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Professor Dr. Pongruk Sribanditmongkol
President, Chiang Mai University

Dear President Sribanditmongkol,

Warm greetings from the Harvard-Yenching Institute! We are pleased once again to invite your participation in the HYI-NUS joint doctoral scholarship program by nominating scholars as candidates to apply for the program. For the academic year 2026-27, your institution may nominate up to a total of **2** candidates from among your most promising young faculty for application to the program. Nominated faculty should be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture (eligible fields of study are listed in an appendix attached to this announcement). Scholars whose focus of research is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. HYI funding is only available for candidates to pursue a Ph.D. in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore.

The following is a summary of this joint fellowship program and application procedure:

Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarship

The Harvard-Yenching Institute and the National University of Singapore (with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Asia Research Institute as principal participants) have established a joint doctoral scholarship program, whereby candidates apply simultaneously for an NUS Ph.D. and the NUS and HYI joint fellowship to support it. Candidates must be from HYI partner universities or research institutes in Southeast Asia, and will usually work on topics in East or Southeast Asian Studies, either with an interdisciplinary or a disciplinary approach. Please check the website of the National University of Singapore <<http://www.nus.edu.sg/>> for more information on the programs of NUS.

Candidates must apply to a program in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at NUS, and must apply directly to the admissions office of the Graduate School of the National University of Singapore. The deadline for the receipt of applications at the National University of Singapore is **November 1, 2025**. Please submit the online HYI-NUS form [here](#) in addition to the NUS online application form and relevant supporting documents to the appropriate department/program you are applying to as listed at the website here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/graduate/research/application-information/>. Please direct your inquiries to Ms. Pearly Ang from the Graduate Studies Division, Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, National University of Singapore via email at <pearly@nus.edu.sg>. While the candidates are directly applying for admission to NUS, please inform the Harvard-Yenching Institute of the list of applicants who are officially approved by an authorized nominating officer of your home university.

Successful candidates in the joint program will enroll for an NUS Ph.D. and receive an NUS scholarship. Candidates will normally be at NUS for three years and in the US for one academic year. The Singapore portion of the fellowship will be funded by NUS up to a maximum of three years, and the US portion will be funded by HYI. While in the US, students will usually be based at Harvard University. Where there is a need for coursework to be completed, students may take one full semester of coursework (i.e., four courses) as a special student at Harvard for which they receive credit at NUS.

While candidates to this joint doctoral fellowship program in collaboration with NUS may of course also apply for other programs on their own, the Harvard-Yenching Institute will only offer funding for candidates to pursue a Ph.D. at NUS.

Please note that the Institute does not accept individual applications for the above program. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Ms. Lindsay Strogatz via e-mail at <hyiprogram@fas.harvard.edu>.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter, and appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Robson", with a stylized, flowing script.

James Robson
Director

APPENDIX

Fields of Study

Candidates' fields of study in the humanities and social sciences to be considered:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Area and International Studies
- Art and Architectural History
- History (including economic and legal history)
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Media and Film Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Study of Religion
- Sociology
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Applicants in the fields of Economics, Education, Geography, Law, Psychology, and Public Administration may be considered, but must check with the Institute before submitting applications. If the study field of any of your candidates falls out of the range mentioned above, and you are not sure if the candidate is eligible for the program, please contact Lindsay Strogatz at hyiprog@fas.harvard.edu before you submit your application.

Candidates must apply to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore.