The Asia Research Institute (ARI) of National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications from graduate (MA and PhD) students who are engaged in research on Southeast Asia for the annual fellowship and forum:

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| **ASIAN GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** | 15 June – 24 July 2020 |

Offered to graduate students working in the humanities and social sciences on Southeast Asian topics, the Asian Graduate Student Fellowship (AGSF) will allow the recipients to be based at NUS for an ‘in residence fellowship’ for a period of six (6) weeks. Citizens of Asian countries currently enrolled in a full-time MA or PhD degree at a university in an Asian country (except Singapore) are welcome to apply for the fellowship.

Successful candidates can expect the following benefits:

1. A one-time allowance of SGD 500
2. Hostel accommodation for the duration of the fellowship
3. Access to library and computer resources in NUS

You can look forward to excellent library and internet computer facilities at NUS’ main library ([http://www.lib.nus.edu.sg/](http://libportal.nus.edu.sg/frontend/index)), the library at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) (<https://www.iseas.edu.sg/library>) and the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library at the National Library ([http://www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/)) to facilitate your research for the dissertation. NUS’ main library has 2 million volumes covering all topics while ISEAS’ library has 200,000 on Southeast Asian topics, half of which are in Southeast Asian languages.

1. Exposure to seminars by various experts in the field
2. An appointed mentor/advisor on your research topic
3. An opportunity to present your research paper at the Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies to an audience of young international scholars and senior Southeast Asia specialists
4. The Training Employment Pass (TEP) and Visa will be arranged for by ARI

***Intensive English Academic Writing Program (Optional)***

A limited number of students may be selected to take part in a two-week long intensive course on English academic writing. This program is specifically intended for students who struggle with writing and/or communicating in academic English. If you have already received training in this field or if you are a (near) native English speaker, you might not benefit from this course. Please note that those students who enroll in the English academic writing program will thus have two weeks less time to conduct research locally. Please consider carefully what is more important to you at this stage of your career.

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| **SINGAPORE GRADUATE FORUM ON SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES** | 20–24 July 2020 |

This five-day forum, the fifteenth of an annual series of forums for graduate students who work on Southeast Asia, will be organised thematically. Themes broadly reflect (though not limited to) the core research strengths of the Asia Research Institute, including the Asian dynamics of religion, politics, economy, gender, culture, language, migration, urbanism, science and technology, identities, population and social change.

The first two days of the forum will be dedicated to Skills Based Sessions during which senior scholars will address various topics such as:

* How to get published in peer-reviewed journals
* How to apply for international grants
* How to flourish as an early career academic

During the final three days, graduate students will be giving the opportunity to present their work in sessions organized thematically. Graduate students working on topics related to Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based either on work in progress that is at an advanced stage (i.e. already completed data collection and analysis), or on completed work. Hostel accommodation will be provided for the duration of the forum. NUS students are also encouraged to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with students from other regions whose interests focus on Southeast Asia.

**REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS**

Successful candidates for the fellowship are expected to submit a draft of their papers by **3 June 2020**. This paper will be shared with his/her local mentor in preparation for his/her interactions with her/him.

Those selected for both the fellowship and forum are required to send in a full-length paper (4,000-5,000 words) by **1 July 2020,** and make a presentation on their work at the Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies on 20–24 July 2020.

Please note that the paper must be based on your own work, and only previously unpublished papers or those not already presented elsewhere can be accepted.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Candidates are to send a softcopy of the following documents in English language to Ms Tay Minghua at aritm@nus.edu.sg by **20 December 2019**:

1. Application Form
2. Paper Proposal
3. Research Proposal *(additional for AGSF application)*
4. A Letter of Recommendation from your Thesis Supervisor

*Since the fellowship offers an opportunity to enroll in an English academic writing course, your referee should also address how and why you would benefit from such a program (if applicable).*

Successful applicants will be notified by **mid February 2020**.

**CONTACT PERSON**

For any other queries, please contact Ms Tay Minghua at aritm@nus.edu.sg.

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| **APPLICATION FORM** |

I would like to apply for: *(choose ONE only)*

1. [ ]  **Asian Graduate Student Fellowship** (15 June – 24 July 2020)[ ]   **Academic Writing Program\*** *(optional)*

2. [ ]  **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies** (20–24 July 2020)

*\* Beneficial only if you are not a (near) native English speaker, and have not received training in English academic writing.*

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| **PERSONAL PARTICULARS** |
| Full Name (*please underline family name)* |  |
| Nationality |  | Gender | Male / Female |
| Email Address |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS** |
| Current Student Status *(please state university, faculty and which year/stage of study)* |
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| Bachelor Degree *(please state university, faculty and year obtained)* |
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| Master’s Degree *(please state university, faculty and year obtained)* |
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| Current Thesis Supervisor(s) *(please state name, university, and email address)* |
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| Area(s) of Research |
| [ ]  Asian Migration | [ ]  Asian Urbanisms | [ ]  Changing Family | [ ]  Identities |
| [ ]  Inter-Asia Engagements | [ ]  Religion | [ ]  Science, Technology and Society |  |
| [ ]  Others *(please specify)* |
| **PUBLICATION & AWARDS** |
| List of Academic Publication / Research Output |
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| Awards, Fellowships & Grants Obtained |
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**Deadline for the submission of application form is 20 December 2019.**

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| **PAPER PROPOSAL** |

**Title of Paper**

**Name**

Institutional affiliation

Email address

Travelling from state/country

**ABSTRACT**

The abstract should be between 300-400 words, and should clarify the substantive issues which your paper will address and be firmly grounded in your own research project.

Please include the following information:

1. Objectives of paper/ hypotheses (if any)
2. Conceptual framework
3. Methodological approach, including:
	* methods employed in collecting data (be specific – for example: if you carried out a survey, give sampling design, sample number, etc; if you did in-depth interviewing, then how many did you do and what approach did you use; if archival, then which archives, documents, etc.)
	* data analysis
	* data sources
4. Findings and discussion
5. Conclusion (in relation to your objectives)
6. 5 keywords for your research paper

Papers that are only based on literature reviews will not be accepted.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

A short paragraphed biography of about 150 words, including details such as the author’s current position, research interests, relevant activities, etc.

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| **RESEARCH PROPOSAL** |

The proposal should be between 400-600 words, and should include the following:

1. Your reasons for applying for the fellowship
2. Your motivations for enrolling in the Academic Writing Program *(if applicable)*
3. Your expectations of the fellowship in terms of your research and writing
4. How the fellowship will contribute to your research
5. Types of sources to be consulted in Singapore
6. Proposed work plan during the fellowship

*If you intend to conduct interviews with human subjects, please include the ethics clearance document from your university.*

Candidates must complete their data collection or fieldwork for the research by the time the fellowship commences in June 2020.