

**Research Associate Position available for Project on
“Childless Aging in Singapore and Thailand (CAST): A Comparative Mixed Methods Study”**

We are seeking an enthusiastic and capable full-time Research Associate for the above project at the Centre for Family and Population Research, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore. The appointment is tenable for a period of 1 year, with the possibility of renewal.

The Centre for Family and Population Research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), NUS, is dedicated to scientific advancement of research and training in the study of trends, determinants, and consequences of family and population changes, particularly changes in Asia.

Background on the project

The global trend of increasing proportion of older adult population who never had a child in their lives is historically unprecedented and has raised grave concerns around the world about challenges in old-age support. A key feature of this study is to compare childless aging in Singapore and Thailand – two of Southeast Asia’s most aged societies. The comparative study will examine the demographics of childless older populations, pathways to childlessness, and the well-being of childless older persons using both quantitative and qualitative research approaches.

Job description

The Research Associate is expected to provide research support and administrative responsibility for the project with A/Prof Bussarawan (Puk) Teerawichitchainan (Sociology/CFPR, NUS) as the Principal Investigator and A/Prof Christine Ho (Economics, SMU) as the co-Principal Investigator. The duties of the Research Associate include the following:

- Assist PI and co-PI with literature review, data analysis and management for the project, including harmonizing survey data sets from Singapore and Thailand;
- Assist PI and co-PI with administrative coordination for the project;
- Ensure data collection complies with the required guidelines, such as research ethics;
- Other ad-hoc duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Master’s degree or equivalent in the Social Sciences, Public Policy, or Health Sciences. We are willing to consider candidates with bachelor’s degree with strong quantitative social science background;
- Strong quantitative research skills are essential;

- Experience with statistical packages such as STATA and/or SAS and analyses of large survey data is preferred;
- Experience in research project management is preferred;
- Strong organizational skill and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills;

Terms and conditions

Possible commencement is July/August 2020. The appointment will be tenable for a period of one year with a possibility for extension. **Review of applications will start till the position is filled.**

Invitation to apply

Interested applicants are invited to send the following list of documents to the Centre for Family and Population Research via email: cfpr@nus.edu.sg to Ms Sascha Ng, with the subject title: **Applying for Research Associate position for the project on “Childless Aging in Singapore and Thailand (CAST): A Comparative Mixed Methods Survey”**

1. Cover letter and Resume (outlining interest, qualifications, expected salary, and publications, if any)
2. Personal statement (maximum of 2 pages)
3. [Personal particulars form](#)
4. [NUS Personal Data Consent for Job Applicants](#)
5. Copies of degree scrolls and transcript of grades
6. 3 official referral letters, preferably one from supervisor

We regret that only successful candidates will be notified via email. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cfpr/joinus/index.html>