

Master by Research Programmes

Elevate Your Career with
Advanced Research Knowledge



Message from The Dean



The Singapore Management University (SMU) offers four Master by Research programmes. These programmes will allow you to ascertain if research, at either an academic institution or industry, is what you would like to pursue as a career. If you are considering a career in academia but have not decided that you would like to pursue a doctoral programme right after your Bachelor's degree, these Master's programmes will provide you a head start on research work.

The programmes will provide you with a good understanding of current arguments, analyses and issues in a particular area of research. You will also acquire the ability to identify and formulate a research question, as well as construct and carry out a research plan. Students are given flexibility in the way they organise their coursework and the writing of their theses over the two years to best fit their career objective, be it to continue their studies with a PhD or to enter the labour force upon graduation.

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
Economics
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Ranking
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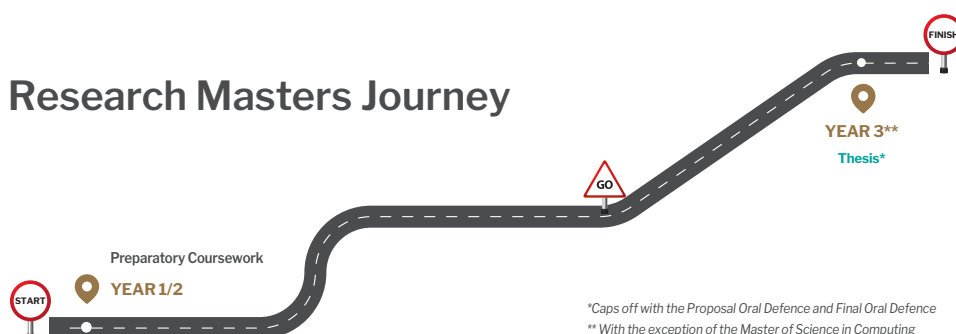
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Rankings
(since 2024)

As of 29 August 2025

» SMU Research Masters Journey



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

** With the exception of the Master of Science in Computing

List of Programmes

- MPhil in Asian Urbanisms
- MPhil in Economics
- MPhil in Psychology
- MSc in Computing (Self-funded programme)



MPhil in Psychology
curriculum



MPhil in Asian Urbanisms
curriculum



MPhil in Economics
curriculum



MSc in Computing
curriculum



College Experience

Campus Living

SMU Prinsep Street Residences (PSR) is an innovative communal living concept for young studying adults; our answer to the university student's desire for shared open spaces to live and interact.



Nestled in the vibrant arts and heritage enclave of the Bras Basah Bugis Precinct, PSR is just an 8-minute stroll from SMU's vibrant city campus.

Graduate Research Student Society

The Graduate Research Student Society (GRSS) both enhances social and academic interactions, as well as facilitates collaborative activities and exchanges amongst the SMU postgraduate research student community.



Application, Fees and Funding

Scan the QR code to find out more about each programme's admission requirements, tuition fees and funding.

Application
Information



Tuition Fees



Scholarships



“ Having a background in statistics and a passion for data-driven decision-making, I am thrilled to join and complete SMU's Master of Science in Computing, under the Data Science & Engineering track. The programme's interdisciplinary approach, rigorous curriculum, and sharing of real-world use cases have enabled me to apply advanced analytics techniques to solve complex business challenges and make a positive impact in my career. With a strong focus on cutting-edge research, hands-on experience, and expert faculty, this programme has provided me with the opportunity to deepen my knowledge in data science, develop advanced research skills, and make meaningful contributions to the data science field. ”



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MSc in
Computing,
Class of 2021
Trading Analytics
Product Owner,
ExxonMobil



CHUA Yi Jing

MPhil in Psychology,
Class of 2023
PhD Student in
Psychology,
Stanford University

“ SMU's Fast Track MPhil in Psychology programme was an invaluable opportunity that allowed me to hone my research skills and explore my research interests. I am especially grateful for the excellent faculty, who were instrumental in preparing me for a career in academia and fostering my growth as a researcher! ”



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