

FAQ on Master (Research) and PhD programmes

- 1. If I have missed out some supporting documents and/or have updated supporting documents to submit in-lieu of my online application, how do I submit the missing and/or updated documents to ADM?**

Citing your application number, you can either email the supporting documents in PDF format at ADM_GraduateProg@ntu.edu.sg OR if documents are in sealed envelopes, please send in by post to the address below:

School of Art, Design and Media
81 Nanyang Drive, Level 3,
Singapore 637458
(Attn: ADM Graduate Programme Office)

- 2. Are there any prerequisites for the course?**

Interested applicants can refer to the following webpages on admission criteria:

Master (Research)

[https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/master-of-arts-\(by-research\)/admission-criteria-funding](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/master-of-arts-(by-research)/admission-criteria-funding)

PhD

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/phd-programme/admission-criteria-funding>

- 3. Can I still apply for the Master (Research) and PhD by Research programme after 15 November (for early offers)?**

Yes, you can still submit your application for the respective programme. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis for either August or January intake.

- 4. Are there any scholarships available for ADM's Master (Research) and PhD by research programmes?**

Yes, the University provides research scholarships to candidates with outstanding academic records to enable them to pursue their MA (Research) and PhD programme on a full-time basis. Applications for the research scholarships are open together with the application for admission. Award of the research scholarship is on a competitive basis.

- 5. What does the scholarship cover?**

The NTU Research Scholarship covers up to the normal programme duration on condition that the scholarship holder maintain a record of good academic performance and exemplary conduct. Full coverage of subsidised tuition fees (after Tuition Grant).

For more information, please refer to this link:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/admissions/graduate/financialmatters/scholarships/rss>

6. Are there any other obligations to fulfil for the NTU Research Scholarship during the period of study?

Yes, both local and international students on scholarship must perform a certain number of work hours under teaching/laboratory/research assistant duties to fulfil the requirements of the Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP). Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents on scholarship are also expected to fulfil an adjusted number GAP hours at the discretion of the Schools.

7. Am I required to serve a bond for the NTU Research Scholarship?

There is no bond attached to the scholarship.

8. If I am willing to pay the full fees (unsubsidised rates), what is the maximum candidature period of study I am allowed to complete the Master (Research) or PhD by Research programme?

Please refer to the following webpages for the minimum and maximum candidature period of study:

Master (Research)

[https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/master-of-arts-\(by-research\)/programme-overview#Content_C006_Col01](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/master-of-arts-(by-research)/programme-overview#Content_C006_Col01)

PhD

https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/phd-programme/programme-overview#Content_C005_Col00

9. If I am an international applicant on an Employment Pass in Singapore and wishes to pursue this programme on a part-time basis, will I be considered for this programme?

An international applicant who holds a valid Employment Pass or Dependent Pass in Singapore may apply to pursue the programme on a part time basis.

10. As an international student, can I choose to pay fees at a subsidized rate?

Yes, you can choose to pay fees at a subsidized rate but you will have to take up a 3-year service obligation. As part of the service obligation, you are required to work in Singapore-based companies upon graduation. For more information, please see:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/admissions/graduate/financialmatters/service-obligation>

11. As an international student, what other costs should I take into consideration?

The main costs to be borne by an international student who is not holding any scholarship include:

- Tuition fee (payable by each semester)
- Accommodation costs (whether on-campus or off-campus)
- Living expenses (meals, transport, books etc)

12. How much is the application fee and the mode of payment?

The application fee is \$53.50 per programme. The system only allows internet payment (VISA/MASTER).

13. The application period indicated for August intake stated that ‘Applications open from 1 October till 15 November (for early offers)’. What does ‘early offers’ refer to?

Early offer is to encourage good candidates to apply to our graduate programmes early. By applying early, successful candidates may then receive the admission offer sometime in March

Applicants who miss the 15 November deadline or need more time to prepare their application can still submit their application before end January. Successful candidates may then receive the admission offer sometime in May/June. In some cases, the School Admissions Committee may also decide to rollover late applications to next January intake.

14. Can I proceed to submit my admission application while I am in the midst of contacting a potential supervisor within the ADM faculty?

Your application will be accepted and reviewed by the Admissions Committee even though you may not have secured a potential supervisor yet.

15. Will my application be rejected if I am unable to find a supervisor within the faculty of the School of Art, Design and Media?

In order for the University to offer you admission to the Master (Research) or PhD programme, the School must confirm a potential supervisor at ADM who agrees to supervise you. If there is no potential supervisor who agrees to supervise you, then no offer of admission would be made.

16. Do I propose my own research topic or are there any guides for the research topics?

We currently do not have a list of research topics to choose from, you can propose your own research topic.

Referring to the webpage on admission instruction and criteria:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/phd-programme/adm-research-areas>

You can take a look at [this link to browse the proposed research interests of ADM faculty](#) for AY2022/2023. Please note that this list is non-exhaustive.

Please note that contacting a potential supervisor based on the alignment of your proposed research with his/her interests is optional. Even if you have done so, submitting an online application to the programme which you are applying for is still compulsory.

17. How do I go about contacting a potential supervisor with the School of Art, Design and Media faculty?

You can refer to the faculty profile webpage for the contact details:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/about-us/faculty>

18. I am intending to pursue the Master (Research) or PhD by Research programme on a part-time basis. Is there a class timetable for part-time students that I can reference to?

Currently, we do not run separate class timetables for part time and full time students, given the size of the cohort. So, both part time and full time students would follow the same class schedules.

You can refer to the current class schedules from our website as a reference:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/adm/programmes/graduate-admissions/phd-programme/class-schedules>

19. Is the artistic portfolio compulsory?

The artistic portfolio is intended as a fully optional component that can serve to strengthen your application if you decide to include it when applying for the programme.

20. If I have a collection of artworks and artefacts by printmakers related to my proposed dissertation topic, where should I include them?

It would be better to distinguish between the two parts of your research and work – the first, your artistic portfolio, containing your own works – and the second, the appendix of your research proposal, which can have the artefacts, paintings and works done by other artists.

You should adequately distinguish between both, and also take care to mention the justifications of why you select the collected artefacts/paintings by the other artists which you included, because this implies you have done some curating of others' works on your part, and may be given credit as well.

21. It is stated on your website that 'For applicants whose mother tongue is not English, a good IELTS score of at least 7.0 is required.' is listed as one of the admission criteria. What should I provide if my mother tongue is not English, but I have graduated from an institution that uses English as the medium of instruction.

For exemption from submitting IELTS test score, please submit an official document from your University or highlight where the information on medium of instruction for your programme of study can be found to proof that English is the medium of instruction for your Bachelor study.

22. Is GRE score required for admission?

No, GRE score is not required for admission.

23. If my Bachelor degree does not come with an honours, will my application still be considered?

Applicants with at least a 2nd upper class honours (or equivalent) may be assessed more favourably by the Admissions Committee. However, you can still apply for the graduate programme with a good research proposal and personal statement. Applications will be assessed holistically and the School will not automatically disqualify you simply because you do not meet the minimum academic criteria.