NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SINGAPORE

School of Humanities
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

HUMANITIES

Graduate Programmes by Research



STUDY AT ASIA'S TOP YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Young and research-intensive, Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) is ranked 12th globally (QS World University Ranking 2026). NTU was ranked the world's best young university for the second year running in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2024.

The School of Humanities at NTU is a dynamic, creative, and diverse community of scholars with research expertise in Art History, Chinese, English, History, Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, and Philosophy.

The MA and PhD programmes at the School of Humanities empower our students with well-rounded skills for future careers in research and academia. Our programmes are characterised by:

- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Global and comparative perspectives
- Broad-based intellectual stimulation
- Complex cultural awareness
- Contemporary Asian relevance

Our Programmes

Master of Arts (MA)

Gain an edge in your career with the Masters programme at SoH. Alongside courses, you will work on an approved thesis to further your understanding of the subject via research. Receive guidance from your supervisor and faculty members from a wide range of research interests.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD programme at SoH will enable you to gain a solid background in research and be fully equipped to have a career in research and teaching in world-class universities. Our graduates from the PhD programme are widely sought after as they have experience managing a long-term, complex research project.

World-class Research

Our professors are leading scholars in their respective fields. Our graduates are published authors and research professionals in top universities around the world. NTU provides world-class research facilities, resources, and support.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Admission Requirements

Master of Arts
Honours degree or equivalent

Doctor of Philosophy
Master's degree or good Honours degree

Minimum score requirements:
- **IELTS**: 7
- **TOEFL**: 105 out of 120 (Internet-Based Test - IBT)

For those seeking to matriculate for Semester 1 (August) intake, the deadline for application is 15 November. For those seeking to matriculate for Semester 2 (January) intake, the deadline is 31 July.

The research programme can be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis.
Full-time candidates with excellent results may be offered research scholarships.

Scholarships

These are the scholarships available for candidates undertaking full-time graduate studies:

PhD
- Nanyang President's Graduate Scholarship
- Provost Graduate Award
- NTU Research Scholarship
- Interdisciplinary Graduate Programme (IGP)
- Commonwealth Scholarship
- College/School Scholarship

MA
- NTU Research Scholarship
- College/School Scholarship

Scan QR code for more information on scholarships:
https://www.ntu.edu.sg/admissions/graduate/financialmatters/scholarships/rss

OUR PROGRAMMES



ART HISTORY

The postgraduate programme in Art History welcomes applicants with broad interests art history, theory and critical practices. We have particular strengths in modern and contemporary Asian contexts, contemporary exhibition histories, experimental new media practices, and transmedial approaches to the study of art histories and visual cultures. Other areas of interest include: art and architecture in contemporary Asia, art and technology, and connective and comparative art histories across the Global South.



CHINESE

The Chinese graduate programme welcomes applications to pursue research in Chinese literature, language, history, Overseas Chinese and their languages, culture and history, and Singaporean-Malaysian Literature and Cultural Studies.

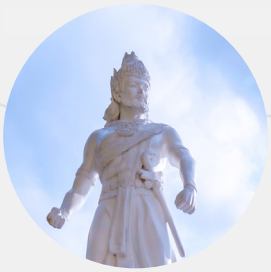
南大中文系以扎实的基础训练为根本，强调在继承与研究文化传统时，兼纳中西的研究方法，并开拓广阔的国际视野；研究对象同时重视本土、区域及中国。我们的主要研究范围包括：

– 中国文学、语言、历史、哲学
– 东南亚与世界华人的语言、文化、 历史
– 新马文学与文化研究



ENGLISH

The English graduate programme welcomes applications to pursue research in any area or period of literary study, especially those which speak to its strengths in Contemporary Literature, Modern Literature, Southeast Asian Literature, Literature & Medicine, Early-Modern Literature, and Irish Studies. Creative Writing projects, especially in fiction and non-fiction, are also welcome.



HISTORY

The graduate programme in History welcomes applications for MA and PhD degrees specializing in all regions and time periods. The programme has particular strengths in the histories of medicine, science and technology, as well as the histories of ancient, modern, and contemporary South and Southeast Asia. We also encourage projects that address any aspect of colonialism and decolonisation, religion, gender and sexuality, and environmental, heritage and applied history.

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LINGUISTICS AND MULTILINGUAL STUDIES

The graduate programme in Linguistics and Multilingual Studies is dedicated to producing postgraduates in linguistics who will be able to demonstrate expertise in one or more areas within the field. Candidates for the LMS programme can pursue research in the any of the key research areas: Language and Cognition, Documenting Endangered Languages and Culture, Investigating Conversational Interaction, Shifting Identities in Local and Global Interaction, and Computational Linguistics.



PHILOSOPHY

The graduate programme in Philosophy invites applicants from a wide range of approaches and traditions in philosophy. The programme has particular strengths in Chinese Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, and Ethics and Political Philosophy. Research may be pursued within a particular tradition such as Chinese Philosophy or Anglo-American Philosophy, or from a comparative or interdisciplinary perspective.



INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

SoH promotes interdisciplinary research, which is an exciting new area that involves collaborations between disciplines within the school. Our strategic interdisciplinary research clusters include areas such as Environmental Humanities, Medical Humanities, and more. Applicants are encouraged to apply to one of the six core disciplines best suited to their area of research.

Scan QR code for more information and to apply:
https://www.ntu.edu.sg/soh/admissions/graduate/prospective-students

Enquiries can be sent to soh-pgr-enquiry@ntu.edu.sg



Hear From Our Graduates:



Zhang Haijie (PhD, Chinese)

The journey to my PhD goes beyond the academic milestone. While there is enrichment in knowledge, the biggest gain for me is the change in attitude towards all areas of my life. The diligence required in pursuing my research has instilled in me the need to establish facts, and to remain objective in approaching any matter. This has a direct bearing in my handling of news, which is my job.



Jamie Gabrielle Viray Uy (MA, English)

NTU School of Humanities helped me find my roots as an environmental humanities scholar and participate in fruitful academic collaborations even during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the support of the NTU Research Scholarship and invaluable guidance of my supervisors, I wrote the first substantial academic treatment of Singapore science fiction. Today, I'm continuing to explore ideas around science, nature, and technology as a Transmedia Science Writer at Science Centre Singapore.



Alasdair Chi Xin Ren (PhD, History)

My time as a SoH Graduate in NTU after completing my Bachelor's and Master's degrees overseas has helped in forging connections with Singaporeans and international scholars who've chosen to pursue their graduate studies here, as we seek to better understand the shared history of this region and the world together. My experiences at SoH have also helped me anchor my research with a firm grounding in historical thought and theory both as a student and in teaching others these subjects after years of specialised study in archaeology.



Kong Solsar (PhD, Philosophy)

As a Chinese philosophy PhD graduate from the SoH, I am immensely grateful for the transformative experience that the school has provided me. The program has not only equipped me with a deep understanding of the intricacies of Chinese philosophy, but also fostered my critical thinking and analytical skills. The faculty members have been incredibly supportive, providing me with guidance, feedback, and mentorship throughout my research journey.



Michelle Sim Jia En (MA, LMS)

SoH provided a conducive learning environment during my two years in graduate studies. There was an active graduate student club within the SoH school, which organised various events, such as a poetry competition. Moreover, we could attend a variety of seminars conducted by the library, the school and other faculties. I also wrote to professors from other courses for permission to sit in their lessons. This is essential to developing an interdisciplinary mindset in research. Besides academic exposure, the University has career counsellors ready to provide advice to graduating students and various workshops available for us to attend, such as a talk for students pursuing a non-academic career.

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UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

NTU–LEEDS 2+2

a collaboration between NTU Singapore and the University of Leeds

From 2025, students pursuing a Master of Arts (by research) at NTU's School of Humanities are eligible to be considered for advanced entry to a PhD programme in the University of Leeds' Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Cultures.

SoH MA by research students now have the opportunity to complete 2 higher education degrees in 4 years:

2 years of full-time MA (by research) study at NTU
+
2 years of full-time PhD study at UL

Upon completion of the MA by research degree at SoH, successful applicants who have been granted Advanced Entry will be admitted to Year 2 of the three-year PhD programme at UL.

For students granted Advanced Entry, UL will offer a scholarship scheme for students at the rate of 10% per full year of study – to be paid as a deduction from fees.

Interested SoH applicants should apply within 12 months of commencing the MA programme.

For more information, please see:
https://www.ntu.edu.sg/soh/admissions/graduate/ntu-leeds-advanced-entry

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