



# Muhammad Ariff Ahmad (MAS)

## Postgraduate Scholarship and Research Grant



# About MAS

## INTRODUCTION

Muhammad Ariff Ahmad (MAS) Postgraduate Scholarship and Research Grant are initiated in honor of Dr Muhammad Ariff Ahmad, a highly-regarded Malay scholar whose encyclopedic knowledge and contributions in the fields of Malay literature, culture, education and language are pivotal in shaping and advancing Malay cultural studies in Singapore and the region.

The MAS Postgraduate Scholarship and MAS Research Grant are dedicated to generate further Malay language, literature, education and culture corpuses by inviting applicants who are pursuing postgraduate studies in the relevant fields, and researchers who are embarking on academic explorations that elevate Malay cultural studies to cross-cultural and international discourses.

- **Applicants for MA and PhD scholarship** are to enroll in NIE or NTU.
- **Application for MAS Research Grant** is open to all local or international scholars.

## FIELD OF STUDY

Malay Studies (including all areas related to the Malay community, viz. language, literature, culture, education, religion, etc.)

Research on the work of Muhammad Ariff Ahmad will be given preference.

## ELIGIBILITY

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| <b>MA Candidates</b>      | Open to Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents with First Class or Second Class ( <i>Upper Division</i> ) Honours only.   |
| <b>For PhD Candidates</b> | Open to all with excellent academic record, regardless of nationality.  |
| <b>Research Grants</b>    | Open to all with excellent academic record, regardless of nationality. ( <i>At least 2 years working experience in research</i> ) |

- A very good command of Malay and English language.
- Applicants should not concurrently hold any other scholarship, fellowship, bursary during the prescribed period of the MAS Scholarship

## VALUE OF AWARD

- **Masters Degree** - \$10,000
- **Doctor of Philosophy** - \$15,000
- **Research Grant** - up to \$15,000

## DISBURSEMENT OF THE AWARD

- **Masters Degree** - \$4000 will be disbursed to the successful applicant in the first semester of the MA programme and the balance of \$6000 to be disbursed upon confirmation of the applicant's candidature.
- **Doctor of Philosophy** - \$5000 will be disbursed to the successful applicant in the first semester of the PhD programme and the balance of \$10000 will be disbursed upon confirmation of the applicant's candidature.
- **Research Grant** - Payment will be made in stages depending on research duration and upon submission of research progress reports.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Apply online.
- Send supporting documents, hardcopy of the completed application form to ALC/NIE. For Research Grant, applicants must submit 2 samples of publication and certified true copy of transcripts of results from previous educational institutions.
- Application should reach ALC/NIE by the closing date. Late submission will not be entertained.
- Recommendation letters from TWO referees to be sent to ALC/NIE directly.
- Selected applicant will be interviewed.

**Incomplete applications will be rejected. Regrettably, submissions will not be returned.**

## APPLICATION PERIOD AND CLOSING DATE

- Application period: 15th September to 30th November of each calendar year

- All application forms with attached supporting documents must reach ALC/NIE before the closing date.  
Address: **Asian Languages & Cultures Academic Group**  
**National Institute of Education**  
**1 Nanyang Walk**  
**Singapore 637616**

If you have enquiries about MAS Scholarship / Research Grant, please email to [mas.scholarship@nie.edu.sg](mailto:mas.scholarship@nie.edu.sg)

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