

# Connections

>> Updates from the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund

## Announcement

- Second grant call has been announced. You may visit [this webpage](#) for more information. Please refer to the [FAQ page](#) if you have any questions regarding the grant call, or write in to us.
- If you are keen to have a consultation session to bounce ideas for the proposal, do write in to us.

## Featured Content

### “Theories and Approaches in Social Work Practice Research – Challenges and Possibilities”

By Prof Lars Uggerhøj,  
Professor of Social Work,  
Aalborg University, Denmark

This was presented at a public lecture in 2019.



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## Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund,

Hope everyone is staying well.

Our 2nd Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference 2021 had passed by successfully. We appreciate the participation of everyone who were able to attend. The keynote address by Professor Bowen McBeath was enlightening in examining the wider ecology in which practice research takes place. Other segments such as the learning journeys of our existing 5 LCG research teams, thoughtfully moderated by Associate Professor Timothy Sim, gave us encouraging insights into the value of research on practice. The conference ended with a panel of speakers from UK, Denmark and Singapore on the impact of the global pandemic on social work practice and practice research in the context of the new social environment in different parts of the world. We will be uploading these different segments of the conference on the website in future, for the benefit of colleagues who were not able to join the online event or were able to join intermittently because of other responsibilities during the conference. Look forward to further announcements!

In addition, please remember that the gallery of local social work research is still opened for viewing at the website till the end of December 2021. So please do check in to find out the interesting and important pieces of research conducted by our colleagues on social work practice for new insights in practice and future research.

After the closure of the conference, Associate Professor Esther Goh, Head of the Department of Social Work, NUS, made the call for the 2nd LCG research grant inviting colleagues from the social service sector to seriously consider applying for the next research grant. Applications will close on 3 January 2022.

We have several initiatives to support practitioners interested in considering the submission of a grant application.

- Details on the 2nd grant call had been updated in the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund website. Please refer to the [grant call page](#) for details on the process in preparing and submitting a grant proposal.
- Professor Ian Shaw, S R Nathan Professor at the Department of Social Work, NUS, will be giving a teaching session via zoom on tips to systematic practice research and grant writing in October 2021. This fits in with one of the goals of the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund, which is to help practitioners understand and develop familiarity with practice research so that eventually it can become part and parcel of professional social work practice for the eventual benefit of service users. We will send a note on the event once the date is finalized.
- Professor Ian Shaw, who was mentioned at the conference as an important contributor to quality practice research by one of the research teams, will also be providing consultation to individuals/teams who are interested in preparing a grant proposal and wants to bounce ideas with someone whose forte is in conceptualizing and conducting research from different perspectives. We will be arranging consultation sessions with Professor Shaw and look forward to you contacting the Secretariat ([swk\\_LCGResFund@nus.edu.sg](mailto:swk_LCGResFund@nus.edu.sg)) to indicate your wish to be included. Mutually convenient consultation sessions can then be arranged starting from October to the last week of December 2021.

That's all the updates from the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund for now. Stay well and looking forward to connecting again soon.

With warm wishes and best regards,  
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**Don't miss out our announcement!**

Let us know so that we can add you to our mailing list.

## About the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund

The NUS Department of Social Work is honoured to be the recipient of a gift by the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund to establish an endowed NUS Social Work Practice Research Fund. This endowed fund resources the Department to engage with frontline practitioners to conduct practice research that will enhance service provision and delivery. The distinguishing features of these practice research projects lie in the involvement of service providers, service users, and caregivers in the entire research process. These stakeholders are involved in the conceptualisation, implementation, analysis and utilisation of research findings etc. The objective is to produce more practice research and to turn them into teaching and training materials. These practice research projects have the potential to: (1) improve the accessibility, delivery and design of services, (2) enhance the well-being of service users, as well as (3) contribute to policy discussions at the agency and governmental levels.



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