

## **SSR Research Mentoring Programme 2017**

### **Programme Description**

The research mentoring programme offers social service professionals an opportunity to be guided through a research project and be supported by workshops, peer group discussions and regular feedback from mentors. Throughout the programme, social service professionals will be guided from the conceptualisation of the research problem to data collection, data-analysis and presentation of their research findings.

While the workshops and mentors may provide support on specific research methods or skills, these would tailor towards the needs and requirements of the research projects proposed. The programme strives to provide a holistic guidance and support on the different stages of research for each proposed research project.

### **Programme Objectives**

At the end of the programme, participants are expected to achieve the following objectives:

- Plan and complete a small-scale research project independently
- Appreciate the strengths and limitations of different research designs and methods
- Present and apply research findings at work

### **Programme Requirements**

All participants are required to:

- Complete a research project, either individually or in small groups
- Submit two assignments to the mentors for comments
- Attend and contribute actively during the workshops, mentoring sessions and at a mini-conference after completing their research project. The mini-conference will be attended by participants and invited guests only.

Participants will be organized in small groups of 3 members each, where they will arrange with their mentors on suitable times to meet. Each mentoring session will last about 1.5 hours and the discussions may take place through face-to-face meetings, over online conferences or other online discussion platforms.

### **Programme Expectations**

Other than fulfilling the programme requirements stated above, participants will need to prepare for their research proposals, conduct library research, collect data, perform data-analyses, write reports and prepare for their conference presentations. A large part of the learning from this

programme will come from mutual sharing of their research progress among the participants. Participants must be prepared to share their research progress with their mentors and with other participants.

## **Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Credits**

Aligned with the objectives of SkillsFuture and the National Social Work Competency Framework, participants will receive

- A Certificate of Attendance for at least 30 hours of participation in the programme
- A Certificate of Participation for the above and submission of two required assignments

Course participants are eligible for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits with the Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW). One CPE credit will be awarded for each contact hour. Approval of CPE credits are to be submitted through the CPE Log Book under each accredited professional's account.

## **Target Programme Participants**

The programme welcomes all participants working in the social service or health sectors, who have a strong interest in research. Participants should have at least a Bachelor's degree in any discipline and basic knowledge in social research. In particular, the programme is targeted at:

- Social workers
- Medical social workers
- Allied health professionals
- Social service practitioners and professionals from government agencies or voluntary welfare organisations

## **Programme Materials**

All programme materials will be provided.

## **Programme Structure**

The research mentoring programme is conducted over 13 weeks. The sessions include 2 full-day workshops, 10 small-group discussions with mentors and one full-day conference.

Workshop 1: 9 Feb 2017

Workshop 2: 16 Feb 2017

Mentoring (10 sessions): 20 Feb – 28 Apr 2017

Conference presentation (for participants and their invited guests): 4 May 2017

## **Programme Instructors and Mentors**

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## Programme Fees

The programme fees are \$3,424 (including GST) per participant.

\*Early bird registration: Enjoy 10% discount on the programme fees by registering before end of the year- 30 December 2016.

\*Group discount: Enjoy 10% discount by registering two or more staff from the same organization.

## Payment Details

Registration is provisional until payment is made. An invoice will be issued upon confirmation of registration.

All payment will be via cheque. Please arrange for cheque to be payable to 'National University of Singapore' and send to the following address:

Attention: Ms Tan Aiwen, Jess  
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VENTUS (University Campus Infrastructure), #03-01  
National University of Singapore  
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For government agencies, an e-invoice will be sent via the Vendors@Gov.  
Full payment is chargeable for non-attendance but replacement of participant is allowed.

## How to Register

You may register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/Co6UIFC77T0X9L6E2> or scan QR code

