



"Leader and Follower"

Aloha SUSIs

Greeting from the Golden Land. I am Stanley from SUSI GEI 2011. I am one of the members who won 2012 AEIF with the project called INTERN TO LEARN and being as a part of the team as the Public Affairs Officer. I am sorry I can't join you in Singapore, but I hereby share some useful tips for your project and applying the Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund.

Here are some basic suggestions to design the projects in your way and tips for the AEIF.

For your project

Be Smart

As our SUSI way, Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely.

Your project should be focused on a specific objective or objectives to achieve. For example, you sure have so many great ideas you want to bring project to fruition, but, firstly, take only one step. You can update or extend later when you achieve your first step.

It should be a realistic and achievable idea because it is more than a school project when you really put yourself in that and to implement it, you sure will need to do some feasibility study.

Be Innovative

As an example, we propose a project idea about internships in Myanmar. It is very rare opportunity you can get here. So, this became innovative and something that is essentially needed for young folks here.

Bring people

Of course, AEIF needs at least 10 alumni to submit a proposal. So you need to organize or be organized the people who are you think the best to work together and be in a team.

Brainstorm the ideas together. They may also have similar or different good ideas. I honestly think that a team with the members from the same country and better the same region will be very effective in developing every step of the project.

Assign duties

It is a group work, so each of the members in the group needs to make sure everybody gets own duties and tasks to do and make sure again to achieve in respective time frame.

Organized and Focused

Generally, you will have to organize lots of meeting to stay fit. Team leader or someone needs to keep all the meeting record and data as the record. If you are applying AEIF, note that there is a timeline.

Be accountable

Let's say you win AEIF. It is a big amount of money and also big work and also big reporting. So, you should prepare human resources who can handle all those works. Doesn't necessarily mean you need to hire people. Just assign the right (right) person to do the respective job in your team.

Stay Organized

Sometimes, you will face lots and lots of fighting (☹) at your meetings. Don't forget everyone is great for a particular reason. Stay organized and focused. We are good folks.

Prepare your network

You may need third party partners to collaborate in your project. Think about your idea, start researching and get the contacts.

Systematic and professional

Write your proposal in professional way. And, act professionally in every step you make.

I have so much left to suggest if you want to have more. Please accept my apologies for general ideas because I am working night shift and got only few time. I hope this will be helpful and of course, please email me directly for any question or discussion you may have. And, I request the online pleasure of your company to visit our INTERN TO LEARN 2012 AEIF WINNER website and Facebook at

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Mahalo and All the best and enjoy your time in Singapore.