

National University of Singapore  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
**RESEARCH PROGRAMME  
WITH/WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

- (1) There are two intakes per academic year for research studies – one in Semester I (August) and one in Semester II (January). All the departments/programmes offer a Semester I (August) intake. **However, not all the departments/programmes offer a Semester II (January) intake.** Please refer to [37] for details.
- (2) The admission requirements for the research Masters and PhD programmes are indicated below. Successful applicants may be required to take the Diagnostic English Test at our University and, where necessary, attend the Graduate English Course.

**Masters**

In general, the University requires:

- normally an NUS Honours degree (second class and above) or equivalent (e.g., a four-year Bachelors degree with at least an average grade of B) in a relevant discipline;
- in exceptional cases, a Bachelors degree in a relevant discipline with at least two years of relevant work experience, subject to approval by the Faculty and Board of Graduate Studies, on a case-by-case basis; and
- TOEFL/IELTS, where applicable.

All applicants should consult the website of relevant Departments/Programmes for specific departmental requirements.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

In general, the University requires:

- normally a good Masters degree in a relevant discipline; or
- an NUS Honours degree (at least Second Class Upper) or equivalent (e.g., a four-year Bachelors degree with an average grade above B) in a relevant discipline, subject to approval by the Faculty, on a case-by-case basis; and
- TOEFL/IELTS, where applicable.

All applicants should consult the website of relevant Departments/Programmes for specific departmental requirements.

- (3) Candidates must spend a period of residence in Singapore for six months (for Masters degree) or 18 months (for PhD degree) during their period of candidature.
- (4) The maximum candidature periods are as follows:

Research Programme	Maximum Candidature
Masters	36 months
PhD	60 months

- (5) Research candidates may be admitted as full-time or part-time students. However, foreign students on student's pass must pursue their studies on a full-time basis. The maximum periods of candidature for both full-time and part-time candidates are the same.
- (6) Applicants may visit the Faculty website <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg> for more information on our research programmes (programme requirements, tuition fee, etc)

### **INFORMATION ON LEE KONG CHIAN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- (7) The Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarships ("Scholarships") were established from donations received from the Lee Foundation and are the University's most prestigious scholarship awards for graduate students. The selection of candidates will take place once a year, in time for the start of **the academic year in August (i.e., Semester I intake)**. Up to 5 new Scholarships will be given each year. Not all Scholarships will be awarded unless there are candidates of sufficient merit.
- (8) The bond-free Scholarships are open to candidates of all nationalities who gain admission to any **PhD programme** at the University. In keeping with the donor's wishes, the Scholarships will be awarded to well-rounded individuals showing exceptional promise who have an appropriate balance of intellect and character. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and a commitment to service. Applicants interested in applying for the Scholarship must submit a personal essay and a record of co-curricular activities or community service. Please refer to [39(J)] for details.
- (9) Shortlisted candidates will be notified for a scholarship interview either in Singapore or their home country. Award of the Scholarship is based on competition among eligible candidates and performance at the Scholarship interview. The award is tenable for one year in the first instance; but subject to the scholar's satisfactory progress, it may be renewed annually. The maximum award period is four years.
- (10) Each award covers:
  - (A) A monthly stipend of S\$3,300;
  - (B) Tuition, examination fees and other approved fees at NUS;
  - (C) An annual book allowance of S\$500;
  - (D) A one-off air travel allowance of two return tickets of up to S\$4,000 (only for overseas students, subject to a maximum of S\$2,000 per ticket); and
  - (E) A one-off laptop allowance of S\$1,500.
- (11) Scholarship recipients must be in Singapore during the duration of the scholarship award, except during period(s) of approved leave. Recipients may be required by the Head of Department/Programme concerned to assist in teaching or departmental work.
- (12) The University does not provide additional assistance towards travel or other costs, besides those indicated above, nor does it guarantee employment to the scholar on the successful completion of the programme.

### **INFORMATION ON PRESIDENT'S GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**

- (13) The President's Graduate Fellowship (PGF) is awarded to candidates who show exceptional promise or accomplishment in research. A number of PhD research students are selected each semester by the University for the award.
- (14) The bond-free Fellowships are open to all nationalities who will be admitted as a full-time candidate for a **PhD programme** at NUS. Applicants from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and/or Singapore Management University should submit a referee's report from the supervisor of their Final Year Project or main supervisor of their current candidature.
- (15) The PGF is initially awarded for one year. It may be renewed annually on the basis of the scholar's performance in the previous semesters and the recommendation of the Faculty. The maximum award is four years.

- (16) Each award covers:
- (A) A monthly stipend as follows:
    - (i) Foreigner S\$3,000
    - (ii) Singapore Permanent Resident S\$3,200
    - (iii) Singapore Citizen S\$3,300
  - (B) Tuition fees at NUS;
  - (C) A one-off air travel allowance for one-way ticket of up to S\$750 (only for overseas students); and
  - (D) A one-off settling-in allowance of S\$1,000 (only for overseas students).
- (17) PGF recipients must be in Singapore during the duration of the scholarship award, except during period(s) of approved leave. Recipients may be required by the Head of Department/Programme concerned to assist in teaching or departmental work.
- (18) The University does not provide additional assistance towards travel or other costs, besides those indicated above, nor does it guarantee employment to the scholar on the successful completion of the programme.

#### **INFORMATION ON NUS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

- (19) The University offers Research Scholarships to outstanding candidates to pursue a full-time graduate research degree at NUS. A limited number of scholarships is available each academic year. They are therefore awarded on a very competitive basis.
- (20) 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 been offered admission as a candidate for graduate research programme at this University. The bond-free Scholarships are open to candidates of all nationalities.
- (21) The Research Scholarship is initially awarded for one year. It may be renewed annually on the basis of the scholar's performance in the previous semesters and the recommendation of the Faculty. The maximum period of a scholarship is normally two years for Masters candidates and four years for PhD candidates.
- (22) The Research Scholarship will carry a monthly stipend plus full tuition fee subsidy, i.e., the scholar's tuition fee will be paid for by the University. The monthly stipend for Masters and PhD candidates are as follow:

Nationality	Masters programme	PhD programme
Foreigner	S\$1,500	S\$2,000
Singapore Permanent Resident		S\$2,200
Singapore Citizen		S\$2,300

Research scholars in a PhD programme who pass their PhD Qualifying Examination, within the stipulated period during their candidature, are eligible for an additional top-up of S\$500 per month for a specific period.

- (23) Research scholars must be in Singapore during the duration of the scholarship award, except during period(s) of approved leave. Recipients may be required by the Head of Department/Programme concerned to assist in teaching or departmental work.
- (24) The University does not provide additional assistance towards travel or other costs nor does it guarantee employment to the scholar on the successful completion of the programme.

(25) The Asian Research Institute offers **PhD Research Scholarships** in the following interdisciplinary areas:

- The Changing Family in Asia
- Asian Migration
- Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts
- Cultural Studies in Asia
- Cold War in Asia
- Sumatra Heritage, Archaeology and Reconstruction

The scholarships are to be taken up jointly with the appropriate discipline-based department. They are open to all nationalities who will be admitted as a full-time candidate for a **PhD programme** at NUS.

### **INFORMATION ON ASEAN FOUNDATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

(26) The ASEAN Foundation, an initiative of the Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), was established on 15 December 1997 to help bring about shared prosperity and a sustainable future for the peoples of all ASEAN countries. It has been mandated to promote greater awareness of ASEAN and greater interaction among its peoples and their increased participation in ASEAN activities as well as to undertake development cooperation activities that enhance mutual assistance, address equitable economic development and reduce poverty. This scholarship programme is part of the ASEAN Foundation Scholarships for Postgraduate Studies and funded through the Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund.

(27) Two scholarship slots are available for ASEAN nationals (except Singapore citizens and permanent residents) who wish to pursue a **Masters programme** by research in NUS. Selection of successful applicants will be based on merit. After completion of their studies, they must return and/or serve for at least two years in any ASEAN countries.

(28) Field of studies:

- Developmental Studies
- Environment
- Information and Communication Technology

(29) Each award covers:

- (A) A monthly stipend of S\$2,000;
- (B) Tuition, examination fees and other approved fees at NUS;
- (C) A one-off air travel allowance of one single trip ticket from home country to Singapore upon award of the scholarship;
- (D) A one-off book allowance of up to S\$200;
- (E) Accommodation subsidy of Singapore Dollars (S\$3,000) per year;
- (F) Graduation gown rental fees;
- (G) A one-off air travel allowance of one single trip ticket from Singapore to home country upon successful completion of the course leading to the award of the degree.

(30) Applicants must also complete the ASEAN Foundation Research Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies Application Form, to be downloaded via the ASEAN Foundation website <http://www.aseanfoundation.org/index.php>, and submit it together with application form for admission to graduate research programmes (available online as well as via paper).

### **INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETION OF PAPER-BASED APPLICATION**

(31) The following documents are enclosed:

- (A) RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM
- (B) RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM (DUPLICATE)

- (C) ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT FORM (two copies)
  - (D) TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM
  - (E) Application Fee Payment Form for Graduate Research Programme
- (32) Please complete **all** items and, **in English**. Where relevant, write in clear **BLOCK LETTERS**. For items which are not applicable, please indicate "N.A." **Any omission of information requested in the application form or of supporting documents will cause delay and may render the application void.** If the space provided for any item is insufficient, please attach the information on a separate sheet of paper.
- (33) The University will correspond with you primarily using e-mail during the application process (e.g., acknowledge receipt of application, requests for outstanding documents, notifications of interview, etc). It is very important that you provide a valid and correct e-mail address and maintain your e-mail account regularly. The University will not be responsible for undeliverable e-mails and their consequences.
- (34) Applicants may replace RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM (DUPLICATE) with a photocopy of the **completed** RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM. **Applications without a duplicate will not be processed.**

**INSTRUCTIONS ON PAYMENT**

- (35) **Applications without application fees will not be processed.** Each application must be accompanied by an application fee which is not refundable:

- Application fee for **online** application is at \$20.00 (inclusive of GST)
- Application fee for **paper-based** application is at \$40.00 (inclusive of GST)

Applicants may visit the Faculty website <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/prospective/grad/research/appndeadline.html> for information on **ONLINE** application.

- (36) Payment should be made either by cheque or bankdraft drawn on a bank in Singapore, crossed, and made payable to "**National University of Singapore**". They must be made in Singapore dollars or the equivalent of US dollars. Please write your **name, postal address and programme applied for** on the reverse of the cheque/bankdraft. Personal cheques are accepted only from candidates in Singapore. **Foreign applicants** are requested to send **only bankdrafts** and not personal cheques for the application fee stated above.

**INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS**

- (37) The application deadlines and the periods by which applicants can expect to be informed of the outcome of their applications are indicated in the table below. Please ensure that the Department(s)/Programme(s) you are interested in is open for application before you make your submission(s). **Applications received after the deadlines will be considered for the next relevant intake.**

Intake	Departments/Programmes open for application	Application Deadline	Period by which applicant can expect to be informed of outcome
Semester I (August)	All	15 <sup>th</sup> November	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Semester II (January)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Studies</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Japanese Studies</li> <li>• Malay Studies</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Communications and New Media</li> <li>• South Asian Studies</li> </ul>	15 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> October

- (38) Applicants must ensure the following with regard to supporting documents:
- (A) All supporting documents are in English or accompanied by an official translation in English.
  - (B) Where supporting documents are photocopied from originals, they are officially "**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**". Notarisation is not required.
- (39) Please ensure that the following documents are submitted to us by the prescribed deadline for **each Department/Programme/degree** to which you are seeking admission:
- (A) Cheque/bankdraft for the application fee indicating dollars forty only (S\$40.00) with the completed paper-based Application Fee Payment Form.
  - (B) Completed RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM.
  - (C) Completed RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM (DUPLICATE) **or photocopy** of a **completed** RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM.
  - (D) **Two** photographs, one to be pasted on each application form.
  - (E) **Two sets of research proposal** at least two pages long on A4-size paper. If you are applying for admission to the Department of Chinese Studies, please submit your proposal in both English and Chinese.
  - (F) **Two sets of certified copies** degree scroll/certificate (non-certified copies are acceptable from applicants who are graduates of this University).
  - (G) If you are applying for admission to the Communications and New Media Programme, please submit a copy of your best academic publication (if applicable).
  - (H) The following supporting documents must be submitted as indicated below:
    - (i) Transcripts of academic records from each university or college attended.

**Note:** Applicants who are graduates from this University can submit photocopies of their results slips or the official transcripts of their academic records together with their applications.

Applicants who are graduates of other universities will have to request official transcripts **directly** from their university/universities using the prescribed Transcript Request Form. You are responsible for requesting for the transcript(s) from the relevant university/universities. If you have attended more than one university, you should make photocopies of the Transcript Request Form as required.

**Only transcripts received directly from universities in the prescribed manner will be accepted:**

      - The official transcript/transcripts must be enclosed in an official sealed envelope with its flap bearing the security seal of the university and the signature of the Registrar or his/her representative; and
      - The envelope must be forwarded directly from the university/universities, **unopened**, together with the Transcript Request Form.

Please note that the universities have to send the transcripts to the mailing address of NUS as indicated in the Transcript Request Form and state the Department(s)/Programme(s) that you are applying for.
    - (ii) TOEFL/IELTS Score Report.

**Note:** Applicants whose native tongue or medium of university instruction is not English should submit TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores as evidence of their proficiency in the English language. Please note that letters of certification from institutions cannot be used as evidence of applicants' proficiency in the English language.

**A minimum TOEFL score of 85 is required for the internet-based test (with a minimum of 22 for the writing section), or 580 for the paper-based test, or 237 for the computer-based test; while a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 is required.** (Some Departments/ Programmes may set higher requirements.) TOEFL or IELTS are only valid for two years after the test.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has indicated that score reports are **valid only if** our University receives them **directly from ETS**. The Faculty's TOEFL Institution Code is **9081**. The Department Code that you use will not affect the delivery of your report to our Faculty.

Please note the following:

- Other English language 'proficiency tests' will not be accepted for this purpose;
- Tests that claim to be predictions, estimations, simulations, equivalents, practices, etc., of the TOEFL or IELTS are invalid;
- The ETS has stated that their Institutional Testing Program cannot be used for admission.

(iii) GRE Score Report.

**Note:** Only the following applicants are required to submit GRE (Graduate Record Examination) reports:

- For admission to the **Department of Political Science:**
  - Only applicants (except graduates from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University) applying for **PhD** studies must submit the GRE report.
  - Applicants are required to obtain a minimum of 1200 points for the Verbal and Quantitative sections, and 3.5 for the Analytical section.
- For admission to the **Department of Psychology:**
  - All applicants (except graduates from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University) must submit the GRE report.
  - The Department has not instituted any minimum requirement but the General Test and the Psychology Subject Test have to be taken.
- For admission to the **Cultural Studies in Asia Programme offered by the Office of Programmes:**
  - All applicants (except graduates from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University) must submit the GRE report.
  - Applicants are required to obtain a minimum score of 1200 points, with at least 600 each for the Verbal and Quantitative sections, and at least 4.0 for the Analytical section.

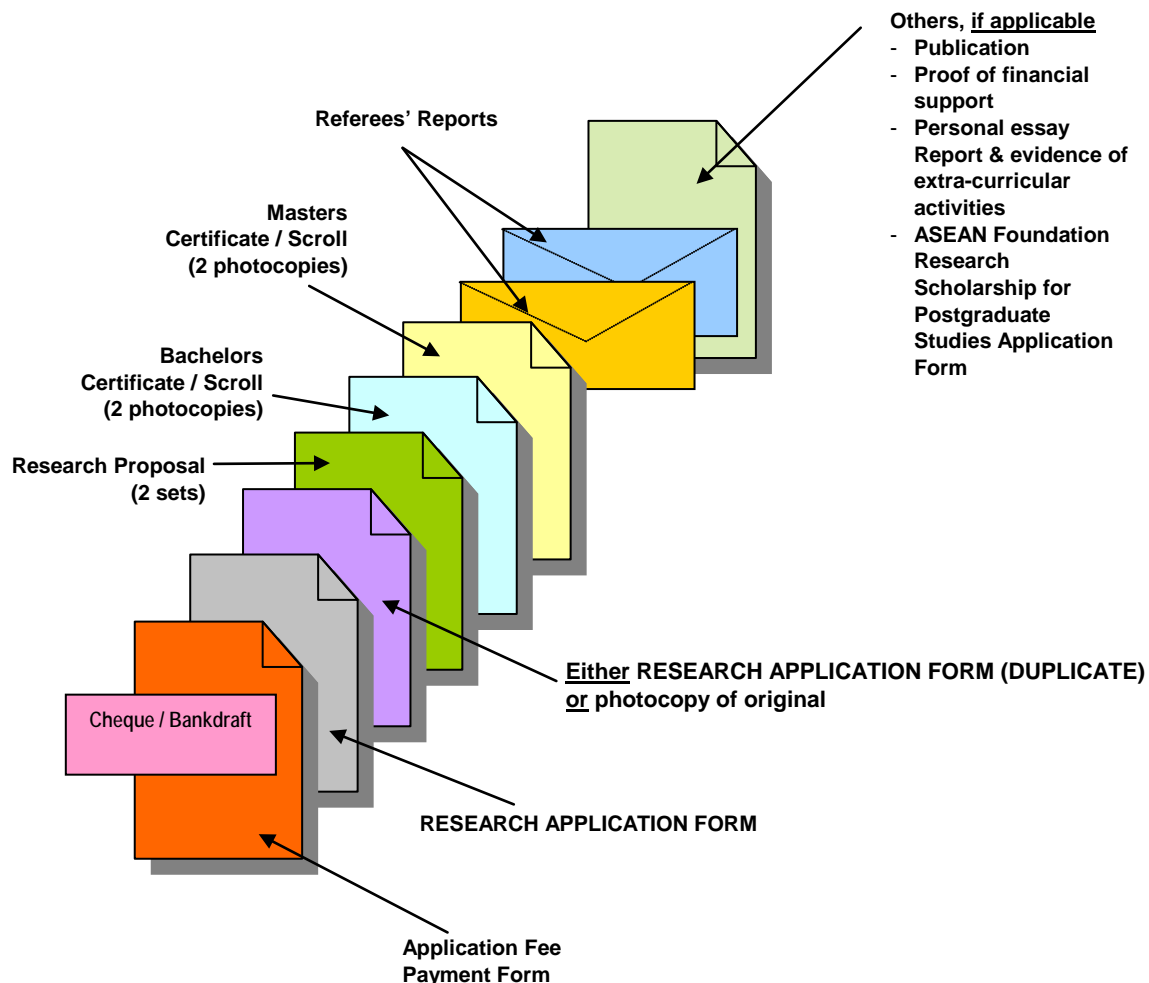
The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has indicated that score reports are **valid only if** our University receives them **directly from ETS**. The University Code is **0677**.

(iv) Recommendation from two academic referees.

**Note:** The referees' reports, to be made on the prescribed forms, must be forwarded to you in sealed envelopes bearing the signature of the respective referees across the flap of each envelope. These envelopes must be forwarded, **unopened**, to our Division **with the other supporting documents**.

- (I) Foreign applicants who are not applying for our scholarship or who have indicated that you would still like to be considered for admission in the event that you are unsuccessful for our scholarship, must submit documentary evidence of the ability to support your study, e.g., a bank statement. The financial statement should indicate a total of at least S\$15,000 or its equivalent. Those who are sponsored by an individual or organisation will need to submit a letter of confirmation from the sponsor and other documentary proof like a bank statement, evidence of scholarship or other award obtained. Those who are working in Singapore and applying for admission to our part-time programme may submit a copy of your recent payslip.
- (J) Applicants for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship must also submit the following documents:
- (i) A **personal essay** to describe an exceptional achievement that highlights your academic interests and intellectual capacity that would be of value to the NUS community; and
  - (ii) A **record (with documentary evidence) of co-curricular activities or community service** (e.g. committee served, community service, sports, etc), and a statement about how you have benefited from such participation, and hope to return something to society.
- (K) Successful applicants who graduated from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University or Singapore Management University and received a scholarship for your undergraduate studies, must submit documentary proof from your sponsor that you are allowed to continue with your Higher Degree Programme if you have yet to serve or are still serving your bond.

(40) Please **arrange your documents** in the following order as shown pictorially.



- (41) The application forms, cheque/bankdraft and relevant supporting documents must reach this office by the prescribed closing date. Please note that mail from some countries may take three weeks or more to reach us. Our postal address is:

Vice-Dean (Graduate Studies)  
Division of Research and Graduate Studies  
Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore  
The Shaw Foundation Building  
Block AS7, Level 6, 5 Arts Link  
Singapore 117570

- (42) All documents (including the original transcript received by NUS directly from university/universities) submitted in support of your application will **not** be returned to you.
- (43) Due to the large number of applicants seeking admission, we are sorry we will not be able to attend to enquiries on the status of applications and receipt of documents. If you are concerned about the delivery of your documents, you may wish to consider sending them via registered mail or courier.
- (44) **Unless granted approval by our University, no student may concurrently be a candidate for more than one degree or register as a candidate of NUS and of another university or institute.**

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(5) PERSONAL PARTICULARS & CONTACT INFORMATION			
Title ( <b>TICK</b> (✓) relevant box)  03 <input type="radio"/> Dr                      04 <input type="radio"/> Mr                      05 <input type="radio"/> Mrs 06 <input type="radio"/> Mdm                      07 <input type="radio"/> Miss                      08 <input type="radio"/> Ms		Gender <input type="radio"/> Male  <input type="radio"/> Female	Age
Correspondence Address (in English)		Telephone No.	Handphone No.
Permanent Home Address		Telephone No. (Home)	
Email Address			
Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)	Place of Birth	Domicile (Country you live in permanently)	
Marital Status  1 <input type="radio"/> Single                      2 <input type="radio"/> Married                      3 <input type="radio"/> Divorced 4 <input type="radio"/> Widowed                      5 <input type="radio"/> Separated		Ethnic Group (circle appropriate one below): Chinese / Malay / Indian / Eurasian / Other Asian / Caucasian / Others	
Type of Identity Card {Please tick (✓) relevant box}  1 <input type="radio"/> Singapore pink                      3 <input type="radio"/> Malaysia blue <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable 2 <input type="radio"/> Singapore blue                      4 <input type="radio"/> Malaysia pink		NRIC (for Singaporean and SPR)  _____ Passport No. (Leave blank if unavailable)  _____ FIN (Foreign Identification Number, if available) _____	
Citizenship {Please tick (✓) relevant box}  001 <input type="radio"/> Singaporean                      801 <input type="radio"/> Singapore Permanent Resident <input type="radio"/> Others (please specify)			
(6) NATIONAL SERVICE (for Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents only)			
01 <input type="radio"/> Completed (ORD: .....)  03 <input type="radio"/> Exempted			
09 <input type="radio"/> Currently serving (Expected ORD: .....)  00 <input type="radio"/> Not applicable			
04 <input type="radio"/> Disrupted			

**(7) PROPOSED RESEARCH**

Proposed Research, at least **two pages of A4 size**, to be attached as separate sheet. If you are applying for admission to the Department of Chinese Studies, please submit your proposal in both English & Chinese.

Proposed Research Title

Significance & Aims of Research Project (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Proposed Supervisor(s), if any

Attached to Research Institute, if any

Have you worked out your research project with your proposed supervisor(s)?  Yes  No

**(8) ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

(a) Tertiary Education (Universities and other tertiary institutions attended/attending, ie, undergraduate and graduate)

Please provide your complete academic history. This includes programmes completed, attempted or are in progress, particularly if they were/are undertaken with subsidy from the Singapore Government or sponsored by a Singapore government agency (such as scholarships offered by the Ministries, Public Service Commission and Statutory Boards)

Are you currently an Honours year student in NUS?  Yes  No

Name & Country of Institution	Qualification obtained/ Programme attempted	Class of Honours (if applicable)	Course Duration - number of years	Year of Completion/ Expected Completion (if applicable)

**(9) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY/OTHER TESTS**

	<u>Date of Test</u>	<u>Date that NUS will receive report</u>
TOEFL Score		
Internet-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
Computer-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
Paper-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
IELTS Score : .....		.....
GRE Score : .....	Ver. .... Qua. .... Ana. ....	.....

**(10) PUBLICATION, MEMBERSHIP & AWARD/PRIZE DETAILS**

(a) List of Publications (if any)

Category – Book; Conference Journal                      Authorship – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Co-Author; Multiple Author  
 Type – Local; Regional; International; Not Applicable      Impact Factor – Measure of scientific impact (if applicable)

Year	Category	Title of Article	Authorship	Type	Impact Factor

(b) Membership of Professional Society / Association (if any)

From	To	Name of Society / Association	Post Held / Membership Status

(c) National or Internationals Awards / Prizes Received (if any) – Please submit documentary proof

(List in chronological order any scholarships, prizes or other awards received.)

Year	Name of Scholarship, Prizes or Awards	Awarded by

(11) PARTICULARS OF NEXT-OF-KIN			
Name	Relationship		
Permanent Address	Telephone Number		
(12) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY			
<p>(a) Work Experience (Last 5 Years)</p> <p>Have you had any work experience relating to your proposed area of research?    Yes <input type="radio"/>    No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>If <b>"Yes"</b>, please give details, including period and length of service (attach a separate sheet if necessary):</p>    			
(b) Present Occupation (Please complete this section if you are presently working. Otherwise, indicate that you are currently unemployed.)			
Date of Joining	Name, Country, and Contact Number of Firm/Organisation	Title/Position Held	Nature of Work
(c) Previous Occupation(s) (Please list jobs held during the last five years)			
From (mth/yr)	To (mth/yr)	Name, Country, and Contact Number of Firm/Organisation	Title/Position Held Nature of Work
<p>(d) Please indicate the total duration of work experience.</p> <p>_____ years    _____ months (up to date of application)</p>			

**(13) ACADEMIC REFEREES**

Please provide the particulars of two referees from whom you have requested letters of reference (Use enclosed referee's report forms).

(a) Name / Designation	(b) Name / Designation
University / Institute	University / Institute
Email Address (provide postal address if no email)	Email Address (provide postal address if no email)

**(14) PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Have you previously applied for admission or been admitted to any graduate programme(s) at NUS?

Yes (Please provide details below)       No

(a) Programme applied for: ..... Year of application: .....

Outcome of application:  Successful       Unsuccessful

If successful, please indicate:  Graduated       Withdrawn       Failed       Current Student

(b) Programme applied for: ..... Year of application: .....

Outcome of application:  Successful       Unsuccessful

If successful, please indicate:  Graduated       Withdrawn       Failed       Current Student

**(15) OTHER APPLICATIONS**

Are you applying for any other graduate programme(s) at NUS for the coming session?

Yes (Please provide details below)       No

Programme(s) applying for:

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

**(16) SOURCE OF FINANCE (Only for candidates not applying for our scholarship)**

Please indicate how you intend to finance your programme of study if you are successful in your application for admission. Please enclose documentary evidence.

997  Self-financing

999  Others financial assistance

(Please specify .....)

NUS Staff Member (provide details below)

Staff number: .....

Department: .....

**(17) OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE**

Please indicate whether you will be receiving any other scholarship (apart from your application for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship/ President's Graduate Fellowship /Research Scholarships), fellowship or award if you are successful in gaining admission to this University.

Yes (please provide details below)

No

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship/Award: .....

Period of award: .....

Amount of award: .....

Length of bond (if any): .....

**(18) OTHER INFORMATION**

(a) If you are unsuccessful in your application for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship/ President's Graduate Fellowship/Research Scholarships, do you still wish to be considered for admission as a graduate research candidate?

Yes (Please enclose documentary evidence of financial support)

If yes, please also indicate whether

Full-time

Part-time

No

Not applicable (this item is to be ticked if you did not apply for a scholarship with us)

(b) Were you receiving any scholarship during your undergraduate study? (For applicants from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University or Singapore Management University)

Yes (please provide details below)

No

Not applicable

Name of Scholarship: .....

Name of Sponsor: .....

Length of bond (if any): .....

Are you required to serve a bond upon completion of your study?

Yes (Please provide documentary proof from the sponsor that you are allowed to continue with your Higher Degree Programme if you are successful in your application)

If Yes, have you served your bond?

No

Completed

Currently serving

(Expected completion by:.....)

No

**(19) DECLARATION (To be completed by ALL applicants)**

**(a) Disabilities and Special Needs**

Have you had or do you have any disabilities (including but not limited to chronic illnesses, communicable diseases, mental illness, colour blindness, visual or other physical constraints or limitations) which may or may not cause you to require special assistance or facilities while studying at the University?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide all relevant information on a separate sheet of paper (and attach the relevant medical documents).

**Note:** This information will enable the University to develop a complete profile of an applicant and to determine whether he/she might need additional resources in his/her studies. **The University does not, however, guarantee the provision of special aid (financial or otherwise) to any student.**

**(b) Information Provided**

Have you ever been convicted of any offence by a court of law in any country or are there any court proceedings pending against you anywhere in respect of any offence?

Yes

No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, charged with or subject to disciplinary action for any type of misconduct, scholastic or otherwise, at any educational institution?

Yes

No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, under investigation or subject to enquiry in respect of any misconduct, scholastic or otherwise, at any educational institution?

Yes

No

If your answer to any or all of the above questions is yes, please provide a full statement of relevant information on a separate sheet of paper (and attach the relevant documents).

**I hereby declare that all information provided by me in connection with this application is true, accurate and complete. I understand that any inaccurate, incomplete or false information given or any omission of information required shall render this application invalid and NUS may at its discretion withdraw any offer of acceptance made to me on the basis of such information or, if already admitted, I may be liable to disciplinary action, which may result in my expulsion from NUS. And I hereby authorise NUS to obtain and verify any part of the information given by me from or with any source, as it deems appropriate.**

Signature: .....

Date: .....

## National University of Singapore

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES  
DEAN'S OFFICE, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH/WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Please paste  
your photograph  
here**(1) NAME & SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

- (a) Write in **BLOCK** letters and **UNDERLINE** surname/family name (as in NRIC/Passport or Other Official Document).
- (b) How did you come to know about this application? (Please quote source of advertisement, if applicable).

**(2) SCHOLARSHIPS**You can choose to apply for more than one scholarship. Please note the eligibility for each scholarship. Please **TICK** (✓)

- (a) Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship (applies to **PhD only** and **Semester I intake**)  Yes  No
- (b) President's Graduate Fellowship (applies to **PhD only** and **any intake**)  Yes  No
- (c) NUS Research Scholarship from Asia Research Institute (applies to **PhD only** and **any intake**)  Yes  No
- (d) NUS Research Scholarship (applies to both **Masters & PhD** and **any intake**)  Yes  No
- (e) ASEAN Foundation Research Scholarship (applies to **Masters only** for ASEAN nationals [except Singapore citizens and permanent Residents] and **any intake**)  Yes  No

**(3) TYPE OF PROGRAMME**Please **TICK** (✓) only one box each in (a) and (b).

- (a) 730/733  Masters Programme 881  Doctoral Programme
- (b) If you are applying for admission only, ie, without scholarship, please indicate whether you would be pursuing studies on a full-time or part-time basis.
- 1  Full-Time 2  Part-Time

**(4) DEPARTMENT/PROGRAMME WHERE RESEARCH IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN #**Please **TICK** (✓) only one box. Otherwise your application will be considered invalid.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 102 <input type="radio"/> * Department of Chinese Studies               | 108 <input type="radio"/> Department of Political Science          |
| 122 <input type="radio"/> Department of Economics                       | 581 <input type="radio"/> Department of Psychology                 |
| 103 <input type="radio"/> Department of English Language and Literature | 134 <input type="radio"/> Department of Social Work                |
| 109 <input type="radio"/> * Department of Geography                     | 111 <input type="radio"/> * Department of Sociology                |
| 110 <input type="radio"/> Department of History                         | 101 <input type="radio"/> ^ Cultural Studies in Asia Programme     |
| 112 <input type="radio"/> * Department of Japanese Studies              | 128 <input type="radio"/> * Communications and New Media Programme |
| 104 <input type="radio"/> * Department of Malay Studies                 | 123 <input type="radio"/> * South Asian Studies Programme          |
| 106 <input type="radio"/> Department of Philosophy                      | 117 <input type="radio"/> Southeast Asian Studies Programme        |

# Only one box should be ticked. If you are applying for **more than one** Department/Programme, you **must** submit separate sets of application materials and make separate payment of application fee of S\$40.00 each.

\* Departments/Programmes with intake in Semester II (January). ^ For PhD programme only.



**(7) PROPOSED RESEARCH**

Proposed Research, at least **two pages of A4 size**, to be attached as separate sheet. If you are applying for admission to the Department of Chinese Studies, please submit your proposal in both English & Chinese.

Proposed Research Title

Significance & Aims of Research Project (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Proposed Supervisor(s), if any

Attached to Research Institute, if any

Have you worked out your research project with your proposed supervisor(s)?  Yes  No

**(8) ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

(a) Tertiary Education (Universities and other tertiary institutions attended/attending, ie, undergraduate and graduate)

Please provide your complete academic history. This includes programmes completed, attempted or are in progress, particularly if they were/are undertaken with subsidy from the Singapore Government or sponsored by a Singapore government agency (such as scholarships offered by the Ministries, Public Service Commission and Statutory Boards)

Are you currently an Honours year student in NUS?  Yes  No

Name & Country of Institution	Qualification obtained/ Programme attempted	Class of Honours (if applicable)	Course Duration - number of years	Year of Completion/ Expected Completion (if applicable)

**(9) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY/OTHER TESTS**

	<u>Date of Test</u>	<u>Date that NUS will receive report</u>
TOEFL Score		
Internet-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
Computer-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
Paper-based : Total .....	Writing Section .....	.....
IELTS Score : .....		.....
GRE Score : .....	Ver. .... Qua. .... Ana. ....	.....

**(10) PUBLICATION, MEMBERSHIP & AWARD/PRIZE DETAILS**

(a) List of Publications (if any)

Category – Book; Conference Journal Authorship – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Co-Author; Multiple Author  
 Type – Local; Regional; International; Not Applicable Impact Factor – Measure of scientific impact (if applicable)

Year	Category	Title of Article	Authorship	Type	Impact Factor

(b) Membership of Professional Society / Association (if any)

From	To	Name of Society / Association	Post Held / Membership Status

(c) National or Internationals Awards / Prizes Received (if any) – Please submit documentary proof

(List in chronological order any scholarships, prizes or other awards received.)

Year	Name of Scholarship, Prizes or Awards	Awarded by

<b>(11) PARTICULARS OF NEXT-OF-KIN</b>			
Name	Relationship		
Permanent Address	Telephone Number		
<b>(12) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY</b>			
<p>(a) Work Experience (Last 5 Years)</p> <p>Have you had any work experience relating to your proposed area of research?    Yes <input type="radio"/>    No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>If <b>"Yes"</b>, please give details, including period and length of service (attach a separate sheet if necessary):</p>     			
(b) Present Occupation (Please complete this section if you are presently working. Otherwise, indicate that you are currently unemployed.)			
Date of Joining	Name, Country, and Contact Number of Firm/Organisation	Title/Position Held	Nature of Work
(c) Previous Occupation(s) (Please list jobs held during the last five years)			
From (mth/yr)	To (mth/yr)	Name, Country, and Contact Number of Firm/Organisation	Title/Position Held Nature of Work
<p>(d) Please indicate the total duration of work experience.</p> <p>_____ years    _____ months (up to date of application)</p>			

**(13) ACADEMIC REFEREES**

Please provide the particulars of two referees from whom you have requested letters of reference (Use enclosed referee's report forms).

(a) Name / Designation	(b) Name / Designation
University / Institute	University / Institute
Email Address (provide postal address if no email)	Email Address (provide postal address if no email)

**(14) PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Have you previously applied for admission or been admitted to any graduate programme(s) at NUS?

Yes (Please provide details below)       No

(a) Programme applied for: ..... Year of application: .....

Outcome of application:  Successful       Unsuccessful

If successful, please indicate:  Graduated       Withdrawn       Failed       Current Student

(b) Programme applied for: ..... Year of application: .....

Outcome of application:  Successful       Unsuccessful

If successful, please indicate:  Graduated       Withdrawn       Failed       Current Student

**(15) OTHER APPLICATIONS**

Are you applying for any other graduate programme(s) at NUS for the coming session?

Yes (Please provide details below)       No

Programme(s) applying for:

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

Faculty/Department ..... Programme .....

**(16) SOURCE OF FINANCE (Only for candidates not applying for our scholarship)**

Please indicate how you intend to finance your programme of study if you are successful in your application for admission. Please enclose documentary evidence.

997  Self-financing

999  Others financial assistance

(Please specify .....)

NUS Staff Member (provide details below)

Staff number: .....

Department: .....

**(17) OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE**

Please indicate whether you will be receiving any other scholarship (apart from your application for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship/ President's Graduate Fellowship /Research Scholarships), fellowship or award if you are successful in gaining admission to this University.

Yes (please provide details below)

No

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship/Award: .....

Period of award: .....

Amount of award: .....

Length of bond (if any): .....

**(18) OTHER INFORMATION**

(a) If you are unsuccessful in your application for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship/ President's Graduate Fellowship/Research Scholarships, do you still wish to be considered for admission as a graduate research candidate?

Yes (Please enclose documentary evidence of financial support)

If yes, please also indicate whether

Full-time

Part-time

No

Not applicable (this item is to be ticked if you did not apply for a scholarship with us)

(b) Were you receiving any scholarship during your undergraduate study? (For applicants from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University or Singapore Management University)

Yes (please provide details below)

No

Not applicable

Name of Scholarship: .....

Name of Sponsor: .....

Length of bond (if any): .....

Are you required to serve a bond upon completion of your study?

Yes (Please provide documentary proof from the sponsor that you are allowed to continue with your Higher Degree Programme if you are successful in your application)

If Yes, have you served your bond?

No

Completed

Currently serving

(Expected completion by:.....)

No

**(19) DECLARATION (To be completed by ALL applicants)**

**(a) Disabilities and Special Needs**

Have you had or do you have any disabilities (including but not limited to chronic illnesses, communicable diseases, mental illness, colour blindness, visual or other physical constraints or limitations) which may or may not cause you to require special assistance or facilities while studying at the University?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide all relevant information on a separate sheet of paper (and attach the relevant medical documents).

**Note:** This information will enable the University to develop a complete profile of an applicant and to determine whether he/she might need additional resources in his/her studies. **The University does not, however, guarantee the provision of special aid (financial or otherwise) to any student.**

**(b) Information Provided**

Have you ever been convicted of any offence by a court of law in any country or are there any court proceedings pending against you anywhere in respect of any offence?

Yes

No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, charged with or subject to disciplinary action for any type of misconduct, scholastic or otherwise, at any educational institution?

Yes

No

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**ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT FORM  
(Research Programme)**

**To the applicant:**

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Name of applicant: .....

Department/Programme where you intend to undertake research studies: .....

Degree that you intend to pursue: Masters / Doctor of Philosophy \* (Circle the appropriate one.)

**Note to referee:**

The person named above is applying for admission as a research candidate in the Department/Programme indicated above. He/She has named you as his/her referee. We would appreciate receiving your confidential report on the applicant. For item 4 on the next page, you may use a separate sheet if necessary.

1. (i) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

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(ii) Only applicable to applicants from the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and/or Singapore Management University:

Are/were you the main supervisor of the applicant's final year project/current candidature?

Yes       No       Not applicable

2. Among the students at a similar level that you have known in recent years, how would you rate the applicant?

The following is based on:  my familiarity with the applicant as an undergraduate student

my familiarity with the applicant as a graduate student

(Please put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (a) <input type="radio"/> Within the top 5%     | (d) <input type="radio"/> Within the top 25-50% |
| (b) <input type="radio"/> Within the top 5-10%  | (e) <input type="radio"/> Within the bottom 50% |
| (c) <input type="radio"/> Within the top 10-25% | (f) <input type="radio"/> unable to judge       |

3. How would you rate the applicant's proficiency in English - in speaking, reading and writing (i.e. excellent, good, fair)?

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4. Personal report on applicant (if possible, comment on applicant's academic ability, experience, performance and research potential):

Signature : ..... Date: .....

Name of Referee : .....

Designation : .....

University : .....

Postal Address : .....

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Email Address : .....

Please return this report to the applicant in a sealed envelope  
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**TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM  
(Research Programme)**

**To the Applicant**

Please complete this section of the form and send it to the Registrar (or relevant person-in-charge) of the University from which you are requesting your transcript. The University is required to forward the transcript directly to the National University of Singapore in an official sealed envelope with its flap bearing the security seal of the University and the signature of the Registrar or his/her representative. Thank you.

**Applicants who are requesting for transcripts from NUS itself**, please submit your application online at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/transcripts.html>. An application fee of \$5.00 (excl GST) per transcript is applicable. To have this form attached to the transcript, you can email this form to [transcript@nus.edu.sg](mailto:transcript@nus.edu.sg) as an attachment or submit it at the Student Service Centre. Please indicate in the Remarks column in the online request, the mode and date that you have submitted this Form.

Applicant's Name	:	_____	Date of Birth	:	_____
Applicant's Email	:	_____	Applicant's Contact	:	_____
University	:	_____			
Date of Enrolment	:	From _____	To	_____	
Degree Awarded	:	Yes / No *	Date of Conferment	:	_____
Degree Conferred	:	_____			
Name of Department/Programme to undertake research studies at NUS	:	_____			
Degree that you intend to pursue at NUS	:	* Masters / Doctor of Philosophy			
Mailing Address of NUS	:	<b>Name of the Department/Programme (as indicated above)</b> <b>Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</b> <b>National University of Singapore</b> <b>The Shaw Foundation Building</b> <b>Block AS7, Level 6, 5 Arts Link</b> <b>Singapore 117570</b>			

**To the Registrar/Person-in-charge**

1. The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to our graduate research programme.
2. The application cannot be considered without an official transcript of academic records submitted by your university. This transcript must bear the stamp of your university and the name and signature of the Registrar or authorised person.
3. Subject to the rules governing your university, the transcript should include:
  - (a) Date of enrolment
  - (b) A list of all subjects taken (with dates), and the grades obtained in each subject
  - (c) Title of degree awarded and date of conferment
  - (d) Rank in class (if any)
  - (e) Interpretation or explanation of the grades, marks or scores
4. If the transcript is in a language other than English, please provide an official translation.
5. **DO NOT RETURN THE TRANSCRIPT TO THE APPLICANT.** Please send the official transcript **together with this form directly to the mailing address indicated above.** The University is required to forward the transcript directly to the National University of Singapore in an official sealed envelope with its flap bearing the security seal of the University and the signature of the Registrar or his/her representative. Thank you.

\* Circle the appropriate one

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**  
**Paper-based Application Fee Payment Form for Graduate Research Programme**

**(Faculty's Copy)**

GST Reg No: 200604346E

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Division of Research and Graduate Studies)**

1. A non-refundable fee of **S\$40.00** inclusive of GST for is required for each **paper-based application**.
2. Payment should made by cheque/bankdraft to *National University of Singapore*.
3. Please write your name and telephone numbers (home & office) on the reverse of the cheque/bankdraft.
4. All payments and application should be sent to **Vice-Dean (Graduate Studies), Division of Research and Graduate Studies, Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, The Shaw Foundation Building, Block AS7, Level 6, 5 Arts Link, Singapore 117570.**
5. Please complete **all 3 sections** of this form, ie, Faculty's copy, Applicant's copy and Office of Financial Services' copy.

Name of Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. (Office) : \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. (Residence) : \_\_\_\_\_

Handphone / Pager : \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Department applied for : \_\_\_\_\_

Degree applied for : Masters / Doctor of Philosophy \* (Circle the appropriate one.)

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**(Applicant's Copy)**

GST Reg No: 200604346E

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Division of Research and Graduate Studies)**

Received the sum of Singapore dollars forty only (S\$40.00 inclusive of GST) in payment of **paper-based application fee** for a Graduate Research Programme.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**(Office of Financial Services' Copy)**

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**  
**DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES**  
**DEAN'S OFFICE, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**Application for a Graduate Research Programme**

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Tel. No. (Office) : \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. (Residence): \_\_\_\_\_

Handphone / Pager : \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper-based application fee**

(inclusive of GST) : S\$40.00 ( To be credited to GL account: WBS 530132/C-101-000-005-001)