

4.1.3 Financial Assistance and Awards

NUS President's Graduate Fellowships (PGF)

The President Graduate Fellowship (PGF) is awarded to candidates who show exceptional promise or accomplishment in research. A number of Ph.D. research students are selected each semester by the University for the award. The bond-free fellowship is open to students of all nationalities who gain admission to a PhD programme in NUS.

The monthly stipend for Singapore citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and foreigners are \$3,500, \$3,200 and \$3,000 respectively. The award also covers one-off air travel allowance and settling allowance. The award is tenable for an initial one year and, subject to the awardee's satisfactory progress, renewable annually up to a maximum of four years.

NUS Research Scholarships

The University offers Research Scholarships to outstanding candidates to pursue a full-time graduate research degree at NUS. The bond-free scholarship is open to students of all nationalities. Applicants must be university graduates with at least a Class II Honours degree or equivalent and, at the time of award of the Scholarship, must have been offered admission as a candidate for a full-time higher degree by research at NUS.

The Research Scholars will be given a monthly stipend and a full tuition fee subsidy. For Research Scholars in a Ph.D. programme, monthly stipends for Singapore citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and foreigners are currently S\$2,700, S\$2,200 and S\$2,000 respectively. Research Scholars in a Ph.D. programme may be eligible for an additional stipend of up to \$500 per month upon passing the Ph.D. qualifying examination, which is normally held 12 to 18 months after registration of candidature.

The Scholarship is tenable for an initial 1 year and, subject to the Research Scholar's satisfactory progress, renewable annually up to a maximum of four years for Ph.D. candidates, as determined by the University.