**4.1.3 Financial Assistance and Awards**

The University offers financial assistance to full-time graduate research students through its Research Scholarships, which are awarded competitively to outstanding graduates for research leading to a higher degree at the University. The scholarships are tenable for one year in the first instance and are renewable annually, subject to satisfactory progress. The scholarships for MSc and Ph.D. are for a period of two and four years respectively.

Each Scholarship carries a monthly stipend ranging from S$1,500 - S$2,500 as well as a full tuition fee subsidy and a monthly top-up of S$500 for Ph.D candidates upon passing the PhD Qualifying Examination. No travel or other allowances are provided. No bond is also required.

Research scholars are required to render a nominal 6 hours of work per week without remuneration. The work rendered will be in the nature of research done by the research scholar for supervisors or other related academic work as designated by the supervisor or Vice Dean Research Office. Please note that the University does not guarantee employment to research scholars upon completion of their candidature.