Two-Year Master of Arts (MA) Research Scholarship Opportunity
Department of History, National University of Singapore

The Department of History at the National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications for one fully funded MA Research Scholarship (RS). The deadline for applications is 30 November 2022. The successful applicant will begin their scholarship on 7 August 2023. The RS will cover tuition fees and provide a monthly stipend for two years. Further details on the RS can be found here.

The successful applicant will complete their MA (Research) degree in the Department of History. Details of the MA (Research) program can be found here. The student must be in Singapore for the scholarship, although some research travel may be permitted. Singapore Citizens are eligible for Central Provident Fund benefits.

The RS is funded by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Fellowship (SSHRF) for a project entitled Sinospheric Subjects: Chinese Singaporeans, China, and Taiwan, 1976-1990 (Principal Investigator [PI]: Dr. Kung Chien Wen). This book-length project explores cultural and social relations between Chinese Singaporeans and both the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan. It seeks to understand how Singapore’s domestic Chinese agenda during a transformative period for all three states shaped and was shaped by transnational connections within the broader “Sinosphere.”

Applicants should:

• Be university graduates with at least second-class Honours (or the equivalent) in History or related disciplines such as Sociology, Anthropology, Literary and Cultural Studies, or Chinese Studies.

• Have experience conducting research in Chinese languages; the ability to speak non-Mandarin Chinese languages such as Hokkien and Cantonese is a plus.

• Propose an MA thesis that fits broadly within the PI’s research agenda.

Besides researching and writing their thesis, the MA student will assist the PI with archival and oral research for Sinospheric Subjects. Interested applicants should contact the PI (Dr. Kung Chien Wen) to discuss their proposals.

Department of History

The Department of History is one of the oldest and yet most vibrant departments in the National University of Singapore. From its genesis as Raffles College from 1929 and after a series of transformations through various subsequent university mergers, the Department continues to grow in strength. Today, the Department maintains a worldwide reputation for teaching and research excellence and an impressive track record of producing successful graduates who can make their mark in the professional world.

The Department offers training at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Each year, approximately 5,000 undergraduates enroll in about 50 modules. There are currently more than 30 graduate students pursuing their Masters and Doctoral degrees. The Department’s teaching and research expertise lies primarily in the history of Southeast and East Asia, but there is strong selection of module offerings in European, American, and military history, as well as the history of art, business, religion, science and technology.