NUS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Purpose

1. The NUS Development Grant (DG) is part of NUS’ continuing efforts to nurture high calibre Singaporean talents for a career in academia by providing additional resources to support young academics early in their research career to sharpen their competitive edge against the highly competitive international cohort and improve their chances of being hired by top institutions (including but not restricted to NUS).

Eligibility

2. Individuals with outstanding academic and/or international research track record and meet the following conditions will be eligible for the DG:

   2.1. Singapore Citizen;
   2.2. outstanding undergraduate academic record (at least a bachelor’s degree with second upper honours or equivalent); and
   2.3. accepted for doctoral studies or postdoctoral training with external funding at a leading overseas academic or research institution. Recipients of the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship (NUS-OGS) and/or NUS Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship (NUS-OPF) with no external funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Value of Award

3. Awardees of the DG will receive up to SGD 10,000 per year for doctoral students or SGD 20,000 per year for postdoctoral fellows, which may be used for travel and other expenses related to academic activities. For Academic Year (AY) 2020/2021, the DG may be used to cover cost items related to research disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Tenure of Award

4. The DG is tenable for a period of one (1) year. The maximum number of grants that may be awarded is three (3) for doctoral candidates, and two (2) for postdoctoral candidates.

Terms and Conditions of Award

5. Awardees (other than recipients of the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship and/or NUS Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship) will be given the title “Young NUS Fellow” and are required to be active participants of the NUS community that is dedicated to quality education, influential research and visionary enterprise, in service of country and society. Examples include:

   5.1. participation in the conferences/seminars organised by NUS;
   5.2. research collaboration with faculty members in NUS; and
5.3. visits to NUS department(s) for talks, research collaboration, etc.

6. Awardees will be required to submit a one-page write-up on how the DG has benefitted them, within one (1) year from the end date of the grant.

Applications

7. The call for applications will be made once a year. The call for AY2020/2021 is now open. Applications should be submitted using NUS Development Grant Application Form to Ms Tang Ily or Ms Rena Na. The closing date for submission of applications is 31 May 2020.

8. If you have questions, please email Ms Tang Ily or Ms Rena Na.