

## **The Courage Fund PhD (Infectious Disease) Scholarship (Full-Time Award) Terms and Conditions**

1. The Courage Fund PhD (Infectious Disease) Scholarship (Full-Time Award) (“Scholarship”) is funded by a grant from The Courage Fund Ltd. Funds will be administered by the NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (“SSHSPH”), while the service obligation will be administered by The Courage Fund Ltd. The award of the Scholarship will be governed by the terms and conditions as stipulated by The Courage Fund Ltd in the service obligation agreement.
  2. Each Scholarship will provide for the following:
    - a) Tuition Fees for up to four (4) years of study;
    - b) A monthly stipend of S\$2,500 for Singaporeans and S\$2,200 for Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs), for up to four (4) years of study. Scholars will receive an additional stipend of S\$500 per month (for up to twenty-four [24] months or up to the 48<sup>th</sup> month of their candidature, whichever is earlier) upon passing the PhD Qualifying Examination;
    - c) Cost of economy travel for one (1) return trip from Singapore to London, and London to Singapore<sup>1</sup>, and
    - d) Additional overseas allowance of S\$3,000 per month for up to six (6) months<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>1</sup>Only for students who apply to do a research attachment at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). Students will need to submit a study plan to the school for approval. The study plan should detail the research activities to be undertaken at LSHTM, the proposed attachment dates and the LSHTM supervisor who will be hosting the student.*
3. The Scholar will be required to enter into separate contractual arrangements with The Courage Fund Ltd to undertake a service obligation and work in any registered Singapore public sector organization for five (5) years upon completion of his/her studies. The service obligation requirements will be administered by The Courage Fund Ltd.
  4. The Scholarship is tenable for a maximum of four (4) years, subject to the Scholar's satisfactory progress in the PhD programme.
  5. The Scholar must be a registered NUS PhD student with SSHSPH. As a full-time student, he/she is expected to report to SSHSPH and his/her supervisor at SSHSPH during the period of the Scholarship, except during periods of approved leave.
  6. The Scholar shall not accept employment (including Internship), whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, fellowship, allowance or other award during the period of the Scholarship, without the prior written approval of The Courage Fund Ltd. In addition, the Scholar cannot change to a study programme that is different from the stated programme in his/her offer of admission letter or take

up any additional study programme without the prior written permission of SSHSPH and The Courage Fund Ltd.

7. (i) The effective date of the Scholarship for incoming students will be the commencement date of the relevant semester or the actual date of registration, whichever is later. For existing students awarded the Scholarship mid-way through their candidature, the effective date of the Scholarship will be from the date as stipulated by SSHSPH.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the above, for students who are employed as at the time of the award of the Scholarship, the Scholarship will only take effect from the date immediately after he/she has ceased to draw a salary from the employer.

8. The stipend for the first and last month will be pro-rated as follows:

$$\text{First/ Last Month Stipend} \quad \frac{\text{No. of Pro-rated working days}^2}{\text{Total working days}^2 \text{ in the month}} \quad \times \text{Monthly Stipend}$$

<sup>2</sup>Working days exclude Saturdays and Sundays but include public/university holidays

9. The Scholar will automatically cease to receive the monthly stipend and the tuition fee subsidy under the Scholarship:
  - a) upon the date of conversion of his/ her candidature from full-time to part-time (the Scholar must obtain, by way of a written request submitted via the supervisor(s), the written approval of the Programme Director and Vice Dean (Education) for such a conversion);
  - b) where the Scholar transfer his/ her candidature from a PhD to a Master's degree programme;
  - c) where the Scholar submits his/ her thesis for examination, upon the date of receipt of thesis examination form (*completed and endorsed*) by the Student Service Centre;
  - d) upon the date of expiry of the tenure of the Scholarship as described in clause 4 above;
  - e) upon the withdrawal from or failure of the Scholar to complete his/ her research programme, for whatever reason;
  - f) upon the termination of candidature of the Scholar at the University, for whatever reason; or
  - g) upon the termination of the Scholarship by The Courage Fund Ltd, for whatever reason.
10. Miscellaneous Student Fees would be deducted from the Scholar's monthly stipend at the beginning of each semester.

11. The University does not provide any additional assistance towards travel or living costs nor does it guarantee employment to the Scholar on the successful completion of his/her degree.

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