

2018 Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Summit
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The Department of State received the following questions from one or more potential applicants. Please find a response below each question.

1. The Summit will be scheduled at a location mutually agreed upon by the Department of State and the recipient. Do you have a preferred venue – or a preferred section of Singapore – at which you would like the Summit to be held?
 - A combined conference space and hotel would be preferred. The summits involve long hours and many moving pieces, so it is best for all activities to be collocated. We do not have a preference on location.
2. Does the grant budget include the cost of the conference venue?
 - Yes, the proposed budget should include the venue's cost.
3. Regarding round-trip travel to Singapore: is the recipient expected to arrange air travel for each participant?
 - Yes, the recipient is expected to arrange air travel for each participant.
4. For purposes of budgeting travel, we would like to obtain clarification on what is meant by a three-day conference.
 - Please propose three full days of conference programming. Participants should arrive the day before the first full day of conference programming and depart the morning following the third full day of conference programming.
5. Regarding the small grants competition: Is there a targeted amount of money per grant? Approximately how many grants would be made?
 - The recipient should fit the small grant offering into the overall plan for the YSEALI Summit. For example, the proposed number of discrete activity categories may help determine the number of grants the recipient offers. A previous YSEALI event, in which 250 individuals took part, planned for 25 grants averaging \$500 each. Applicants need not follow this model, yet it does provide an example of how a past recipient implemented a small grants competition.
6. Regarding the small grants competition: Will the small grant competition be open to all participants (i.e., Southeast Asian YSEALI alumni, U.S. alumni of YSEALI reverse exchanges, and the non-YSEALI U.S. entrepreneurs and innovators)?
 - If applicants wish the small grant competition to be open to all participants, then please require that all small grant proposals contain a Southeast Asia component or focus.