligible Activities

Category

1. Development and conduct of a training course, workshop, seminar or conference

2. Applied Research

3. Organizational and Institutional Change



Proposals merely to attend one of the above are not eligible.

This category may include presentation of papers or posters of which an alumnus is a lead author at Australian industry or academic fora.

This category includes scope for innovative activities promoting organisational and institutional change (that are not covered under the first two categories), especially activities which improve the workplace enabling environment, in particular for women.



Applicant Eligibility

Alumni:

1. Australia Awards Scholarships and Fellowships
Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships
ACIAR Scholarships
2. Vietnamese Government Scholarships
3. Self-funded or other source of scholarship AND have completed post-graduate studies at an Australian institution (Up to 10% of the SGF funds each funding round)
4. Professional Groups established under the Australian Alumni in Vietnam Strategy

Applicant Eligibility

Some key additional conditions to be considered for a grant:

- Written in English
- Written and submitted by alumni
- Must not be named in more than one proposal in any single SGF round
- Must not have an ongoing or un-acquitted small grant
- Required to sign a Grant Agreement before a grant is awarded, which includes mandatory financial and progress reporting requirements
- Must provide evidence of Australian qualification if applicants studying in Australia were not funded under an Australia Award or Vietnamese Government scholarship

Funding and Accountability

Number of alumni applicants	Maximum grants
One or two alumni	VND 166 million
Three alumni	VND 249 million
4 alumni and more	VND 332 million
Australia Alumni Professional Groups established under the Australian Alumni in Vietnam Strategy	VND 332 million

Funding and Accountability

Grants will be disbursed by bank transfer in Vietnamese dong (VND). Grants usually are disbursed over several payments in response to Funds Requests received from grant awardees based on the following principles:

1. Up to 50% of total approved funds during the 1st disbursement, except for presentation at international conferences.
2. First disbursement of funding presentation at international conferences may be up to 80% of the approved budget.
3. Disbursement of the outstanding grants subject to approval of supporting documents for subsequent fund request forms

In special cases, the total grant amount may be given upfront in one disbursement as appropriately determined by Aus4Skills.

Zero Tolerance

policy on fraud



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Assessments

1. Strategic Purpose (20%) *(30% for conference presentations)*

- Problem/issue to be addressed
- Overall objective of the activity
- Specific outputs
- Contribution to one or more of the Aus4Skills program outcomes

Assessments

2. Gender, Disability and Social Inclusion (15%)

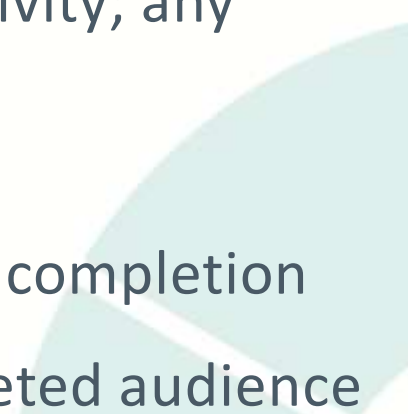
- Contribution to gender equality
- Benefit to people with disabilities and rural disadvantaged, including rural disadvantaged ethnic minority peoples



Assessments

3. Ownership and Sustainability (20%)

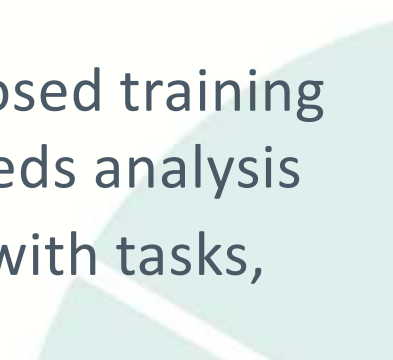
(30% for conference presentations)

- Links with your expertise and skills gained from Australian studies
 - Support from your organization or community/professional group, any commitment to apply the findings/outputs/lessons learnt from the activity; any supporting evidence
 - Sustainable benefits for your organization or community/professional group after activity completion
 - Dissemination of the outputs to a wide/targeted audience
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Assessments

4. Methodology and Work Plan (20%)

(0% for conference presentations)

- Methodology for delivering the activity to achieve desired outputs
 - Research activities: to what extent the research methodology has been reviewed and endorsed by an expert in the field, or relates to research methods used in published research studies
 - Training activities: how the need for the proposed training was identified and prioritized; any training needs analysis
 - Clear management and implementation plan with tasks, timeframe and person(s) responsible
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Assessments

5. Financial Investment and Risk Management (15%)

- Other support that will be obtained: both financial support and/or contributions in kind
- The least costly option and provide value for money
- Risks that may hinder the achievement of the activity objectives; how to manage these risks

6. Monitoring and Evaluation (10%)



After approval...

- ▶ **Small Grants Financial Management Briefings**

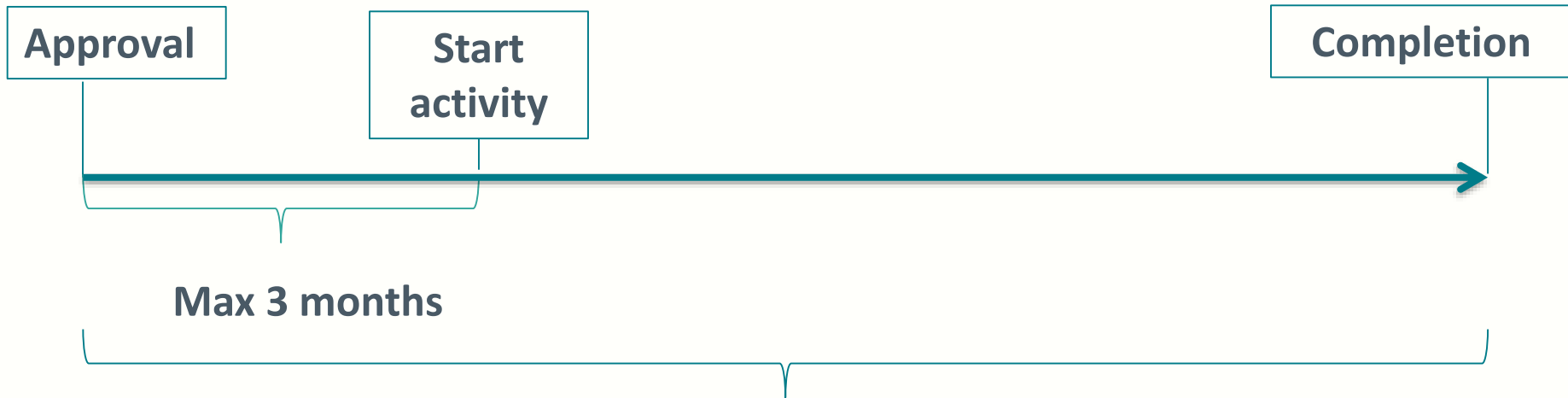
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- ▶ **Briefings by video**

For alumni in remote areas



Duration of Grants



Max 12 months

- ▶ Delays should be notified to Aus4Skills
- ▶ New start date within 6 months from approval
- ▶ Delays without valid justification could lead to grant withdrawal

Your efforts are recognized!

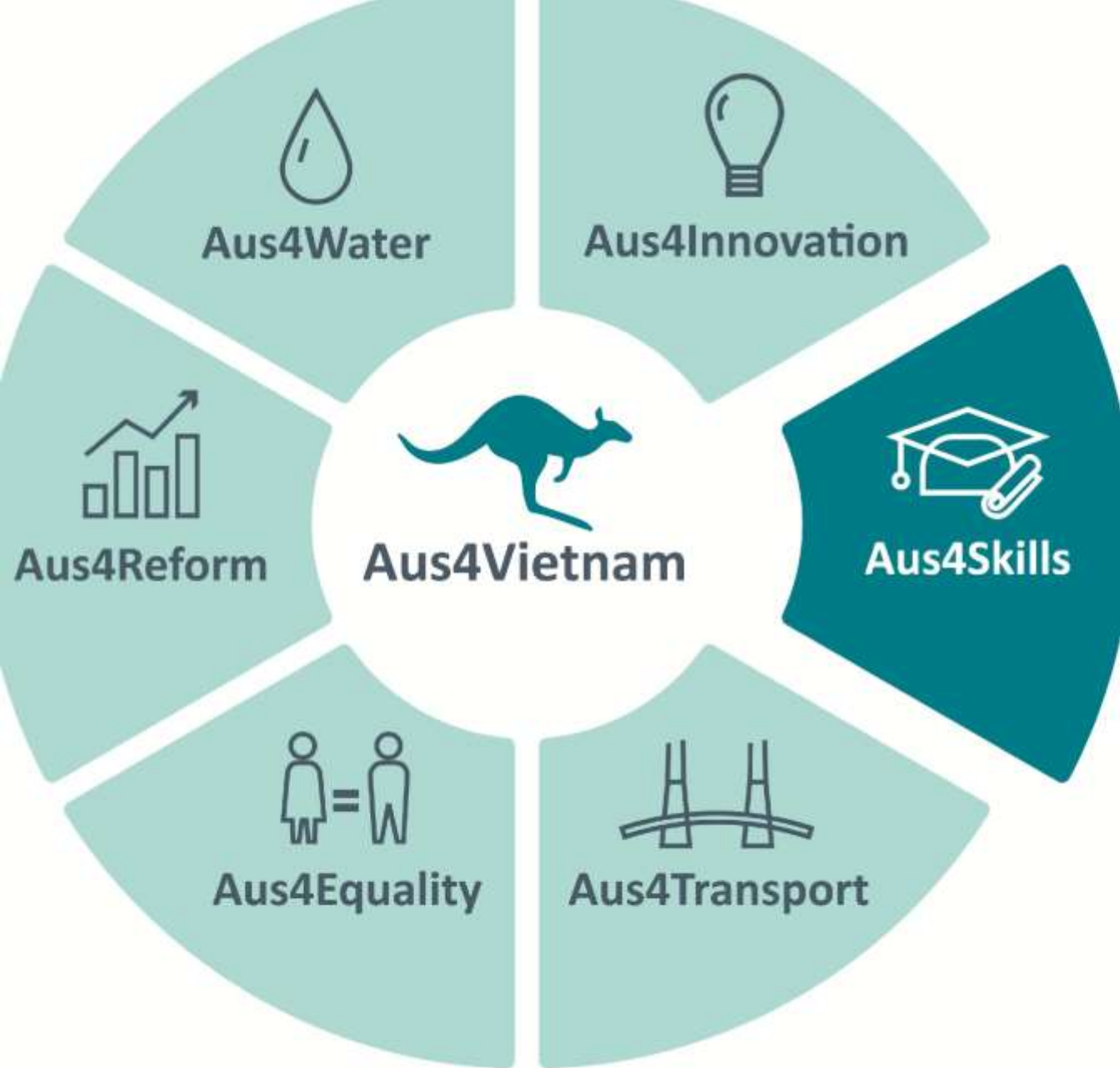
- ▶ Certificate of Grant Completion
- ▶ Successful SGF Projects



SmartyGrants Online Application

Online Application Form





Deadline

**31
May
2018**