

## **NUS-OVERSEAS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **1. Purpose**

The NUS-Overseas Graduate Scholarship (NUS-OGS) Scheme is part of NUS' continuing efforts to nurture high calibre Singaporeans for a career in academia by supporting their doctoral studies abroad.

### **2. Scope and Fields of Study**

The course of study and area of research pursued should be relevant to the Department and Faculty's current and future strategic areas of teaching and research.

### **3. Eligibility**

3.1 Applications are invited from outstanding individuals who are interested to pursue a Tenure Track academic career and meet the following conditions:

3.1.1 is a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident;

3.1.2 has outstanding undergraduate academic records (at least a Bachelor's degree with 2<sup>nd</sup> Upper Honours);

3.1.3 has shown a certain degree of aptitude for teaching and research;

3.1.4 has obtained outside funding, e.g. Fellowships, Teaching and/or Research Assistantships which usually come with a waiver of tuition fees and/or stipend.

3.2 Those who meet the above eligibility conditions and are currently already pursuing their doctoral degree in top overseas universities are also welcome to apply.

### **4. Value of Scholarship**

4.1 The NUS-OGS may provide one or more of the following items of assistance:

4.1.1 Two sets of economy-class return airfare for travel between Singapore and place of study; one for the commencement/completion of study and the other for a required summer visit back to NUS. Successful applicants are expected to bear the cost of the airfare(s) for their accompanying spouse and family;

4.1.2 Tuition fees and other compulsory fees, eligibility to be decided on a case-by-case basis;

4.1.3 Maintenance allowance, eligibility and quantum to be decided on a case-by-case basis;

- 4.1.4 Conference and fieldwork grants, available by application;
  - 4.1.5 Medical insurance coverage (only for staff) at institution of study; and
  - 4.1.6 Sign-on bonus and/or Employer's CPF top-up, which may be provided in lieu of monthly stipend (and/or salary, if applicable), with eligibility and quantum to be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.2 NUS-OGS awardees are expected to secure external funding and not require a salary in general. Eligibility for salary during the scholarship term will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

## **5. Period of Scholarship**

- 5.1 The Scholarship is tenable for the minimum period required for the completion of the doctoral degree. Extension may be granted only on an exceptional basis.
- 5.2 All financial assistance will stop after 5 years. Thereafter, no-pay leave for up to 2 years may be granted for completion of the course of studies.

## **6. Conditions of Award**

- 6.1 Successful applicants, including existing staff of NUS and those who are not staff of NUS at the point of award of the Scholarship, will be appointed to a Senior Tutorship prior to or from their commencement of studies.
- 6.2 Successful applicants will also be required to sign an agreement to serve NUS for a period of 5 years upon successfully completing their doctoral degree within the stipulated time.
- 6.3 During the course of studies, the staff will be required to return to NUS for one summer period of up to 4 weeks, for interaction with fellow colleagues in the Department, undertake a short teaching/research assignment, and/or participate in other Department programmes. The summer programme, which shall take place in the middle of the course and/or after completion of all required coursework, will be planned by an assigned mentor (i.e. NUS Advisor) from the Department and Head of Department.
- 6.4 Post-doctoral training at a leading overseas institution other than the institution of study may be considered on a case-by-case basis upon the successful completion of the doctoral degree.

## **7. Exceptions and Revisions**

The University shall be entitled to revise, amend or update this Scheme and to make and issue additional policies and guidelines from time to time. All such revisions, amendments and updates shall be deemed to be part of this Scheme.