

# 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.
- The submission should be made by **3 January 2022, Monday, 5pm**.
- Stay tuned to our new [resources page](#)! If there's something that you think will be helpful to you, please do write in to us and we will try our best to put up some resources about that.

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

Hope this last newsletter of 2021 finds you well.

The year has passed by very quickly. Despite the ups and downs in the process of opening more social spaces for face-to-face interaction, the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund had been able to stay on course in supporting practice research in the social services.

Our five research teams had been able to participate and present papers at the 5th International Conference on Practice Research in May 2021. The Fund had also successfully organised the 2nd Singapore Social Work Practice Research Conference via Zoom in August 2021. Two of the existing five research projects had been completed.

The [2nd grant call](#) had been made and the consultations sessions by Professor Ian Shaw (S R Nathan Professor of the Department of Social Work, NUS) offered to social workers and their agencies to discuss seminal ideas were scheduled. These were useful starting points for writing grant proposals such as in thinking through research questions and methodological concerns.

In addition, the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Endowed Research Fund's website has a new [resources page](#) where we will upload materials that may be of help in the development of practice research and implementation of findings. For a start, we uploaded two recordings:

- 'Practice Research: A Primer on its Nature and Practice' – a Webinar session with Professor Ian Shaw, S R Nathan Professor, National University of Singapore, October 2021;
- 'The Ecology of Sustainable Practice Research in Social Work' – the Keynote Address by Professor Bowen McBeath, Portland State University, Oregon, at the 2nd Singapore Practice Research Conference, August 2021.

Lastly, do note that the submission of grant proposals will end on **3 January 2022**. If you have any questions about grant proposals and applications, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With warmest wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,  
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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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