NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
AWARD OF NUS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Upon award of an NUS Research Scholarship ("Scholarship"), the student ("Scholar") will receive a monthly stipend and additional stipend as described in **Annex A**, and a tuition fee subsidy.

2. (i) The effective date of the Scholarship for incoming students will be the commencement date of the relevant semester or the actual date of registration, whichever is later. For existing students who are awarded the Scholarship during their candidature, the effective date of the Scholarship will be from the date as stipulated by the relevant faculty or school.

   (ii) Notwithstanding the above, for students who are employed as at the time of the award of the Scholarship, the Scholarship will only take effect from the date immediately after he/she has ceased to draw a salary from the employer.

3. The Scholarship is tenable only at the National University of Singapore and the Scholar must reside in Singapore for the duration of the Scholarship. As full-time students, Scholars are expected to report to their Department of study and/or thesis advisor at the University during the period of the Scholarship, except during periods of approved leave.

4. The Scholarship is tenable for one (1) year in the first instance and thereafter may, subject to the Scholar's satisfactory progress, be renewed each semester at the University's discretion. The maximum period of the Scholarship is two (2) years for Master's candidates and four (4) years for PhD candidates, as determined by the relevant faculty or school in each case.

5. The Scholar undertakes to devote his/her full time and energy to his/her studies and to the best of his/her ability, apply himself/herself to the programme of study, to the satisfaction of the University.

6. International Students on Scholarship who are admitted from AY2014/2015 must fulfil the requirements of the **Graduate Assistantship Programme** as set out in **Annex B**.

   The Scholar is to note that:

   (i) the total time spent on work done under the Graduate Assistantship Programme and any other form of paid or unpaid work, shall not exceed 16 hours a week;

   (ii) the total hours required under the Graduate Assistantship Programme should be completed before expiry of the Scholarship or before thesis submission (whichever is earlier).

7. Scholars who are Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents shall, if required by the Head of Department, assist in teaching/laboratory supervision/research duties and other developmental assignments (e.g. conducting tutorials/lab demonstration, preparing teaching materials or developing new experiments for teaching purposes, performing invigilation duties, etc.) without any remuneration. The total number of hours shall not exceed 50% of hours required under the Graduate Assistantship Programme for International students as set out in **Annex B**.

   If the Scholar wishes to perform teaching/laboratory supervision/research duties and other developmental assignments on top of the hours required by the Head of Department, the Scholar is to note that:

(i) the total time spent on teaching/laboratory supervision/research duties and other developmental assignments shall not exceed 16 hours a week (unless with the prior written approval of the University);

(ii) the Scholar shall only be assigned teaching/laboratory supervision/research duties and other developmental assignments if the thesis advisor(s) and Department are satisfied with his/her progress.

8. Save as provided for in clause 6 and 7 above, the Scholar may not accept employment, whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, fellowship, allowance or other award during the period of the Scholarship, without the prior written approval of the University. In addition, the Scholar cannot change to a programme of study different from that stated in his/her offer of admission letter or take up any additional course(s) without the prior written permission of the University.

9. The Scholar will automatically cease to receive the monthly stipend and the tuition fee subsidy under the Scholarship:

(i) upon the date of conversion of his/her candidature from full-time to part-time (the Scholar must obtain, by way of a written request submitted via the thesis advisor(s) and Head of Department, the written approval of the Vice Dean of Graduate Studies for such a conversion);

(ii) upon the date of expiry of the tenure of the Scholarship as described in clause 4 above;

(iii) subject to clause 9(ii) above,
(1) six (6) months from the date the first thesis submitted by the Scholar is endorsed by the University as ready for examination, or

(2) upon the final thesis submission,
whichever is earlier;

(iv) upon the withdrawal from or failure of the Scholar to complete his/her research programme, for whatever reason; or

(v) upon the termination of candidature of the Scholar at the University, for whatever reason.

10. The University reserves the right to reduce or withhold the stipend and/or the tuition fee subsidy, and/or suspend or terminate the Scholarship

(a) immediately without notice if the Scholar:

(i) commits a criminal offence;

(ii) is found to have committed a disciplinary offence pursuant to the University's Statutes and Regulations;

(iii) participates in activities or acts in a manner which is, or is likely to be, adverse to the interests of the University, or which cause, or is likely to cause, embarrassment to the University;

(iv) in the view of the University, conducts himself/herself in a manner unbecoming of a Scholar;

(v) in the view of the University, does not progress satisfactorily in his/her programme of study; or

(vi) breaches any of the terms and conditions herein;

(b) at any time by giving one month's notice in writing to the Scholar without assigning any reason.

11. The Scholar may terminate the Scholarship by giving one month's prior notice in writing.

12. If the Scholarship is suspended or terminated for any reason whatsoever, the Scholar shall only be entitled to the stipend and/or tuition fee subsidy up to the date of suspension or termination of the Scholarship. If an excess amount has already been paid to the Scholar, then he/she must immediately refund the excess amount to the University.

13. The Scholar will need to pay the fees for Transfer of Units should the Scholar fail to complete the research programme and wish to transfer the units/grades earned during his/her period of Scholarship to a Master's by coursework programme.

14. Miscellaneous Student Fees, if applicable, would be deducted from the Scholar's monthly stipend at the beginning of each semester.

15. The University does not provide any additional assistance towards travel or living costs nor does it guarantee employment to the Scholar upon the successful completion of his/her degree.

16. No delay or forbearance on the part of the University to enforce any of its rights and remedies for any breach by the Scholar of any of these terms and conditions shall in any way affect or prejudice the University's rights or remedies in respect of such breach, nor will the University's rights and remedies in respect of any other or subsequent breach of these terms and conditions by the Scholar be affected or prejudiced.

17. The University may at its discretion vary these terms and conditions, or amend or issue additional guidelines with respect to the Scholarship, from time to time with notice. All such guidelines shall be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship. If the Scholar does not accept such variation, amendment or issuance, he/she is entitled to terminate the Scholarship in accordance with clause 11 above. Where the Scholar continues to accept the monthly stipend and/or the tuition fee subsidy after such notification, he/she shall be deemed to have accepted such variation, amendment or issuance.

ANNEX A

STIPENDS FOR NUS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

1. With effect from 1 January 2026, Scholars shall receive a monthly stipend as follows:

	For PhD candidates:	For MSc candidates:
Singapore Citizen*	S$3,800	S$3,800
Singapore Permanent Resident	S$3,400	S$3,000
International	S$3,000	S$2,900

** With effect from 1 August 2015, Central Provident Fund (CPF) contributions shall be provided at a rate pegged at the prevailing employer's contribution rate set by CPF.*

2. Scholars in a PhD programme may be eligible for an additional stipend of up to S$500 per month after passing their qualifying examinations. The additional stipend is renewable each semester, subject to the Scholar's good performance, as follows:

   (i) Scholars from August 2021 intake or later shall receive the additional stipend from the date of passing their qualifying examinations only up to the 48th month of their candidature.

ANNEX B

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAMME

International Students with NUS Research Scholarship who are admitted from AY2014/2015 are required to perform duties under the Graduate Assistantship Programme as set out in the table below.

Degree	Total Hours Required to Serve during Candidature
PhD	**416 hours**
2-year Master's by Research	**156 hours**
1-year Master's by Research	**78 hours**

The table below sets out the maximum hours that can be clocked under the respective categories:

Mode of Clocking Graduate Assistantship Programme Hours (per candidature)	PhD	Master's (2-year)	Master's (1-year)	Remarks
Teaching/Laboratory Supervision (min.20%)	at least 84	at least 32	at least 16	Official office hours and preparation of the class can be taken into account. As a guide, preparation time taken for the assignment should not take more than half of the time required for the assignment.
Research assistant duty, inclusive of research supervision (max.60%)	up to 250	up to 94	up to 47	The quality of the research supervision or research assistant duty needs to be endorsed by the student's thesis advisor(s). No preparation time is to be clocked in this assignment. The research assistant duty should go beyond the scope of the research project undertaken by the student to fulfil the requirement of the graduate programme.
Other developmental assignments (max.20%)	up to 84	up to 32	up to 16	Other assignments with developmental value approved by the Vice Dean.

1. The Scholar will not be paid any remuneration for the hours clocked under the Graduate Assistantship Programme.

2. The Scholar should work with the thesis advisor(s) on the plan to fulfil the required hours on a yearly (Academic Year) basis.

3. The duties can only be clocked for work done and deemed satisfactory by the University.

4. If the required hours are not met according to the annual plan or the quality of the work done is unsatisfactory, the faculty or school can:

   (a) reduce or withhold the stipend and/or the tuition fee subsidy, and/or suspend or terminate the Scholarship; and/or

   (b) withhold the transcript (both unofficial and official) and the student status letter until the requirements are met.

5. Total required hours should be completed before expiry of the Scholarship or before thesis submission (whichever is earlier).

6. If the total required hours are not met by the time the thesis is submitted for examination, the Scholar will have his/her transcript (both unofficial and official) and student status letter withheld until the fulfilment of the requirement.