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## MAPPING OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN ASIA MOBILITY FUNDING GUIDE

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Its main objectives are to make available online the existing information on funding that supports the international mobility of artists and cultural operators in Asia and to provide input to funders on how to fill in the existing funding gaps for international cultural exchange in Asia.

The guide follows the existing model of the *Guide to funding opportunities for the international mobility of artists and culture professionals in Europe*<sup>i</sup>, produced by the Foundation Interarts, On the Move and PRACTICS.

In this Asian edition, you can find funding opportunities by country in most artistic and cultural disciplines. The guide lists national resources when available, as well as regional and international sources of funding - be they public or private. Only regular opportunities accessible online are listed. Not included are: funds for which information is only available offline, funds that are not based on open calls, and ad hoc or short-term funding.

For a full overview of the methodology and scope of the research, please refer to the publication's *General Introduction*<sup>ii</sup>.

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## NATIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

### 1. GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

#### **1.1 National Arts Council Singapore**

##### *Grants and Schemes: Market and Audience Development*

**Description:** This grant supports activities to build audiences, patrons and supporters to complement artistic efforts both in Singapore and abroad. Besides the efforts of arts practitioners the Council recognises that arts intermediaries, such as galleries, presenters, impresarios, literary publishers etc., also play a role in bringing artists and artworks to audiences and markets. This grant supports such efforts that directly benefit Singapore artists, particularly in reaching new audiences and markets.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants; "go and see" or short-term exploration grants; market development grants; support for the participation of professionals in transnational networks; touring incentives for groups

**Sector:** Visual arts, performing arts, multi-disciplinary arts, literature

##### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Individuals and organisations (including not for profit and for profit)

**Other:** Grant open for applications six times a year

**Destination:** International (Singapore for international guests)

**Other priorities:** Application round six times a year. NAC also supports a Singaporean residency, Art Incubator which functions as a transnational network for residencies.

**Grant coverage:** Depends on the nature of the organisation (profit or not for profit). Maximum of SG\$ 70,000. Maximum of three travel grants a year.

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URL- <http://www.nac.gov.sg/grants-schemes/grants/market-and-audience-development>

#### **1.1 National Arts Council Singapore**

##### *International Artist Residency Programme*

**Description:** The International Residency programmes are part of the National Arts Council's on-going efforts to develop the capability of Singapore arts practitioners through their participation in relevant and established international residency platforms as well as to open up opportunities to nurture Singapore talents, address skills gaps in the current arts industry and facilitate subsequent knowledge transfer to benefit the Singapore arts community. The platforms also enable networking opportunities with international counterparts and provide Singapore artists with first-hand insights of the international arts world.

**Type of mobility:** Artists/writers in residencies

**Sectors:** Theatre, visual arts, literature

##### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Artists/art practitioners

**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** For the visual arts: Dena Foundation, Paris; Kunstlerhaus Bethanien Germany; for the theatre: La Mama Umbria International Residencies (three programmes), Ecole Philippe Gauthier and Suzuki Company of Toga Summer Training Programme; for the literary arts: Toji Cultural Centre Residency and IOWA International Writing Programme. Deadlines and conditions apply according to the residency schemes.

**Grant coverage:** Depends on the grants but travel and accommodation are always covered.

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URL- <http://www.nac.gov.sg/grants-schemes/schemes/international-artist-residency-programme>

## 1.2 National Heritage Board

### *Scholarship Scheme*

**Description:** The National Heritage Board (NHB) scholarship scheme provides financial assistance for promising talents in Singapore to pursue full-time undergraduate or postgraduate's studies in the fields of heritage and museum management or administration. The grant is awarded only once for the duration of the study and is non-renewable. Some of the areas of study allowed under the Scheme are: conservation, museum education, curatorial studies, general museum studies, art history, museum exhibition design, heritage studies, and archival studies.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses

**Sectors:** Cultural heritage, art history, cultural management

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** NA, but applicant's academic records and participation in extra-curricular activities will be taken into consideration among others

**Other:** Employees of the NHB are not allowed to apply.

**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** Upon successful completion of studies, the NHB scholar will be in the employment of NHB serving a three-year bond on a full-time basis.

**Grant coverage:** The grant covers 100% of study costs and is capped at a maximum of SG\$100,000.

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URL-

[http://www.nhb.gov.sg/NHBPortal/AboutUs/Scholarships?\\_afLoop=6503697717614072&\\_afWindowMode=0&\\_afWindowId=null-%40%3F\\_afWindowId=null%26\\_afLoop=6503697717614072%26\\_afWindowMode=0%26\\_adf.ctrl-state=15a2zhecqp\\_4](http://www.nhb.gov.sg/NHBPortal/AboutUs/Scholarships?_afLoop=6503697717614072&_afWindowMode=0&_afWindowId=null-%40%3F_afWindowId=null%26_afLoop=6503697717614072%26_afWindowMode=0%26_adf.ctrl-state=15a2zhecqp_4)

## 1.3 Media Development Authority

### *Marketing Assistance*

**Description:** The Media Development Authority (MDA) was formed on 1 January 2003 by the merger of the Singapore Broadcasting Authority, the Films and Publications Department and the Singapore Film Commission. This merger aimed to foster the development of a vibrant media sector in Singapore, nurture home-grown media enterprises, attract foreign direct investment and new jobs and encourage greater economic dynamism. *Marketing Assistance* aims to boost overseas demand for Singapore-produced content and to promote Singapore content produced from a range of Singapore media companies in targeted markets.

**Type of mobility:** Event participation grants, market development grants

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean and permanent resident

**Other:** Singapore-registered companies that are listed in the Media Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC Code).

**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** Applications are accepted throughout the year but to be sent at least eight weeks before the event.

**Grant coverage:** Marketing Assistance provides companies and individuals up to SG\$25,000 per applicant per calendar year.

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URL- <http://www.mda.gov.sg/Schemes/Pages/MarketingAssistance.aspx>

### 1.3 Media Development Authority

#### *Talent Assistance*

**Description:** *Talent Assistance* helps media professionals, both employees and freelancers, upgrade, improve their professional skills and secure work attachment opportunities. Media Development Authority (MDA) supports work attachment programmes with local or overseas media companies to help media professionals' gain hands-on training on projects for a period of 3 to 12 months. Apart from supporting studies overseas the MDA also has a programme called the *Enhanced Apprenticeship*.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses (Under MDA's scholarship schemes); "go and see" or short-term exploration grants (work placements)

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Film professionals and students (for the scholarships)

**Other:** For the work placement, apart from freelancers, Singapore-registered companies can apply (listed in the Media Singapore Standard Industrial Classification - SSIC Code)

**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** Applications are accepted throughout the year for talent assistance. For the scholarships, yearly applications are from January to March.

#### **Grant coverage:**

*Work Attachment-* MDA supports work attachment programmes with a local or overseas media companies to gain hands-on training on projects for a period of 3 to 12 months. Support of up to SG\$2,000 per month and up to SG\$3,000 is provided to cover return economy airfare and insurance.

*Training:* With effect from 1 July 2012, grants that support up to 90% of the course fees, capped at SG\$15,000 annually are available. For specialised media training available only overseas, MDA can provide support towards airfare and living expenses.

*Enhanced Apprenticeship:* For overseas attachment, support of up to SG\$3,800 allowance per month and up to SG\$3,000 for return economy airfare and insurance is available.

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URL- <http://www.mda.gov.sg/Schemes/Pages/TalentAssistance.aspx>

### 1.4 Design Singapore Council

#### *Overseas Promotion Partnership Programme (OPPP)*

**Description:** The *Overseas Promotion Partnership Programme (OPPP)* aims to enhance the international recognition of Singapore's design capabilities and competitiveness, consolidating Singapore's position as a global design city. It pursues its goal by funding participation in prestigious international design platforms so that emergent Singapore-based designers and design companies can market themselves and gain access to wider business opportunities in the global arena. It is meant for designers and design companies that have been selected to participate in prestigious international design platforms.

**Type of mobility** Event participation grants, market development grants

**Sector:** Design

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Emerging designer with good track record, emerging design companies



**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** The platform for which the applicants express an interest must have an international recognition. Applications to be sent two months before the event.

**Grant coverage:** 50% of the following participation costs, capped at SG\$25,000 (including airfare, accommodation, booth at the international event etc.)

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URL- [http://www.designsingapore.org/for\\_designers/grants/overseas\\_ppp.aspx](http://www.designsingapore.org/for_designers/grants/overseas_ppp.aspx)

## 1.4 Design Singapore Council

### *Capability Development Programme (Overseas Development Grant)*

**Description:** The *Capability Development Programme (CDP)* seeks to raise Singapore's level of design excellence and global competitiveness by providing funding support for short-term training for design students and designers. The *Overseas Development Grant* aims to enhance the international exposure, experience and networking of Singaporean design students and designers through overseas internships, attachments, workshops, school exchanges and other relevant programmes.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants (workshops); scholarships/postgraduate training courses (attachments, internships and school exchanges)

**Sector:** Design

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Students and designers

**Other:** Pursuing a design-related course at a recognised tertiary institution or with a practicing designer, prior invitation for admission into or in the process of applying for admission into a relevant programme. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted at least two months before the commencement of the training programme.

**Destination:** International

**Size of grants:** Each individual receives 50% of the following costs (up to max SG\$15,000 per year): official fees for the programme, airfare, accommodation and overseas subsistence allowance.

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URL: [http://www.designsingapore.org/for\\_designers/grants/design\\_cdp.aspx](http://www.designsingapore.org/for_designers/grants/design_cdp.aspx)

## 2. FOUNDATIONS

### 2.1 Singapore International Foundation

#### *Singapore Internationale*

**Description:** Singapore Internationale (SI) is the Singapore International Foundation's (SIF) arts scheme that supports the presentation of Singapore's creative works overseas. This grant is open to Singaporeans and permanent residents who present different facets of Singapore to an overseas audience through their talent and work in the arts and culture industries.

**Type of mobility:** Touring incentives for groups

**Sectors:** Performing arts, visual arts, architecture, design, art criticism, video making/new media, printmaking, sound art, literature, cross-disciplinary arts, cinema, culinary art

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Singaporean or permanent residents

**Profession:** Artists, art practitioners

**Other:** Individuals or groups can apply for the grant. Informal groups should nominate either an individual or should be affiliated to an organisation that can take legal and financial responsibility for

grant administration.

**Destination:** International

**Other priorities:** No support for the development of projects. The proposed work should be showcased overseas on one of the following platforms: exhibitions, performances, international festivals and events. Other platforms will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Grant coverage:** Each individual/group applicant is eligible for a grant amount of up to SG\$20,000, or typically up to 50% of the qualifying budget (whichever is the lower amount). Each individual/group applicant will be awarded a maximum of two successful grants every calendar year (January – December), according to the project dates.

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URL- [http://www.sif.org.sg/singapore\\_internationale.php](http://www.sif.org.sg/singapore_internationale.php)

## INTERNATIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

### 3. ORGANISATIONS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON ASIA AND/OR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

#### 3.1 Asian Cultural Council

**Description:** The Asian Cultural Council (ACC) supports cultural exchange in the fields of visual and performing arts between Asia, the United States and amongst Asian countries. Applications are accepted from individuals and institutions.

The main focus of the ACC grant programme is awarding grants to artists, scholars and arts specialists from Asia for study, research, observation and related activities in the United States of America or in another Asian country.

The ACC considers applications from Asian students pursuing graduate study in universities in the United States. Applications are not accepted for undergraduate programmes and the grant extends only to living expenses and international airfare. Applicants are encouraged to find other sources of funding for their tuition. Students must apply separately to universities for acceptance while applying to the ACC for funds.

**Type of mobility:** Residencies; scholarships/postgraduate training courses; "go and see" or short-term exploration grants; support for the participation of professionals in transnational networks; "research" grants for scholarships

**Sectors:** Theatre, dance, music, painting, sculpture, photography, design, arts criticism, arts theory, installation, applied arts, video/new media, architecture, cultural heritage, research, cultural management

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, U.S., and Vietnam

**Profession:** Artists, cultural professionals, scholars, students

**Other:** Individuals are the priority (even if some groups can be supported to a limited level)

**Destination:** United States of America and Asia

**Other priorities:** A limited number of grants may be awarded to institutions for projects involving international exchanges in the arts between Asia, the United States and amongst Asian countries. Grants for projects are usually very modest in size as the ACC's resources are focused on individual fellowships. The calls for applications open in the fall each year for grants starting in the springtime the following year.

**Grant coverage:** NA

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URL- [http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org.hk/en/app/information\\_and\\_deadline](http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org.hk/en/app/information_and_deadline)

### 3.2 Fundação Oriente

**Description:** The Fundação Oriente scholarships programme is one of the essential elements of the Fundação's activities in training. Its main goals are to motivate research in the social sciences and literature related to the Far East; to promote scientific exchanges between Portuguese and Oriental universities and scientific groups; to promote the knowledge of and improvement in knowledge of the languages and cultures of Portugal and the Orient; to stimulate artistic improvement; to encourage training of management staff through scholarships which will allow Oriental students who show great potential but have limited financial means to attend degree courses; to grant access to vocational intermediate training courses for Oriental students with limited financial means.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses; "research" grants for scholarships

**Sectors:** Painting, photography, cultural heritage, research, architecture, design, art criticism, arts theory

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

**Profession:** Artists, cultural professionals, scholars

**Destination:** Portugal for Asian nationals

**Other priorities:** Short-term scholarships – applications in June and December; research scholarship – applications in January

**Grant coverage:** Depends on the length of the scholarship (1-3 months) and travel included

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.foriente.pt/160/short-term-scholarships.htm>

### 3.3 Arts Network Asia

**Description:** Arts Network Asia (ANA), set up by an independent group of artists, cultural workers and arts activists from Asia, is an enabling grant body working across borders in multiple disciplines that encourages and supports regional artistic collaboration as well as develops managerial and administrative skills within Asia. Arts Network Asia is motivated by the philosophy of meaningful collaboration, distinguished by mutual respect, initiated in Asia and carried out together with Asian artists and arts communities. It operates in 11 languages. ANA was created in 1999 by Ong Ken Seng (Artistic director of Theatretworks). ANA is funded through special funds from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

**Type of mobility:** Project and production grants

**Sector:** All

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

**Profession:** Artists, art practitioners, art activists

**Destination:** Asia

**Other priorities:** Deadline for applications is once a year. One of the objectives of the new ANA is to explore the potential of local-regional-global complementation, hence the projects related to inter-generations' local interactions, linking memories, local wisdoms and the future sustainabilities of cultures will be given priority.

**Grant coverage:** Maximum of US\$ 10,000 (travel grants of US\$ 1,000 are also available throughout the year). Applications to be submitted not later than one month before the event.

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URL- <http://www.artsnetworkasia.org>

### 3.4 SEAMEO-SPAFA-Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts

**Description:** SEAMEO SPAFA, Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts, is part of the Southeast-Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), an international organization dedicated to promoting co-operation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia. Among other aims, SEAMEO-SPAFA seeks to further professional competence in the fields of archaeology and fine arts through regional programmes and activities, and through sharing of resources and experiences.

The Centre collaborates with governments, institutions of its member-countries and associate member-countries, international agencies and academic communities, as well as non-governmental organizations and private sector bodies to carry out trainings, seminars, conferences, library and documentation services, staff exchanges etc.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants

**Sectors:** Painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, cultural heritage

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** ASEAN nationals

**Profession:** Experts, practitioners in the field of archaeology, fine arts, conservation and cultural heritage

**Destination:** ASEAN countries or associate countries (rarely)

**Other priorities:** There is no fund as such but regular activities and programmes with possible open calls for applications

**Grant coverage:** Travel grants and accommodation for some projects.

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URL- <http://www.seameo-spafa.org/>

### 3.5 SEASREP Foundation

#### *Southeast Asian Studies Exchange Programme*

**Description:** The SEASREP Foundation, funded by the Japan Foundation and the Toyota Foundation, is a non-profit and non-stock organisation that aims to promote Southeast Asian studies in Southeast Asia by Southeast Asians through its projects and four grant programmes: language training; visiting professors; the Luisa Mallari Fellowships for M.A., the Ph.D. research in Southeast Asian Studies (run by the Manila office); and regional collaboration (run by the Tokyo office).

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses; event participation grants

**Sector:** Research

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** Below 40 years for the Luisa Mallari Fellowship

**Nationality:** ASEAN member countries

**Profession:** For the Luisa Mallari Fellowship for M.A. /Ph.D. research in Southeast Asian Studies: Southeast Asian nationals enrolled in social science or humanities graduate programmes in a Southeast Asian university. For the regional collaboration: any scholar in the humanities or social sciences who is a Southeast Asian national residing in the region, regardless of institutional affiliation.

**Destination:** ASEAN Countries

**Other:** Fellowships aim to foster mutual understanding, and reinforce cross-national cooperation and regional identity of Southeast Asia. Applications are accepted from February to September. The fiscal year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Application forms are available from the Manila Secretariat, the Tokyo Joint Secretariat, the appropriate liaison officers of the eight participating universities, and the Japan Foundation offices in the region.

**Grant coverage:** N. A. Apart from the above mentioned scholarships, there are regular calls for seminars and workshops for which travel grants and accommodation can be covered.

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URL- <http://www.seasrepfoundation.org/>

### 3.6 Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

#### *Curators-in-Residence Programme*

**Description:** The Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (FAAM) is the only museum in the world that systematically collects and exhibits Asian modern and contemporary art. The works in the collection of the museum are not imitations of Western art or repetitions of traditional works. Instead, they seek to overcome the existing framework of art being made by artists living in 'contemporary' Asia.

FAAM invites Asian artists, researchers and curators for an extended period of time in order to present various interactive programmes. The programme aims at enriching local culture, deepening understanding and interest in Asian art among the people of Fukuoka as well as position FAAM as a major centre for exchanging ideas and aesthetics through art.

**Type of mobility:** Residencies

**Sector:** Visual arts

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

**Profession:** Artists, cultural professionals, scholars

**Other:** Researchers who possess a degree or experience and long-term prospects in the study of Asian modern and contemporary art. Curators who possess a degree or experience and long-term prospects in planning exhibitions of Asian modern and contemporary art.

**Destination:** Japan

**Other priorities:** The residency includes research on Asian contemporary art, the organisation of an educational programme and the presentation of the research. Call for the selection of one curator (42 days stay).

**Grant coverage:** Travel, accommodation, allowance, art exchange programme production costs, insurance

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URL- [http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/residence/rdc\\_invite.html](http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/residence/rdc_invite.html)

### Fukuoka Asian Art Museum

#### *Artists- in-Residence Programme*

**Description:** See above

**Type of mobility:** Artists' residencies

**Sector:** Visual arts

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** Born after 1974

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

**Profession:** Artists, cultural professionals, scholars

**Other:** People who already have a degree or experience in presenting their artwork or activities and have the potential for future growth in their field.

**Destination:** Japan

**Other priorities:** Asian artists are invited to engage in making artworks, workshops and exhibitions. The residency includes an exchange programme with Fukuoka people (at least three workshops and one exhibition have to take place). There is one call for applications with two residency periods (maximum of 70 days) per year.

**Grant coverage:** Travel, accommodation, allowance, art exchange programme production costs, insurance

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/residence/rdc\\_invite.html](http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/eng/residence/rdc_invite.html)

### 3.7 Festival Tokyo

#### *Emerging Artists Program*

**Description:** Festival Tokyo is an international performing arts festival that sees cutting edge works by artists from Japan and around the world. Since 2011, the Festival has aimed to create a platform for Asian arts, expanding its *Emerging Artists Program* in the Asian mainland.

**Type of mobility:** Support for the participation of professionals in transnational networks; touring incentives for groups

**Sectors:** Theatre, dance

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** Below 40 years old

**Nationality:** Asia; if international, the applicant shall be based in Asia.

**Profession:** Artists/theatre groups

**Other:** Not more than 15 people for the touring

**Destination:** Japan

**Grant coverage:** Accommodation, economy return ticket for a maximum of 15 people, performance venue and publicity. Local expenses (transportation and meals etc.) and visas/insurances are the group's responsibility.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://festival-tokyo.jp/en/program/11/index04.html>

### 3.8 Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

#### *International Scholar Exchange Fellowship*

**Description:** The Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) is a private, non-profit organization that was established in 1974, for the purpose of cultivating outstanding scholars and promoting scholarship and academic advancement in Korea, Asia and around the world.

KFAS supports outstanding undergraduate and graduate students and their advanced study in social sciences, natural sciences, East Asian studies, electrical engineering and computer science. The foundation also supports outstanding foreign scholars and their research activities in Korea, to contribute to the academic development of each nation, society and mankind.

*International Scholar Exchange Fellowship* is for promising young scholars from the Asian region. They are invited to conduct their research in collaboration with professors and researchers at leading universities and academic institutions in Korea. This programme is designed not only to support individual scholars' research, but also to enhance academic exchange, collaboration and development in the region.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarship/postgraduate training courses; "research" grants for scholarships

**Sectors:** Art criticism, art theory, research and cultural heritage

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Asia

**Profession:** Young scholars

**Destination:** Korea

**Grant coverage:** NA

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.kfas.or.kr/Science/Science0101.aspx>

### 3.9 Korea National University of Arts (K-Arts)

#### *Art Major Asian Scholarship Program*

**Description:** Korea National University of Arts (K-Arts) affiliated to the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism is one of leading arts schools of Korea. The school consists of a music school, a drama school, a film/TV/multimedia school, a dance school, a visual arts school and a Korean traditional arts school. The *Art Major Asian Scholarship Program* (AMA) is a global initiative undertaken by the K-Arts with the goal of educating students and scholars including professionals from the East and South Asian countries to help spread Asian arts around the world.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses

**Sector:** All

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Asia

**Profession:** Students

**Destination:** Korea

**Grant coverage:** AMA scholarship covers living expenses, full tuitions of the degree programme as well as Korean language courses. Travel expenses are covered sometimes.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://eng.karts.ac.kr>

### 3.10 Busan International Film Festival

#### *Asian Film Academy*

**Description:** The *Asian Film Academy* (AFA) is an education programme where young talented film professionals from Asia meet established and experienced ones. For eight years, 194 young film professionals from 29 countries graduated from AFA and are actively working in the field, with many of their works being invited to prestigious film festivals around the world. AFA will continue its support to these young talents to become leading filmmakers in Asia with various programmes and support funds.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants; scholarships/postgraduate training courses

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam (regardless of residential status, only persons with Asian nationality are eligible to apply)

**Profession:** Experience in directing, cinematography, editing, production design, sound or producing at least for two short films

**Destination:** Korea

**Other priorities:** Applicants must be able to speak English

**Grant coverage:** Travels, accommodation, meals, equipment

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://afa.biff.kr/Template/Builder/00000001/page.asp?page\\_num=1763](http://afa.biff.kr/Template/Builder/00000001/page.asp?page_num=1763)

## Busan International Film Festival

### *Asian Project Market*

**Description:** Pusan Promotion Plan (PPP) formally renamed the *Asian Project Market* (APM) in 2011 is a platform where promising directors and producers of Asia are given opportunities to meet with co-producers or financiers. The rebranding of PPP was done when its major supporter the "Busan Metropolitan City" changed its official name from Pusan to Busan. The APM perfectly matches the profile of the PPP, which has established itself as the biggest and the important pre-market in Asia for the last 13 years.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants; market development grants

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Asia

**Profession:** Film director, producer with a feature-length fiction film project in any stage of production

**Destination:** Korea

**Grant coverage:** Selected projects' directors and producers are invited to three days of meetings with film professionals. The project will be included in the category of APM awards.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://apm.asianfilmmarket.org/Template/Builder/00000001/page.asp?page\\_num=486](http://apm.asianfilmmarket.org/Template/Builder/00000001/page.asp?page_num=486)

## 3.11 RimbunDahan

### *Residencies*

**Description:** RimbunDahan runs a range of artists-in-residence programmes to encourage visual artists, writers and other creative individuals to explore and develop their artistic work. Financed by the architectural practice of Hijjas Kasturi Associates Sdn. , RimbunDahan's programmes range from all-inclusive residencies that cover accommodation, allowance, materials, studios and final exhibitions to limited residencies that provide accommodation and studios only. The residency programmes include:

- Malaysia-Australia Visual Artist Residency (duration: year-long, funding: fully funded, outcome: final exhibition)
- Shorter Residencies (duration: 1-3 months, funding: available for Southeast Asian artists' only, outcome: NA)
- Choreographer's Residency (duration: 1-3 months, funding: available for Southeast Asian artists' only, outcome: optional final performance)
- Residencies at Hotel Penaga in Georgetown, Penang (duration: 1-3 months, funding: available for Southeast Asian artists' only, outcome: NA)

**Type of mobility:** Artists/writers' residencies

**Sector:** Visual arts, performing arts (dance), literature, architecture

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** South East Asian countries and Australia

**Profession:** Artists, creators (depends on the residency)

**Destination:** Malaysia

**Other priorities:** Conditions depend on the type of residency.

**Grant coverage** Travel (return airfare), living expenses among other costs.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://www.rimbundahan.org/art/residency\\_programme/index.htm](http://www.rimbundahan.org/art/residency_programme/index.htm)



## 4. ORGANISATIONS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON EMERGING AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - COVERING SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES

### 4.1 Institute for Foreign Relations, Germany

#### *RAVE Scholarships*

**Description:** The Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen-IFA (Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations) is an organisation operating worldwide to promote artistic exchange and dialogue between civil societies and to provide information about foreign cultural policy. Through its partnership with the Alexander Rave Foundation, the *Rave Scholarships* contribute to further practical training in realising art exhibitions. These scholarships are awarded to young curators, restorers, museum technicians and cultural managers from countries in transition and developing countries.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses

**Sectors:** Visual arts, cultural management, cultural heritage

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** Under 40 years old

**Nationality:** Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

**Profession:** Curators, restorers, museum technicians and cultural managers

**Destination:** Germany

**Other priorities:** Application date for scholarships is 15 September each year. Selections will be made within three months.

**Grant coverage:** Monthly allowance of 1,300 Euros and travel expenses, insurance etc.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.ifa.de/en/foerderprogramme/rave-foundation/ravestipendien/detailed-information/>

### 4.2 Festival of the Three Continents, Nantes, France

#### *Produire au Sud*

**Description:** *Produire au Sud* is a workshop focusing on the outline and structure of film co-production within the industry. The workshops aims to familiarize young producers based in Africa, Asia and Latin America with a variety of important tools and international coproduction techniques by coaching individual projects in development. The *Produire au Sud* workshop was created in 2000 in Nantes, in order to support the creation of a network of young producers from Asia, Africa and Latin America and lay the foundations for lasting cooperation between European film professionals and emerging professionals from the South.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants (for project development); market development grants; training

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA but first or second feature film

**Nationality:** ASEAN, Bangladesh, China, India, Pakistan

**Profession:** Film directors and producers

**Destination:** Nantes

**Other priorities:** Application calls usually from the end of May (e-newsletter subscription for announcements)

**Grant coverage:** Transportation and accommodation expenses for the directors and the producers are covered by *Produire au Sud – Les 3 Continents*.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.3continents.com/en/produire-au-sud/>

## 5. ORGANISATIONS/FUNDS WITH SPECIFIC COUNTRY COVERAGE INCLUDING SOME COUNTRIES IN ASIA

### 5.1 The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

*Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Asia and Europe*

**Description:** The *Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Europe and Asia* programme supports multi-lateral projects in various disciplines of contemporary arts including performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, film and new media as well as cross-disciplinary and networking projects. The programme aims to foster engagement across cultures through artistic collaborations, exchanges and dialogues. The objective is to deepen mutual understanding between the cultural communities of the two regions. For the year 2012 Asia-Europe Foundation partners with Arts Network Asia and Trans Europe Halles.

**Type of mobility:** Project and production grants

**Sectors:** All sectors

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** ASEM countries

**Profession:** Arts and cultural organisations, artists and cultural professionals

**Other:** At least two organisations based in two ASEM countries must be involved

**Destination:** ASEM member countries

**Other priorities:** Priority is given to artistic/creative projects and networks which facilitate dialogue, collaborations and exchange between Asia and Europe, including a public outcome.

**Grant coverage:** Maximum of SG\$ 25,000 (matching funding is expected in terms of sponsorship, in kind support etc.)

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.asef.org/index.php/projects/programmes/2130-creative-encounters>

### 5.2 British Council

*Young Creative Entrepreneur*

**Description:** *Young Creative Entrepreneur* (YCE) is the British Council's flagship programme that identifies and connects innovative international entrepreneurs in the cultural and creative sector. This programme has been running for over five years in 50 countries around the world, with many resulting projects and an active alumni network connected to the UK and to each other. YCE is open to emerging entrepreneurs having demonstrated entrepreneurship in, understanding of, and commitment to the development of the creative sector in their country. For 2011-2012 the focus was on music, design, fashion, media and publishing.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants; "go and see" or short-term exploration grants; market development grants

**Sectors:** music, fashion, design, video/new media, literature (in 2011-2012)

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Depends on the year (but potentially Asian countries)

**Profession:** Cultural entrepreneurs

**Destination:** United Kingdom

**Other priorities:** All participating countries run their YCE award selection procedure and local networking activities according to different time frames, so please refer to the info/contacts on this Guide's country pages and/or to the local British Council's website for details.

**Grant coverage:** NA

Last viewed: March 2013 (information based on the year 2012)

URL- <http://creativeeconomy.britishcouncil.org/creative-entrepreneurship/young-creative-entrepreneur-programme/>

### 5.3 Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Korea

#### *Cultural Partnership Initiative*

**Description:** *Cultural Partnership Initiative* (CPI) is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Korea to prepare the space for cultural interchange between Asia, Latin America and Africa. Through these initiative cultural fellows – in particular from Asian, Latin American and African countries - can stay in Korea for a certain period of time to experience Korean culture while introducing their culture. The purpose is to connect the diversity of cultures and to build cultural networks between countries. The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Korea promotes and develops various projects linked to the diverse areas of culture, art, tourism, sports, leisure, religion, and the press in order to enhance the quality of life and to open up the new millennium era through the power of art and culture.

**Type of mobility:** Artists/writers' residencies; scholarships/postgraduate training courses; "go and see" or short-term exploration grants; support for the participation of professionals in transnational networks

**Sectors:** All (from contemporary art to cultural heritage)

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** NA

**Nationality:** Africa, Asia, Central/Eastern Europe, Latin America

**Profession:** Cultural fellows

**Destination:** Korea

**Grant coverage:** Depends on the programme but travel costs can be covered.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.culturefriends.or.kr>

### 5.4 National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea

#### *International Fellowship in Cultural Studies of Contemporary Art*

**Description:** The National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea since 2005 has developed an international research programme dedicated to museum professionals including curators, art critics, conservators, exhibition designers, and educators. This programme is part of the Cultural Partnership Initiative Project (CPI) run by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea. Participants of this programme are mainly art museum curators from all over the world with a regional focus.

**Type of mobility:** Scholarships/postgraduate training courses

**Sector:** Visual arts, art criticism, arts theory, research, cultural management

#### Eligibility criteria

**Age:** 25-45 years old

**Nationality:** Africa, Asia, Middle East, Eastern Europe, and South America

**Profession:** Individuals who work in fields related to contemporary art (museum professionals, curators, art historians, exhibition organizers, conservators, educators, etc.).

**Destination:** Korea

**Grant coverage:** The fellowship includes round-trip airfare, accommodation, monthly living expenses of 900,000 Korean Won, Korean language course fee, and travellers' insurance fees.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://www.moca.go.kr/engN/engNEduNEvt.do?method=Eifp>

## 5.5 European Audiovisual Entrepreneur (EAVE)

### *Ties That Bind (Asia-Europe Producers)*

**Description:** *Ties That Bind – Asia-Europe Producers Workshop* was organised in 2012 in partnership with Friuli Venezia Giulia Audio-visual Fund, EAVE, Udine Far East Film Festival and Busan International Film Festival/Asian Project Market, and supported by the European Union programme MEDIA Mundus. This is the fourth workshop in the series.

The programme is articulated around two workshops. The first workshop takes place at the Udine Far East Festival and second at the Busan International Film Festival. The workshop brings together 10 film producers from Asian and European countries. Each producer is selected together with a feature film project in development and works with leading industry experts from both continents during the two workshops.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants (for project development); market development grants

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Asia (Cambodia, China, Indonesia Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and Europe

**Profession:** Experienced film professionals with a film in development stage suitable for an international co-production.

**Other:** The producer must have completed at least one film released theatrically in the last three years; the 1st draft of the script for the submitted project must be available in English for the workshop.

**Destination:** Italy (Udine) and Korea (Busan)

**Other priorities:** Projects suggested by Asian applicants should have a potential for co-production with Europe, and projects suggested by European applicants should have a potential for co-production with Asia

**Grant coverage:** The participation at *Ties That Bind* is free of charge. Each participant will be offered accommodation (full board including meals) for the duration of the workshop. In addition, *Ties That Bind* will offer a number of partial scholarships to contribute towards travel costs.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- <http://eave.org/programmes/ties-that-bind-20133/>

## 5.6 International Film Festival Rotterdam, The Netherlands

### *Rotterdam Lab*

**Description:** Set up in 2001, the *Rotterdam Lab* is organized by CineMart at the International Film Festival Rotterdam, in close cooperation with various international partner organisations that are involved in the training of young producers, as well as funding bodies and film agencies.

CineMart is dedicated to supporting emerging producers by giving them the opportunities to gain expertise and knowledge. Besides the presentation of projects at its co-production market, CineMart organises a training workshop and networking opportunity for emerging producers that takes place concurrently during the four days of CineMart.

The Rotterdam Lab works closely with partner organisations in several countries. Applications can be submitted through these organisations only.

**Type of mobility:** Events participation grants; market development grants

**Sector:** Cinema

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** In 2013: India, Korea, Australia, New Zealand

**Profession:** Film producers (young and upcoming)

**Destination:** Rotterdam

**Other priorities:** Selected through partner organisations

**Grant coverage:** Travel expenses, accommodation (five nights), a CineMart badge and a five day programme of workshops, lectures and speed dating.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com/professionals/cinemine/rotterdam\\_lab/](http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com/professionals/cinemine/rotterdam_lab/)

[http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com/professionals/cinemine/rotterdam\\_lab/-partners](http://www.filmfestivalrotterdam.com/professionals/cinemine/rotterdam_lab/-partners)

## 5.7 U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the New England Foundation for the Arts

### *Centerstage*

**Description:** The *Centerstage* programme brings compelling contemporary artists from abroad to the U.S. to engage Americans in cultural diplomacy as a way to create opportunities for greater understanding. *Centerstage* tours provide opportunities for international performing artists to engage with diverse communities, including youth, throughout the U.S., offer Americans the chance to grow in understanding and appreciation of other nations and provide for deeper engagement for both Americans and visiting artists, who will return home with direct experiences to share in their own communities.

**Type of mobility:** Event participation grants; touring incentives for groups

**Sectors:** Performing arts, music

#### Eligibility criteria

**Nationality:** Depends on the year but Asian countries often included

**Profession:** Nominations may be submitted by presenters, artists and their representatives, U.S. embassy personnel, regional arts organizations, state arts agencies, and individuals in the U.S. that are knowledgeable about performing arts ensembles in the identified countries.

**Other:** Artists interested in participating may submit a nomination on behalf of their own ensemble. All members of the ensemble must be at least 18 years of age (by June 2014) and a permanent resident of the country in which the ensemble is based. Priority will be given to ensembles that feature individuals who have not previously participated in *Centerstage*.

**Destination:** United States of America.

**Other priorities:** The visiting artists should have an interest in engaging with U.S. communities, including youth, through public and in-school performances, workshops, discussions, artist-to-artist exchanges, and social events.

**Grant coverage:** Travel, accommodation, tours etc.

Last viewed: March 2013

URL- [http://www.nefa.org/grants\\_programs/programs/center\\_stage](http://www.nefa.org/grants_programs/programs/center_stage)

## 6. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO ANY NATIONALITY

Please refer to the [Mobility Funding Guide – Open to any nationality](#)<sup>vii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> <http://on-the-move.org/funding>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://culture360.org/asef-news/funding-opportunities-for-international-cultural-exchange-in-asia>

<sup>iii</sup> These funding organisations are extracted from the **Mobility Funding Guide - Focus on Asia** (<http://culture360.org/asef-news/funding-opportunities-for-international-cultural-exchange-in-asia>). Knowing that the **notion of "Asia"** does not always encompass the same number of countries and depends on each organisation's scope, for each scheme we have tried as much as possible to **list only the Asian ASEM countries from which applications are open**.

<sup>iv</sup> The notion of "emerging" and "developing" countries does not always refer to the same countries for the identified funding organisations. We have tried as much as possible to list the eligible countries from the Asian ASEM member-countries under the various denominations.

<sup>v</sup> With the support of the Alexander Rave Foundation.

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<sup>vi</sup> <http://culture360.org/asef-news/funding-opportunities-for-international-cultural-exchange-in-asia>  
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