

HOW TO
WHAT TO DO?

APPLYING TO
GRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES



GRADUATE EDUCATION SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/sssg/graduate-education/graduate-research>



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 #13
QS Asia Ranking #3
Top 50 under 50 #1
*QS ranking 2021

IMPORTANT

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

Notes to Applicants



Engage a faculty prior to applying and
enhance the quality of your research
proposal

Interviews are scheduled between Dec to
Jan for shortlisted candidates

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.

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.

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.

Programme code: 230 [MA] / 231 [PhD]

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

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Online Portal for Nanyang President's
Graduate Scholarship applicants

Financial Aid

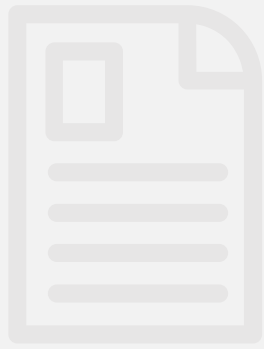
Be Prepared!

Admission Criteria

Supporting Documents

Research Proposal

Referee Reports



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 or NUS 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.