

Two-Year Master of Social Science (M.Soc.Sci) Research Scholarship Opportunity **Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore**

The Department of Political Science at National University of Singapore (NUS) invites application for **ONE fully funded two-year M.Soc.Sci Research Scholarship (RS)**. The deadline for applications is **1 November 2024**. The successful applicant will begin their scholarship on **August 2025**. The RS will cover tuition fees and provide a monthly stipend for two years. Further details on the RS can be found [here](#). All application documents should be submitted [here](#).

The successful applicant will complete their M.Soc.Sci (Research) degree in the Department of Political Science. Details of the M.Soc.Sci (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 CPF benefits. There is no restriction on applicant nationality.

The RS is funded by a Social Science and Humanities Research Fellowship (SSHRF) from Singapore's Social Science Research Council for a project entitled "After Victory: Governance Outcomes, Political Stability, and Institutional Reform in East and Southeast Asia," directed by the Principal Investigator (PI), Assistant Professor Elvin Ong. More details [here](#).

The successful M.Soc.Sci student will assist the PI in research for the "After Victory" research project under the [Graduate Assistantship Programme \(GAP\)](#). Accordingly, the successful M.Soc.Sci student will ideally undertake thesis research on Japanese politics, particularly just before, during, or after the DPJ government from 2009-2012. Research on any aspect of Japanese politics is possible, although research on public opinion, party politics, or governance is preferred. A comparative perspective to other countries in East or Southeast Asia is also much valued.

Applicants should:

- Be university graduates with at least second-upper class Honours (or equivalent) in Political Science, or related disciplines such as Economics, Sociology, or Asian Studies.
- Have excellent reading, writing, and conversational English language skills.
- Be natively fluent or near natively fluent in Japanese.
- Having at least some knowledge and experience of using R is preferred.
- Propose an M.Soc.Sci thesis that fits broadly within the PI's research agenda.

Interested applicants should email Dr. Elvin Ong (poloje@nus.edu.sg) with their CV, and a 2-page proposal, and any clarification questions as early as possible ahead of the application deadline.

Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science in the National University of Singapore has a global reputation for teaching and research excellence, particularly on East and Southeast Asia. The Department is ranked #11 in the world by the QS World University Rankings by Subject, and #16 in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject. Its graduates have successfully enrolled in PhD programs in top American universities or have embarked on highly successful careers in both the public and private sectors.