YALE-NUS OVERSEAS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON: TERMINOLOGY

What is the senior tutor role? What are the minimum requirements surrounding this commitment?

• Senior tutors will be involved in college activities and educational research throughout the summer. They will be encouraged to return on a regular basis. For Scholars who need to pursue research outside of Singapore during the summer, they will need to complete a formal exemption application process that is subject to review by the assigned Faculty Mentor and Head of Study of their department. Scholars will be required to return to Singapore once for a 3-4 year program and twice for a 5-6 year program. Scholars should note that flights outside of Singapore during the summer months will not be covered through the Scholarship.

QUESTIONS ON: SCHOOL CHOICE

Are students who gain admission to Yale University given preference for the Scholarship?

• Applicants’ comprehensive applications will be evaluated by the Appointments Committee when discussing eligibility for the Overseas Graduate Scholarship. Applicants should note that considering Yale University for your PhD study is a positive factor but choosing another university is not a disqualifying factor.

QUESTIONS ON: ELIGIBILITY

If you apply and are awarded both Yale-NUS OGS and NUS OGS, can you take both?

• No, students must select and be involved in one scholarship scheme only.

Would a preceding acceptance from a specific department impact candidacy in future cycles for Yale-NUS OGS applicants?

• The College will consider all outstanding candidates for the Scholarship scheme. Applicants should note that the College’s strategic plans for faculty distribution will be considered annually in the review process.

If you have a bond linked to your undergraduate degree at Yale-NUS that requires you to work post-graduation for more than two years, are you still able to apply for the Yale-NUS OGS?

• Students who are bonded to work for more than two years post-graduation are eligible to apply for an extension through the College and will be considered on a case by case basis. The College encourages all such students to notify CIPE of their bond situation in advance to receive further guidance.
Are students enrolled in the DDP Law program eligible to apply, given that they are not linked to a specific Major at Yale-NUS?

- Yes, DDP Law students are eligible to apply. DDP Law applicants are encouraged again to consider the strategic links towards the College’s larger academic mission and how their academic research interests may link to a specific major in the College. Applications will be considered on the basis of the strength of their proposed research program.

QUESTIONS ON: THE APPLICATION

Should referees be current professors here?

- Students should have at least one Yale-NUS Professor serving as a reference. The other letter of recommendation can be sourced either from another faculty member or supervisor for a research/internship placement. Letters should comment on the students’ academic excellence and their demonstrated research capacity.

QUESTIONS ON: FINANCES

Can you provide more details regarding the sign-on bonus?

- More information regarding a potential sign-on bonus will be presented to Scholars after their acceptance into the Scholarship scheme.

Would there be options for housing on campus during the Senior Tutorship?

- Housing is not provided at the moment for Senior Tutors.

QUESTIONS ON: REQUIREMENTS AFTER THE PHD

Is a postdoctoral fellowship position guaranteed?

- Students will be assessed annually through a report scheme that requires assessment by their assigned Yale-NUS Faculty Mentor and the Dean of Faculty. Upon successful completion of the PhD program, Overseas Graduate Scholars will be considered for a post-doctoral fellowship through another round of evaluation by an appointments committee.

Do you have to continue with the post-doctoral fellowship if you decide not to be a professor at Yale-NUS?

- If Scholars do not accept the sign-on bonus, there is no formal obligation to remain with the College. However, all Scholars will be required to remain with the College for a minimum of one year full-time employment post completion of their PhD program.

Can you hold concurrent position with Yale-NUS and NUS?

- Concurrent positions will be subject to agreement from the College and relevant departments at NUS.