PhD Scholarship (1 Position)

Project on Population Ageing, Old Age Labour and Financial Decisions in Singapore
(MOE SSRTG)

For the August 2018 intake, the Centre for Family and Population Research at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the National University of Singapore invites application for ONE full-time PhD Scholarship.

The PhD scholarship is funded through a large grant awarded by the Ministry of Education Social Science Research Thematic Grant. The team is composed of A/P Liu Haoming (PI), Dr. Dr Song Chang Cheng (co-PI) and Dr Zhu Shenghao (co-PI). This project aims to address three broadly defined issues: (1) the existence of and reasons behind bequest motives and the determinants of bequest; (2) the availability of annuities on people’s saving decisions; and, (3) the availability of annuities on the labour force participation rate of the elderly.

The successful candidate will undertake research connected to the project on Population Ageing, Old Age Labour and Financial Decisions. The PhD thesis work should be an independent project that fits broadly into the overall research project. The successful candidate can be based either at the Department of Economics or in one of the FASS departments.

You can refer to more information about the PhD programme here.

Applicants must be university graduates with at least second class honours (upper division) degree or equivalent and at the time of the award of the Research Scholarship, must have applied for and been assured of admission as a PhD candidate to the Faculty. Application for admission to the PhD programme and the Research Scholarship can be done simultaneously. There is no restriction on the nationality of applicants.

Current PhD students who are self-financing or on the Tuition Fee Allowance, on their last year of candidature, and are working on the overall theme of the abovementioned research projects are highly encouraged to apply.

All applications (complete with application form, application fee payment and supporting documents) must be received by the stipulated deadlines as indicated here.

The research projects will fund at least three years of what is normally a four-year PhD programme at NUS (covering tuition fees and a monthly stipend). The scholarship may be renewed each semester on the basis of the scholar’s performance in the previous semesters and the recommendation of the Faculty. The successful applicant will be eligible to apply competitively for the FASS research scholarship to cover the third to fourth year of study subsequently (see website for details). Applications can be submitted online here.
Candidates should indicate that they are applying for the Research Scholarship, by indicating “CFPR – name of the project” at the top right hand corner of the hardcopy application form. Candidates applying online should do likewise after printing out the completed application form for submission. Besides indicating on the hardcopy application form / application form printouts, candidates must also send a scanned copy of their application to CFPR at cfpr@nus.edu.sg.