

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Doctoral Research Scholarships AY2014-2015

As Asia's Global Law School, the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS Law) is committed to fostering excellence in research by building a strong core of doctoral research students.

The NUS **PhD** comprises: (i) coursework (up to 6 graduate courses, taken in the first year), followed by (ii) a thesis of not more than 80,000 words. Successful applicants will commence their candidature as probationary PhD students and will work under the supervision of a Faculty member at NUS Law. Within 12-18 months of their candidature, probationary PhD students must orally defend an outline of the proposed PhD thesis at the Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination (DCQE). Candidates who succeed at the DCQE will have their PhD candidature confirmed and may proceed to write the thesis.

Successful PhD applicants will also be recommended for the award of a **Graduate Research Scholarship** for the duration of their candidature, subject to satisfactory progress, and with a maximum tenure of **four years**.

The closing date for all applications is **1 December 2013**. Application instructions can be found at [http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html).

#### Requirements

1. A good Bachelor's degree in Law (LLB/BA) and a good Master's degree in Law (LLM/BCL/MJur) is the minimum requirement. The Master's degree in Law should have been awarded with minimum Upper Second Class Honours (or equivalent) and, preferably, with First Class Honours (or equivalent).
2. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for all foreign applicants **except** those from English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA. We strongly prefer the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) and a minimum score of 100 is required.
3. The selection committee will consider the alignment of the proposed PhD research topic with NUS Law's research strengths and priorities, which may be found at [http://law.nus.edu.sg/research\\_publications/research\\_area.asp](http://law.nus.edu.sg/research_publications/research_area.asp).

4. Applicants are particularly sought within the fields of Asian Legal Studies, Banking and Financial Law, Competition Law, Corporations, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Insolvency, Intellectual Property, Public International Law, Legal Theory and Legal Philosophy, Shipping and Maritime Law, and Tax Law.

### Benefits

5. Successful applicants recommended for the award of a **Graduate Research Scholarship** will receive: (i) a monthly stipend, and (ii) a full tuition fee subsidy. For International Students, the monthly stipend is currently **S\$2,000**. Probationary PhD students who successfully pass the Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination (DCQE) will receive an additional monthly stipend of up to **\$500** per month.
6. The Graduate Research Scholarship and any additional stipends are renewable annually subject to good performance.
7. In addition to their annual leave (21 working days), Graduate Research Scholars are eligible to apply for (i) Research and Conference Leave, (ii) Leave of Absence.
8. Graduate Research Scholars who apply successfully for Research and Conference leave will receive additional financial support, capped at a maximum of **S\$4,000** throughout their degree candidature.

All correspondence should be addressed to Admissions (Graduate Studies), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Eu Tong Sen Building, 469G Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259776. Email: [lawGRADadm@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lawGRADadm@nus.edu.sg).

UK-based applicants may arrange to see **Professor Stephen Girvin**, Vice Dean (Research, in **London** during the period **15-19 October 2013**. Those wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should email him at [kris@nus.edu.sg](mailto:kris@nus.edu.sg).