

**NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
SINGAPORE

## **SINGAPORE NRF FELLOWSHIP**

The Singapore NRF Fellowship provides opportunities for early career researchers from all over the world to lead impactful research in Singapore.

The Singapore NRF Fellowship offers:

- A five-year research grant of up to SGD 3 million (approximately USD 2.15 million<sup>1</sup>), inclusive of general overheads.
- Freedom to lead ground-breaking research in host institution of choice in Singapore<sup>2</sup>.

This call will have two tracks:

**Track A:** Applicants in all disciplines of science and technology (Computer Science, including Infocomm Technologies and Interactive Digital Media, Engineering, Life Sciences and Natural/Physical Sciences).

**Track B:** Applicants with research experience in the field of Science of Learning (SOL). The NRF's SOL seeks to develop a science-based understanding of the effectiveness of Singapore's education methods, as well as develop new methods to realise better learning outcomes. Applicant's proposals could be based on, but need not be limited to, research in the following priority areas:

- i. Developing neuroscience-informed interventions for translation – *This refers to the development of interventions built on existing related neuroscience knowledge.*
- ii. Validation of cognitive theories or interventions with neuroscientific evidence – *This refers to the corroboration of existing interventions/theories with the development of new neuroscience knowledge.*
- iii. Development of platform technologies as tools to support scaling of interventions with neuroscientific evidence – *This focuses on methods to scale up application of established intervention methods.*

### **Eligibility**

- Outstanding researchers of any nationality, in their early stage of their research careers and are ready to take on their independent research, are eligible to apply.
- PhD holders with research experience in any discipline of science and technology or Science of Learning.

Please refer to [Annex A](#) for a self-assessment checklist.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the currency exchange rate of 1 SGD = 1.4 USD

<sup>2</sup> The award is contingent on the awardee taking on a full time appointment in an eligible host institution in Singapore.

## **Application Details**

Applications for the NRF Fellowship must be submitted through the Integrated Grant Management System (IGMS) (<https://researchgrant.gov.sg>) by **20 March 2018, 3.00pm (GMT+8)**. Late submission shall not be accepted.

Applicants shortlisted to the final rounds will be invited to Singapore in October 2018 for an interview by the NRF Fellowship Evaluation Panel (FEP), an international panel of eminent scientific leaders.

### SINGAPORE NRF FELLOWSHIP *SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST*

This checklist serves as a self-assessment guide to evaluate your eligibility for the Singapore NRF Fellowship. Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF) however, reserves the right to accept or reject applications on a case-by-case basis.

#### Assessing your Eligibility

- You must have shown potential to lead an independent research group and demonstrate track record of early achievements.
- You must be an early career researcher<sup>3</sup> with a PhD degree in any discipline of science and technology OR in the field of Science of Learning (SOL).
- You must not be holding an Assistant Professor or equivalent position at a local research institutions for more than 1 year at the point of submission<sup>4</sup>.
- You must not be a recipient of a similar early career award in Singapore.
- You must be committed to take up an independent research appointment on a full-time basis in Singapore, if selected.

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<sup>3</sup> An early career researcher is a young researcher who has completed his/her PhD and is not holding a tenured position.

<sup>4</sup> The point of submission is defined by the grant call closing date.