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NUS Law establishes Sheridan Fellowship to develop next generation of experts in Singapore Law

Singapore, 2 December 2013 — The National University of Singapore (NUS) Faculty of Law has established a new initiative to recruit and develop the next generation of Singaporean legal academics. Named the Sheridan Fellowship, the initiative is aimed at graduates with experience or expertise in Singapore Law who have an interest in pursuing a career in academia.

“NUS Law prides itself on having played a major role in the development of Singapore’s legal system. To continue in this way, we need to cultivate the next generation of scholars who will specialise in Singapore law. The Sheridan Fellowship offers an opportunity for some of our top younger scholars to develop such a specialisation, laying the foundations for an academic career,” said Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law.

The Sheridan Fellowship offers full-time positions, which are intended to serve as a bridge between either undergraduate law education or work in the legal profession and a tenure-track academic position with a strong foundation in Singapore law. Two of the key areas of expertise that the faculty is looking at are torts and contract law, but candidates with an interest in any area of Singapore law are encouraged to apply.

Successful candidates will be appointed for two years, teaching half of the standard faculty workload, thus giving the essential time needed for research. Fellows will be assisted by a faculty mentor who will read and comment on their work as well as advise on publication avenues. This lays the foundation for a tenure-track position at the conclusion of the fellowship, in some cases combined with post-graduate study while on scholarship and on salary.

The fellowship is named after NUS Law’s Founding Dean Professor Lionel Astor (“Lee”) Sheridan, who played a key role in shaping the early years of legal education in Singapore and negotiating for professional recognition of local law graduates. The Sheridan Fellowship reflects the same commitment to cultivating local talent in the study and practice of Singapore law.

Please refer to https://law.nus.edu.sg/about_us/sheridan_fellows.html for more information.

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About National University of Singapore (NUS)

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is Singapore's flagship university which offers a global approach to education and research, with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

NUS has 16 faculties and schools across three campuses. Its transformative education includes a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 37,000 students from 100 countries enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

NUS has three Research Centres of Excellence (RCE) and 23 university-level research institutes and centres. It is also a partner in Singapore's fifth RCE. NUS shares a close affiliation with 16 national-level research institutes and centres. Research activities are strategic and robust, and NUS is well-known for its research strengths in engineering, life sciences and biomedicine, social sciences and natural sciences. It also strives to create a supportive and innovative environment to promote creative enterprise within its community.

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About the NUS Law School

NUS Law is Asia's Global Law School. Widely regarded as the region's leading law school, it sees itself as part of a global conversation about the study and practice of law. Its diverse faculty includes 60 full-time academics together with many adjuncts and visitors; its 1,200 undergraduate and postgraduate students include some of Singapore's top school leavers as well as outstanding scholars from all over the globe.

In addition to its teaching programme, the faculty is a major source of research on legal issues affecting Singapore, the region and beyond. NUS Law produces the leading publication on Singapore law as well as the Asian Journal of Comparative Law and the Asian Journal of International Law. The Faculty regularly publishes in these and other leading journals, as well as producing their own monographs and engaging with the public through mass media.

The Law School's alumni are a who's who of Singapore's legal community. Graduates include leaders in the profession, government ministers, Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, community leaders, social workers and many more.

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