Possible PhD Research Scholarship Opportunity at National University of Singapore

Research Project on "Lifelong Education for Aging Productively (LEAP)"

With an ideal start date of **August 1, 2019, <u>ONE</u>** Research Scholarship (RS) is available at the National University of Singapore (NUS) for prospective PhD students interested in completing research on "**Lifelong Education for Aging Productively (LEAP)".** This is **<u>subject to the approval of the research grant</u>** to which the RS is tied to. Successful applicants will complete their degree in the Department of Sociology.

The RS details can be found <u>here</u>. The end-date of the RS award will be the fourth year of study and it will cover tuition fees and provide a monthly stipend. The scholarship is targeted for applicants who have training and skills in the following areas and will continue to focus on these topics in their PhD and master programmes:

• **Demography**
• **Aging and Health**

The PhD thesis work should be an independent project which fits broadly into the overall research project on **"Lifelong Education for Aging Productively (LEAP)" (Principal Investigator [PI]: A/P Feng Qiushi,** Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR) and Co-PIs: Professor Wei-Jun Jean Yeung, A/P Thang Leng Leng, A/P Liu Haoming, A/P Son Joonmo, A/P Wang Mee Lian, and Dr. Feng Lei.

A multidisciplinary team will use multiple methods to investigate the practice of productive aging amongst Singapore older adults particularly through the lifelong learning and skill development, identify factors and interventions that enable and enhance their ability to continue to be productive members of their family and community, examine the recent changes of aging policies to identify their causal impacts on productive engagement, and test the efficacy of a comprehensive behavioral intervention program consisting of three learning-oriented activities.

<u>Department of Sociology and details of CFPR</u>

The Department of Sociology was founded in 1965. The department offers a range of engaging undergraduate and graduate modules that speak to the complexities of everyday living that unfold in diverse socio-cultural and political settings. Examples include the following fields: comparative historical sociology; financial and economic sociology; urban studies; cultural studies; research on religion; family, health and demography studies; work, class, mobility and inequalities; politics, power and violence; law, justice, human rights, social movements and deviance; kinship, gender and sexuality; visual and popular culture, media and communication studies.

The Centre for Family and Population Research (CFPR) was funded by the National University of Singapore and established in April, 2014 as a Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences research centre. It is dedicated to the scientific advancement of research and training to understand the trends, determinants, and consequences of family and population changes, particularly in Asia. We aim to bridge basic academic research with public policies that affect family's well-being. Our research adopts a multi-disciplinary, life course, and international comparative approach.

Application Procedure

Graduate research students in the Department of Sociology follow a semi-structured programme that involves a taught component in the first one to two years of registration. The programme allows a PhD student to acquire and develop to a high standard both subject-specific and transferable skills, thus enabling a student to access a broad range of future employment opportunities – in business, industry, consultancy, education, research etc.

Applicants must be university graduates with at least an upper second class honours degree or equivalent and at the time of the RS award. Applications from candidates who also already hold a graduate degree (e.g. Masters) are particularly welcome. There is no restriction on the nationality of applicants.

All applicants must write separately to the PI (A/P Feng Qiushi) to indicate an interest in the project.