

## **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 2023**. The successful applicant will begin their scholarship on **August 2024**. 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 Central Provident Fund benefits. There is no restriction on the nationality of applicants.

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. "After Victory" aims to examine the role of newly victorious opposition parties after they have defeated a long dominant autocratic incumbent. Specifically, it seeks to analyze comparatively and historically the divergent democratization trajectories across countries in East and Southeast Asia in terms of their governance outcomes, political stability, and institutional reforms.

Applicants should:

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

Besides researching and writing their thesis, the M.Soc.Sci student will assist the PI primarily with qualitative and quantitative research for the "After Victory" research project under the Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP). More details can be found [here](#). Interested applicants should contact the PI Dr. Elvin Ong ([poloje@nus.edu.sg](mailto:poloje@nus.edu.sg)) with their CV and a 2-page proposal.

### **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 #17 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.