
NUS-OVERSEAS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

The NUS-Overseas Graduate Scholarship Scheme is part of the University's continuing effort to nurture high calibre young Singaporeans/Singapore Permanent Residents for a career in academia by supporting their doctoral studies abroad.

Scope & Fields of Study

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

Eligibility

Applications are invited from young and outstanding individuals who are interested to pursue a tenure-track academic career and meet the following conditions:

- is a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident below the age of 30 years;
- has outstanding undergraduate academic records (at least a Bachelor's degree with 2nd Upper Honours);
- has shown a certain degree of aptitude for teaching and research;
- has obtained admission(s) into top overseas universities approved by the University; and
- has applied for outside funding, e.g. Fellowships, Teaching and/or Research Assistantships which usually come with a waiver of tuition fees and/or stipend.

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

Value of Scholarship

The full NUS-OGS providing the following items of assistance may be awarded on the merits of each case:

- Full or partial salary;
- 2 sets of economy-class return airfare for travel between Singapore & place of study; 1 for commencement/completion of study & the other for a required summer visit back to Singapore. Successful applicants are expected to bear the cost of airfare(s) for their spouse & family who are accompanying them;
- Tuition fees and other compulsory fees; eligibility to be decided on case-by-case basis;
- Settling-in allowance;
- Maintenance allowance, eligibility & quantum to be decided on case-by-case basis;
- Book allowance;
- Thesis allowance;
- Conference grants & fieldwork grants, available by application;
- Medical benefits in accordance with the University's Overseas Medical Benefits Scheme or the premium payable (only for staff) should the institution require medical insurance coverage.

Period of Scholarship

The Scholarship is tenable for the minimum period required for the completion of the doctoral degree, and extensions may be granted only in exceptional cases.

Maintenance and book allowances will stop after 5 years while all other financial assistance will cease after 5.5 years. Thereafter, no-pay leave for up to 2 years may be granted for completion of the course of study.

Conditions of Award

Successful applicants who are not staff of the University at the point of award of the Scholarship will be appointed to a Teaching Assistantship (or other academic appointment in a similar capacity) prior to or from their commencement of studies.

Successful applicants will also be required to sign an agreement to serve the University for a period of 5 years upon successfully completing their doctoral degree within the stipulated time.

During the course of studies, the staff will be required to return to the University 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.

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.

General

The University shall be entitled to make and issue additional guidelines with respect to this Scheme from time to time and to revise or amend such guidelines as it deems fit. All such guidelines shall be deemed to be part of the Scheme.

The University may revise the Scheme from time to time in its absolute discretion.