

Academic Research PhD Programmes

Research Excellence across Management,
Social Science & Computing



Message from The Dean



The Singapore Management University (SMU) College of Graduate Research Studies (CGRS) provides a second home to our Academic Research PhD students, and enhances integration and interdisciplinarity across each programme. This holistic approach enables each student to tackle the unique challenges of today's world, to create significant impact.

SMU's postgraduate research programmes span the dynamic and rapidly evolving fields of management, social sciences and information technology. With a bachelor degree and passion for research, you can embark on an SMU PhD, taught and supervised by distinguished faculty members. We also provide fully funded scholarships to successful PhD candidates.

I am also proud that many of our graduates have gone on to carve out respectable careers in both academia and industry. We ensure a supportive journey, guiding you through every major milestone. I encourage you to take the first step in shaping your future with an SMU PhD programme!

Professor Heli WANG

Dean, College of Graduate Research Studies



CREATE
Significant Impact
Across Disciplines



BUILD
Strong Connections
Within the Community



TACKLE
Challenging Issues
With Confidence



UNLOCK
Opportunities
Through Interdisciplinary Research

» SMU College of Graduate Research Studies

The College of Graduate Research Studies (CGRS) enhances interdisciplinary training across the various SMU's PhD programmes to allow students to uncover new knowledge and develop novel solutions that are relevant to some of today's most challenging issues. Our community of learners benefit from the diversity of expertise, disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and perspectives so that they are well-equipped to create significant impact on both academia and industry.

» SMU Research Rankings



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in Asia
in Tilburg
University's Top
100 Worldwide
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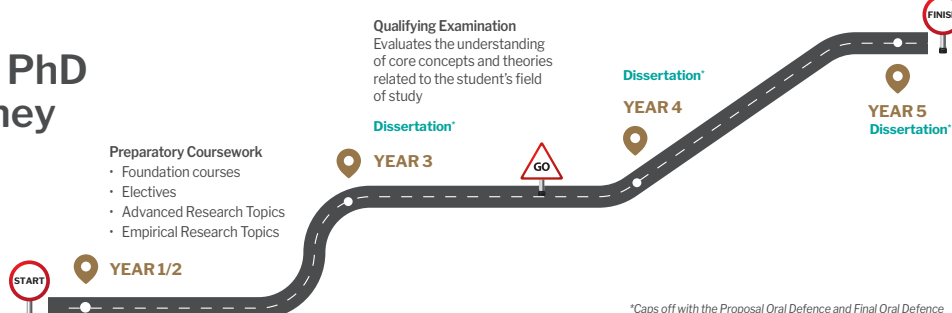
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#2

in the world
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University
Accounting
Rankings
(since 2024)

As of 29 August 2025

» SMU PhD Journey



*Caps off with the Proposal Oral Defence and Final Oral Defence

List of Programmes

Disciplinary:

- PhD in Accounting
- PhD in Business with specialisations in:
 - > Finance
 - > Marketing
 - > Operations Management
 - > Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources
 - > Strategy & Entrepreneurship
- PhD in Economics
- PhD in Psychology
- PhD in Computer Science
- PhD in Information Systems



Interdisciplinary:

- PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology
- PhD in Asian Urbanisms

Professional Development

Graduate Research Professional Development

The Graduate Research Professional Development (GRPD) programme is a credit-bearing course that consists of a suite of workshops and seminars to enhance career-readiness.



Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Topics

The Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Topics (GRIT) comprises of training in curated topics spanning across two or more disciplines.



Application, Fees and Funding

Application Requirements Overview

Scan the QR code to find out more about each programme's admission requirements.



Tuition Fees

Scan the QR code to find out more about each programme's tuition fees.



Financial Awards

Scholarships



Fellowships



Other Funding



Our Students' Work

The SMU PhD programmes provide opportunities to our students to deepen their knowledge and research expertise. Over the years, our students have published papers and written dissertations that have contributed towards the pool of academic knowledge.

Research Publications



“My time at SMU was instrumental in shaping me into an effective researcher.

The rigorous academic training, exposure to high-quality research, and opportunities to present at conferences allowed me to refine my critical thinking and communication skills, which are crucial in both teaching and research. SMU's emphasis on impactful research and teaching excellence provided me with the foundation to thrive in my academic career.”



YANG Mengjie
PhD in Accounting,
Class of 2024

Lecturer (Assistant
Professor) in
Accounting,
Monash University



LE Duy Dung

PhD in Computer Science,
Class of 2020

Assistant Professor
in Computer Science,
VinUniversity

“The PhD journey at SMU was a catalyst for my intellectual and professional growth. It honed my research skills, fostered a deep understanding of innovation in academia, and prepared me to contribute to the dynamic educational environment at VinUniversity.”





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