FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DOCTORAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018 (AUGUST 2017 TO JULY 2018)

As Asia's Global Law School, the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS Law) is committed to fostering excellence in research by building a strong core of doctoral research students.

The NUS **PhD** comprises: (i) coursework (up to 6 graduate courses, taken in the first year), followed by (ii) a thesis of not more than 80,000 words. Successful applicants will commence their candidature as probationary PhD students and will work under the supervision of a Faculty member at NUS Law. Within 12 months of their candidature, probationary PhD students must orally defend a paper or proposed chapter of their thesis of not more than 12,000 words and an outline of the proposed PhD thesis at the Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination (DCQE). Candidates who succeed at the DCQE will have their PhD candidature confirmed and may proceed to write the thesis.

Successful PhD applicants will also be recommended for the award of a **Graduate Research Scholarship** for the duration of their candidature, subject to satisfactory progress, and with a maximum tenure of **four years**. A copy of the current terms and conditions can be assessed here.

The closing date for all applications is **1 December 2016**. Application instructions can be found at http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html.

Requirements

1. A good Bachelor's or first degree in Law (LLB/BA/JD); OR a good Master's degree in Law (LLM/BCL/MJur/MPhil) with a relevant Bachelor's Degree; OR relevant equivalent qualifications. (Students who will be completing their LLM in the summer of 2017, but whose final grades will not be released till the autumn of 2017, are invited to apply to begin the PhD in January 2018)

2. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for all foreign applicants **except** those from English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA. We strongly prefer the internet-based TOEFL (iBT). A minimum score of 100 is required.

3. Outstanding applicants in any area of law are strongly encouraged to apply. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the Faculty Research Interests webpage which may be found at http://law.nus.edu.sg/research_publications/research_area.asp, as well as the Doctoral Programme webpages which can be found at http://law.nus.edu.sg/research_publications/doctoral_prog.html

Benefits

1. Successful applicants recommended for the award of a **Graduate Research Scholarship** will receive: (i) a monthly stipend, and (ii) a full tuition fee subsidy. For International Students, the monthly stipend is currently **S$2,000**. Probationary PhD students who successfully pass the DCQE will receive an additional monthly stipend of up to **S$500** per month. More details on this Scholarship can be found here.

2. The Graduate Research Scholarship and any additional stipends are renewable annually subject to good performance.

3. In addition to their annual leave (21 working days) Graduate Research Scholars are eligible to apply for (i) Research and Conference Leave, (ii) Leave of Absence.

4. Graduate Research Scholars who apply successfully for Research and Conference leave will receive additional financial support, capped at a maximum of **S$4,000** throughout their degree candidature.

PhD Research candidates who demonstrate exceptional promise for accomplishment in research; academic excellence and leadership will be considered for the Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarships and for the President's Graduate Fellowships. Outstanding graduate students from Commonwealth countries will also be considered for the Commonwealth Scholarship. More details on these scholarships can be found here.

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