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WHAT TO DO?



APPLYING TO  
GRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

GRADUATE EDUCATION  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

<https://sss.ntu.edu.sg/Programmes/Graduate/Pages/Home.aspx>



Submit application online

Academic Year

Semester 1 – Aug to Dec  
Semester 2 – Jan to May

SSS offers Graduate Research Degrees in all four of our subject areas: [Economics](#), [Psychology](#), [Public Policy & Global Affairs](#), and [Sociology](#). Do apply and embark on this exciting journey with us!

Applying to  
School of Social Sciences (SSS)

QS World Ranking #11  
Top 50 under 50 #1  
\*as at 2020

Notes to Applicants



IMPORTANT

We need evidence of your CGPA. Consult your University and provide an official indication of your grade point average

Engage a [faculty](#) prior to applying and enhance the quality of your research proposal

When applying...



It is important to provide your **Skype address** so that we can contact you regarding interviews. Please also provide an **email address** that you would expect to access in 6 months time.

Interviews are scheduled between Dec to Jan for shortlisted candidates

Only the **first choice** of the application will be processed. Candidates who wish to be considered for more than one subject will have to submit separate applications. Likewise to be considered for either M.A. or Ph.D. the applications have to be submitted accordingly.

Application process may take up to **4 months or more**. Offers will be made from **March till June**. All applicants will receive email notifications of the outcome of their application.

Application Period

Two Intakes

[Jan Intake] 01 Jun – 31 Jul

[Online Portal](#) for [Nanyang Research Scholarship](#) / Self-financing students

[Aug Intake] 01 Oct – 15 Nov

[Online Portal](#) for [Nanyang Research Scholarship](#) / Self-financing students

[Aug Intake] 01 Oct – 30 Nov

[Online Portal](#) for [Nanyang President's Graduate Scholarship](#) applicants

[Financial Aid](#)

Be Prepared!

Admission Criteria

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### **Admission Criteria**

For applicants whose mother tongue is not English, the **IELTS** or **TOEFL** has to be submitted.

- ❖ The score must have been attained **within 2 years** prior to application.
- ❖ Those who hold a degree from universities (must be at least 3 years of study) where English is the medium of instruction are exempted from the IELTS/TOEFL requirement.

The minimum score requirements for the tests are:

- IELTS: 7.0 (on all subtests)
- TOEFL (IBT): 105 out of 120
- TOEFL (PBT): 580 out of 677



### **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**

The GRE is required for admission to **Economics** and **Psychology**. The GRE must have been attained within 5 years prior to the date of application.

#### **Economics**

Minimum requirement:

- ❖ Verbal & Quantitative Reasoning 319 out of 340
- ❖ Analytical Writing 3.5 out of 6.0
- ❖ GRE is **not** required from NTU, NUS or SMU graduates.

#### **Psychology**

Applicants without prior training in Psychology will have to submit the GRE in Psychology Test Results.

Minimum requirement:

- ❖ Verbal & Quantitative Reasoning 319 out of 340
- ❖ Analytical Writing 3.5 out of 6.0
- ❖ GRE is **not** required from NTU, NUS or SMU graduates.

If you are in the process of waiting for the original official test score sheet to be mailed to you by the Test Centre, you can submit a copy of the online test score during the application stage. Original test score sheets should be retained for verification purposes.



### **Supporting Documents**

1. Copy of Passport / IC
2. One recent passport-sized colour photograph
3. GRE (Psychology / Economics only)
4. IELTS / TOEFL
5. Resume
6. Research Publications
7. Professional Qualification
  - ❖ Transcripts and Certificates in **BOTH** original language and official translation in English (if original is not in English)
8. Two Academic Referees' Reports
  - ❖ The Referee email address must be an Official institutional email address. (*email address given by his University or organization, etc.*)
9. Research Proposal
  - ❖ Download template [here](#)



Microsoft Word Document

### **Potential Supervisor**

Establish contact with our faculty [here!](#)

### **Referee Reports**

- Referee reports are confidential and should not be made accessible to applicants.
- Applicants are encouraged to prompt referees to submit report online on time to avoid delays in processing applications.
- Referee report should be typed on a letterhead and duly signed.