

PhD IN PSYCHOLOGY



School of
**Social
Sciences**

Lead in Psychological Research & Practice with Our Programme

Equipped with advanced research skills, our graduates are highly valued in academia and across industries. Our alumni hold prestigious positions at leading universities and organisations, including HDB and the Ministry of Defence (Singapore).



POSTGRADUATE

PROGRAMME BENEFITS



Conduct groundbreaking research: Gain knowledge in cognitive, cultural, developmental, evolutionary, social, personality, and organisational psychology, and acquire hands-on experience with empirical and other research methods and their practical applications.



Collaborate across disciplines: Broaden your research horizons by engaging in interdisciplinary projects.



Work with renowned faculty: Receive personalised mentoring from distinguished faculty who are committed to your success.



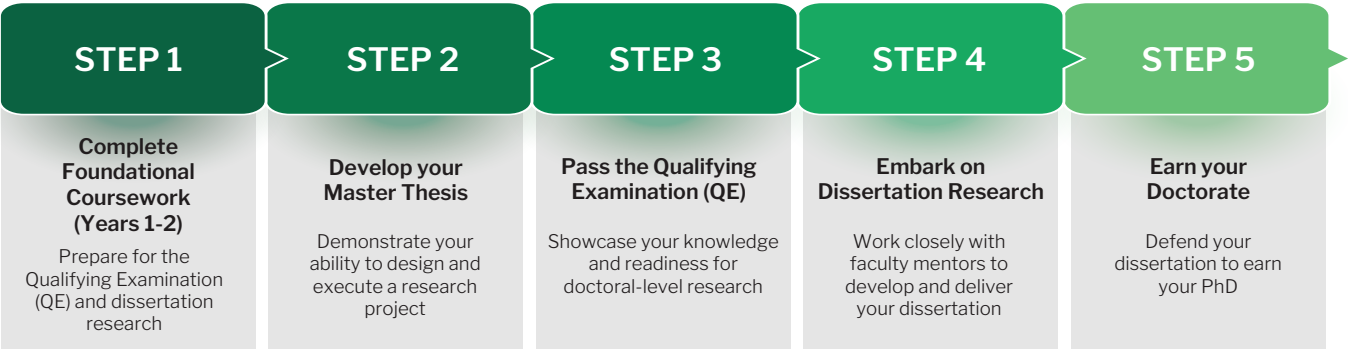
Access state-of-the-art facilities: Utilise cutting-edge labs and equipment, and benefit from research grants and funding opportunities.



Develop the competencies that will propel your career: Integrate theory, measurement, and data analysis to make scientifically sound decisions.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Your Path to SMU's Doctorate in Psychology



PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements	Units (CU)
Foundation Courses	6
Elective Courses	2
Empirical Research Project (ERP)	1
Master Thesis	12
Advanced Research Topics (ARTs)	3
PhD Dissertation	28
Graduate Research Professional Development (GRPD)	1

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree in any discipline; A degree in psychology and relevant research experiences are advantageous
- Graduate Record Examination General (GRE) score* if applicant is not a graduate of a Singapore autonomous university (SMU, NUS, NTU, SUTD, SIT, SUSS)
- TOEFL/IELTS score if the medium of instruction of undergraduate studies was not English

*GRE Psychology Subject Test scores for applicants without a bachelor's degree in psychology are not mandatory but encouraged. Alternatively, research experience in psychology or related behavioural science fields is highly recommended.

The Master's thesis and PhD dissertation are marked by two milestones:

- Proposal Defence**
- Submit a written proposal of the dissertation topic and deliver an oral presentation to the review committee to explicate the relevance of the proposed topic and methods to be used.
- Final Defence**
- Deliver an oral presentation of the written thesis or dissertation. Following report revisions and fulfilment of requirements, the review committee will deliberate on awarding the PhD degree.



SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1

SMU's Research Scholarship covers registration, subsidised tuition fees, and monthly stipends¹. The scholarship is renewable yearly for a maximum of four years on condition of good academic performance. Scholars may receive additional support through research and teaching assistantships.

2

PhD Conference Funding supports students in attending academic conferences to present their research. PhD students can apply for funding if they have a paper that has been accepted for presentation at a reputable conference.

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SMU's Presidential Doctoral Fellowships² are awarded to current PhD students who consistently demonstrate exceptional research achievements.

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SMU's Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships² are granted to current PhD students who engage in outstanding research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries.

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School of Social Sciences (SOSS) Postgraduate Research Grants support students in pursuing research excellence and productivity.

¹ Prevailing stipend rates published on <https://graduatestudies.smu.edu.sg/phd/awards-funding/scholarships> are subject to change without prior notice.

² The Fellowships are annual awards.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The PhD in Psychology is a full-time in-person only programme.

INTAKE	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
August	1 August (year prior to intake year)	31 December (year prior to intake year)

APPLY NOW



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES (CGRS)

Students will be part of the College of Graduate Research Studies that fosters interdisciplinarity across the SMU Schools, enhancing the PhD experience and promoting collaboration. Our holistic approach, encompassing shared courses, professional training, and networking opportunities, equips students to address global challenges and make a meaningful impact.

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Significant Impact
Across Disciplines



TACKLE
Challenge Issues
With Confidence



BUILD
Strong Connections
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