Singapore Management University Terms and Conditions for Full Scholarship (PhD)

- 1. The Scholarship is tenable only at Singapore Management University (SMU), hereinafter called the 'University'.
- 2. The Scholar <u>must reside</u> in Singapore for the duration of the PhD candidature. As full time postgraduate research (PGR) students, Scholars are expected to report to their School and/or supervisor at the University during the candidature, unless they are granted leave by the University.
- 3. The Scholarship will provide the Scholar a full tuition fee waiver and a monthly living stipend. The stipend rate is stated in the offer letter. The Scholarship is tenable for one year in the first instance and thereafter may, subject to the Scholar's satisfactory academic progress, be renewed annually at the University's discretion for up to the first 4 years of the PhD candidature.
- 4. As part of their development, SMU PGR Scholars are required to perform, without additional remuneration, a required number of hours of graduate assistantship work over the course of their PhD candidature. The graduate assistantship could include teaching and research duties as well as other responsibilities assigned by the University.
- 5. After fulfilling the required hours of graduate assistantship, SMU PGR Scholars could apply to work as paid part-time Research Assistants or Teaching Assistants. The rate of payment and the procedures for hiring as well as payment for these responsibilities will be in accordance with SMU's prevailing guidelines.
- 6. With the exception of points 4 and 5 above, during the candidature the Scholar must not accept employment, whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, allowance or financial assistance, without prior approval from the University.
- 7. The Scholar is eligible for paid holiday leave of 21 working days per calendar year, excluding Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday, for the duration of the candidature. He/she is not allowed to take any leave during periods when there are classes and/or he/she has been allocated teaching responsibilities, unless special approval is granted by SMU.
- 8. The Scholar cannot change his/her programme of study from that stated in his/her admission offer letter or take additional courses during the tenure of the Scholarship, without approval from the University.
- 9. The Scholar will cease to receive the Scholarship:
 - i. upon the date of expiry of tenure of Scholarship as described in point 3 above; or
 - ii. upon successful completion of all requirements leading to the postgraduate degree.

- 10. The University reserves the right to terminate the Scholarship immediately without notice if:
 - i. the Scholar fails to meet the requirements of the postgraduate programme;
 - ii. the Scholar fails to abide by the terms and conditions set out herein and/or any other terms and conditions as may be advised by the University from time to time;
 - iii. the Scholar withdraws from or fails to complete his/her postgraduate programme for whatever reason; or
 - iv. the candidature of the Scholar is terminated for whatever reason.
- 11. Unless otherwise stated in the admission offer letter or communicated to the Scholar, there is no bond attached to the Scholarship.
- 12. The University does not provide additional financial assistance towards travel or living expenses nor guarantee employment to the Scholar upon successful completion of his/her postgraduate degree.
- 13. The University may, at its discretion, review and amend the terms and conditions herein from time to time.

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