

## National University of Singapore (NUS), History

**Postdoctoral Research Fellowship:** *Great Powers and Globalizing China during the 'Century of Humiliation,' 1842-1949*

The Department of History at the National University of Singapore is pleased to offer **one** postdoctoral fellowship in connection with this unfolding research project. This will be a two-year full-time appointment, beginning **1 January 2020**. The successful candidate will become an investigator in this project, directed by Professor Brian P. Farrell.

The research project aims to shed light on a much discussed yet still very misunderstood central dimension of what modern China refers to as its 'century of humiliation': how exactly did the Great Powers, wielding military, economic, diplomatic and political strength, try to integrate first Qing and then Republican China into the emerging global geopolitical order being driven by the Industrial Revolution, High Imperialism, and the search for Collective Security? This will be a study of 'managing change,' and of the array of relationships, networks and policies, in and about the region, through which this aspiration for geopolitical globalization was pursued. The project especially seeks to understand the role and impact of 'hard' power and of Great Powers. There is a particular need for a historian proposing to work on military co-operation with, or military strategy involving, Republican China, from the onset of the Second Sino-Japanese War through to the end of the Chinese Civil War. An interest in grand strategy and air or seapower would be especially relevant.

The postdoctoral fellows' duties will include: to help organize two workshops, which will lead to one edited publication; assisting the Principal Investigator to build an online archive and annotated bibliography; producing what will later become a monograph emanating from, and contributing to, the overall project. A completed PhD in History, in a relevant thesis topic area, is required, as is previous experience in working with the array of major archives and primary source collections relevant to this project. Previous familiarity with the region is an asset. Compensation is competitive--the final quantum is contingent on the success of grant applications--and will include medical benefits and CPF contributions (Singaporean)/allowances (non-Singaporean). Re-appointment for the second year will be subject to satisfactory evaluation of first year performance.

To apply:

Submit the following items by email to the Principal Investigator, Professor Brian Farrell, at [hisbpf@nus.edu.sg](mailto:hisbpf@nus.edu.sg)

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement addressing applicant's research experience and possible contribution to the project (maximum 2000 words)
- Chapter from completed PhD thesis and or piece of published scholarly writing
- Three letters of recommendation (to be submitted directly by email to the PI)

Review of applications will begin on **26 October 2020**, and will continue until the position is filled. For all enquiries, please contact the Principal Investigator, Professor Brian P. Farrell, at [hisbpf@nus.edu.sg](mailto:hisbpf@nus.edu.sg)