**PhD Scholarship (1 Position)**

**Project on ‘Transnational Relations, Ageing and Care Ethics’ (TRACE)**

The Department of Geography, based at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the National University of Singapore, invites applications for ONE full-time PhD Scholarship.

The PhD Scholarship is funded through a large grant awarded by the Ministry of Education (MOE Tier 2). The project team consists of Principal Investigator A/P Elaine Ho (Department of Geography and the Asia Research Institute), and Co-PIs Professor Brenda Yeoh, A/P Shirlena Huang and A/P Thang Leng Leng.

The successful PhD applicant will undertake research connected to the research project titled, ‘Transnational Relations, Ageing and Care Ethics’ (TRACE). This research focuses on how transnational relations, ageing and care ethics extend across national borders. It considers three interrelated aspects of care circulation: (1) grandparenting migration; (2) caring for the aged and the left-behind care chains of foreign carers; and (3) retirement migration. Empirically, the research examines the everyday geographies of older people in Singapore, China and Australia, and the care migration industry and left-behind care chains of foreign care workers from Myanmar.

The PhD thesis work should be an independent project that fits broadly into the overall research project on ‘Transnational Relations, Ageing and Care Ethics’ (TRACE). Empirical research conducted in an Asian context will be preferred.

This PhD position is targeted at applicants who have:

- Intermediate competency in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), usually obtained at the honours (at least Second Class Honours/Upper Division or equivalent), or at the Masters level; knowledge of ArcGIS, spatial analysis and visualization preferred
- Knowledge or willingness to work with qualitative research methods

**Application and PhD Scholarship Details**

Applicants must be university graduates with at least Second Class Honours (Upper Division) degree or equivalent at the time the PhD scholarship is awarded. There is no restriction on the nationality of applicants.

The successful applicant is expected to commence PhD studies at NUS in January 2018, although promising applicants requesting to start in August 2018 will also be considered.

The research project will fund at least three years of what is normally a four-years PhD program 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 fourth year of study subsequently (see website for details).

**Application Procedure**
Applicants who are able to start the PhD programme in January 2018 are strongly preferred. The application deadline is 6 October 2017. Applications should be submitted here. You will notice that the online application system will indicate that this is for the August 2018 intake. Please still proceed to submit your application online and follow-up with:

- The printed copy of your application and supporting documents via post. This must reach the Department of Geography by 6 October 2017;
- An email to Ms Pauline Lee at geoleepl@nus.edu.sg who is in charge of graduate applications at the NUS Department of Geography. You must inform her that you are applying for this scholarship so that she can process your application accordingly; and
- Potential applicants may write to the PI (A/P Elaine Ho at elaine.ho@nus.edu.sg) to indicate an interest in the project before 6 October 2017.