We invite applications for a professorial position named in honour of one of Singapore’s pioneer leaders Encik Yusof bin Ishak, whose exemplary and eminent public career was marked by his appointment as Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Singapore (1959), Chancellor of the University of Singapore (a predecessor institution to NUS), and as the first President of the Republic of Singapore (1965-1970). His professional tenure as a distinguished journalist and editor, his identity as a prominent patron of the arts scene in Singapore, his membership of the ‘Films Appeal Committee’, the ‘Nature Reserves Committee’ and the ‘Malaynisation Commission’ all reflect the depth and breadth of his critical and impassioned engagement with key socio-cultural, economic and political issues in an emerging nation-state.

The Professorship memorializes and honours his many contributions to Singapore, not least his deep interest in promoting harmonious race relations and sustaining a multi-racial and multi-cultural nation. The endowed professorship, established in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore, will enable the university to attract and appoint leading social scientists who have demonstrated excellence and an established international recognition.

The appointed candidate will assume stewardship for enhancing cutting edge research in one (or more) of the following fields of study in the context of Asia: race, ethnicity and community studies and multi-culturalism; communication and civic engagement; and studies of religion and religious diversity. In educating the next generation of leaders, the candidate will play a role in generating knowledge that benefits an inclusive and progressive society.

The successful candidate should be a senior scholar holding the rank of Professor. He/She should have a strong international reputation in any aspect of the social sciences. The appointee should have a strong publication record (with evidence of a continuing trajectory), extensive experience of teaching and student supervision, an internationally recognized research profile and a track record in securing research funding. He/She will be expected to contribute to the teaching, research and leadership in the department in which he/she is appointed.

The successful candidate will have a primary appointment in one of the social sciences departments according to area of expertise. Appointment will be on a full-time tenured OR full-time contract OR full-time visiting position. The professorship title will be for a period of up to three years. A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the appointee.

The application dossier should include a letter of interest, full curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details of six referees. All applications should reach us no later than 30 November 2017, and should be sent via email, to:

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