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Government-Subsidised Graduate Programmes by Research
Tuition Fees Per Annum

(A) For New Students admitted in AY2026

The table below shows the tuition fees payable per annum for students admitted in AY2026. While fees continue to be reviewed annually and adjustments made as and when necessary, with each new cohort of students, each new cohort will know the exact amount of tuition fees they have to pay per year throughout their entire candidature. This enables students to better plan for the financing of their graduate studies.

With effect from AY2026, students who exceed normal duration (i.e., 3 years for the master programme and 5 years for the PhD programme) or have fully utilised their government subsidy will have to pay non-subsidised fees.

	Tuition Fee Payable (Per Annum)			
	Fees payable by students in receipt of government subsidy			Fees payable by students NOT in receipt of government subsidy
	Singapore Citizen	Singapore Permanent Residents	International Students	
Programmes	Full time/Part time	Full time/ Part time	Full time/ Part time (inclusive of GST)	Full time/ Part time (inclusive of GST)
Doctor of Philosophy	$7,000	$9,150	$13,300	$32,700
Doctor of Philosophy (Gerontology)	$7,000	$9,150	$13,300	$32,700
Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences	$7,000	$9,150	$13,300	$32,700

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Notes for New Students

[1] The tuition fees stated are payable per annum.

[2] For Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents in receipt of government subsidy, the stated tuition fees exclude GST, as the applicable GST is subsidised by MOE. The prevailing GST is 9%.

[3] The tuition fees payable by International Students include GST. The prevailing GST is 9%.

[4] The subsidised fee for international students applies only to those who receive SUSS research scholarship funding and are required to fulfil the Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP) requirements.

[5] Students who are not in receipt of government subsidy will have to pay the non-subsidised tuition fees which include GST. The prevailing GST is 9%.

(B) For Existing Students admitted prior to AY2026

There are no changes in the tuition fees payable for existing students admitted prior to AY2026 for their candidature, which are shown below:

	SC/PR	IS
Prior to Qualifying Exam (QE)	$2,640 per 5-cu course*	$3,168 per 5-cu course*
After completing QE	$6,000 per year	$7,200 per year

* Total coursework requirement is 40 credit units for the PhD/PHGER, and 20 credit units for the MRESS.
* PhD/PHGER minimum/maximum candidature: 3/7 years* MRESS minimum/maximum candidature: 1/5 years

Notes to Existing Students

[1] The tuition fees quoted here exclude GST (the prevailing GST is 9%).

[2] All fees are reviewed annually and may be revised. The University reserves the right to adjust the fees without prior notice.

Government Subsidy for Graduate Programmes by Research offered by Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

Eligibility

1) Which graduate by research programmes are subsidised by MOE?

The three graduate by research programmes - Doctor of Philosophy programme, Doctor of Philosophy programme (Gerontology) and Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences programme from the July 2026 semester onwards are subsidised by MOE.

Students enrolled in the above programmes from the stipulated semester onwards and meet the criteria listed in (2) below will be eligible for the government subsidy. Eligible students do not need to apply for the government subsidy.

2) Who is eligible for the government subsidy?

Students who are Singapore Citizen (SC), Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR), or International Students (IS) in receipt of the SUSS research scholarship, and who have not previously received a government subsidy/sponsorship for a graduate programme offered by autonomous universities in Singapore (i.e. SUSS/NUS/NTU/SMU/SUTD/SIT) or from overseas universities, will be eligible for the subsidy.

3) Do I have to be of a minimum age to qualify for the subsidy?

No, you do not have to be of a minimum age to qualify for the subsidy, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria for the subsidy.

Subsidy Cover and Quantum

4) How much course fee do I have to pay to the university if I am eligible for the subsidy?

Students can refer to the subsidised fees payable here.

5) What does the subsidy cover?

Students eligible for the MOE subsidy will pay subsidised fees throughout their normal candidature period.

The subsidy does not apply to:

a) Resit fee
b) Extra courses taken beyond the requirements for the postgraduate degree programme
c) Auxiliary charges like administrative fees (e.g., transfer of programme, challenge exam fee, exam appeal, etc.), overseas travel expenses, etc.
d) Any penalty charges (e.g., late fee payment)
e) Any other miscellaneous fees.

6) Is the amount of subsidy the same for every semester of my studies?

Tuition fees are determined on cohort basis and students pay the same fees throughout the normal candidature.

7) Some courses have different course fees. Does the subsidy apply to all SUSS courses?

Yes, students in the three subsidised graduate by research programmes shall pay the subsidised fees on a semestral basis to SUSS, subject to students meeting the subsidy eligibility criteria.

8) Is a student eligible for the subsidy as long as he/she is pursuing the degree within the programme's maximum candidature?

Students will not be eligible for the subsidy beyond 5 years for Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy (Gerontology), 3 years for Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences, or upon fully utilising the subsidy, whichever is earlier. Please also see the section under "Transfer/Re-admission University Students".

<u>Changes in Eligibility Status</u>

9) Is the eligibility for the subsidy considered only at the point of admission?

Yes, eligibility for the subsidy is considered only at the point of admission.

10) I am currently a Singapore Permanent Resident. If I were to obtain the Singapore citizenship mid-way during my studies, will I be eligible for a higher amount of subsidy?

Yes, you are required to inform Student Service (students@suss.edu.sg) and the subsidy would only be effective for course fees payable from the next academic semester onwards. No retrospective claims will be allowed.

Transfer/Re-admission University Students

11) If I have previously completed a graduate programme at another autonomous university and had enjoyed government subsidy, can I still enjoy the subsidy for another graduate programme at SUSS?

Students who have previously received MOE subsidy for a graduate programme will not be eligible for MOE subsidy for another graduate programme at the same or lower level. Instead, they will be required to pay the full unsubsidised fees for the new programme they wish to pursue.

For instance, students who have received MOE subsidy for a Master's programme and have attained the degree will not be eligible for subsidy for another programme at the Master's or lower level, but they will be eligible for MOE subsidy for the PhD programme.

In addition, if they wish to pursue a programme in another discipline that combines Master's and PhD candidature, they will not be eligible for MOE subsidy during the Master's candidature.

12) If I have received partial tuition subsidy previously (e.g., enrolled but withdrew from one of the autonomous universities without having obtained graduate degree), am I still eligible for the subsidy if I enrol with SUSS now?

If you are transferring from a subsidised graduate programme from another autonomous university to subsidised graduate programme at SUSS, your subsidy eligibility for the new programme at SUSS will take into account the subsidy you have previously received and be pro-rated accordingly, subject to satisfying the criteria listed in (2).

Changes to Student's Programme of Studies

13) If I transfer from a subsidised graduate programme to another subsidised graduate programme, can I claim subsidy for the new programme?

If you transfer from a subsidised graduate programme to another subsidised graduate programme, the subsidy for the new programme in SUSS will take into account the subsidy you have previously received and be pro-rated accordingly.

14) If I transfer from a non-subsidised graduate programme to a subsidised graduate programme, can I claim subsidy for the new programme?

Yes. You may receive the subsidy, provided you meet the eligibility criteria stated in **(2)**.

15) If I transfer from a subsidised graduate programme to a non-subsidised graduate programme, can I claim subsidy for the new programme?

No. You are not eligible for MOE subsidy for the new programme, as it is not an MOE-subsidised graduate programme.

Obligations – Bond, Non-completion of Programme

16) Do I have to repay the subsidy or serve any bond?

Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Residents are not required to repay the subsidy or serve any bond.

International Students eligible for the subsidised fees are those who receive SUSS research scholarship funding. They are not required to repay the subsidy, but are required to fulfil the Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP) requirements.

17) If I accept the subsidy and subsequently withdraw from the course(s) or programme, do I have to repay the subsidy to MOE or SUSS?

Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Residents do not have to repay the subsidy to MOE or SUSS.

International Students on the Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP) are required to complete the pro-rated GAP hours.

Others

18) If I am sponsored by my company, can I choose not to receive the subsidy?

Yes, students who do not wish to receive the subsidy can inform SUSS in writing.

19) I am currently a recipient of the sponsorship scheme (e.g., SUSS-NTUC sponsorship). Will I still be eligible for the subsidy?

Yes. Students receiving such sponsorships will be entitled to the subsidy, subject to meeting the subsidy eligibility criteria.

20) As the SUSS alumni, will I enjoy both the subsidy and the university's concessionary course fee?

No, concessionary course fee does not apply to subsidised programmes.

Graduate Assistantship Programme (GAP)

1. International Students funded by SUSS Research Scholarship are required to perform unpaid assistantship duties for SUSS as a form of in-service obligation. Duties which count towards GAP requirements include:

(i) teaching/ laboratory supervision;
(ii) research assistant duties; and
(iii) other developmental assignments.

2. The total GAP hours required for each type of research scholarship is stipulated in Table 1.

Table 1: GAP requirements by type of PGR programme and research scholarship

PGR Programme	Type of Research Scholarship	Total GAP Requirement[1] (hours)
MbR (2-year programme)	Tuition fees only	78
	Tuition fees & stipends	156
PhD (4-year programme)	Tuition fees only	208
	Tuition fees & stipends	416

3. The quota on the allowable modes of clocking GAP hours is stipulated in Table 2. Hours fulfilled within each category, which is in excess of the maximum allowable hours for that category, will not be counted towards fulfilment of the GAP requirement.

Table 2: Quota on Modes of Clocking GAP Hours

S/N	Mode of Clocking	Maximum % allowable out of stipulated GAP requirement	
		Employee Students	Non-employee Students
1	Teaching/Laboratory supervision[2]	100%	100%
2	Research Assistant (RA) duty[3] (inclusive of research supervision)	60%	60%
3	Other developmental assignments[4]	40% (including relevant work done for the company)	20%

4. Students shall complete the required hours at least six months before graduation.
5. The duties performed by the students can only be clocked if feedback given by the student's supervisor is satisfactory.

Footnotes:
1 GAP hours can be prorated based on the duration of SUSS Research Scholarship received, i.e. proportionate to the number of semesters of Scholarship, regardless of the actual candidature of the students.
2 Teaching/ Laboratory supervision can include official office hours and preparation for the class. However, preparation time should not take more than half the time required for the teaching/ laboratory assignment.
3 No preparation time is to be clocked for research supervision or RA duty. In addition, RA duties should go beyond the scope of the research undertaken by the PGR scholar for his/ her PGR programme.
4 Other developmental assignments require approval from the vice-dean (or equivalent) for the respective department/ faculty.