

MUIS POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (PGS) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is Muis offering the Muis Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)?

As the community faces more complex issues and challenges, we need specialists and thought leaders to provide enlightened solutions and profound guidance for the community to lead a progressive and vibrant religious life. The Scheme hopes to develop local Muslim scholars and learned persons specialising in various fields of study relevant for the continuing development of the Singapore Muslim community.

2. What is the PGS meant for?

The PGS aims to:

- Create more opportunities for deserving individuals to pursue further studies on Islam and Muslim societies, relevant to the community's progress and development.
- Increase the pool of local Muslim scholars and learned persons specialising in various areas of expertise.
- Raise the quality of local Muslim scholars and learned persons within the Muslim community.

3. Does the PGS cover all fields of study?

This scholarship is targeted at potential candidates pursuing their Masters or PhD in the following fields of study:

- Islamic Sciences (such as Qur'anic Exegesis, Qur'an & Sunnah, Islamic Jurisprudence)
- Islam and Contemporary Thought
- Islam and Interfaith Studies
- Islam and Comparative Religion
- Islam and Comparative Law
- Islamic Education (Curriculum and Instruction)

4. What will the scholarship cover?

The scholarship will cover payment of tuition fees and other approved charges for the period of study. The award will also include living expenses, accommodation, costs of relevant developmental programmes and return economy airfare.

Muis will pay all tuition fees and other approved charges directly to the place of study upon receipt of invoice or any supporting documents. All other allowances to recipients shall be made twice yearly.

5. Who can apply for the Muis PGS?

This Scholarship is open to outstanding graduates (both Madrasah & non-Madrasah) from local and overseas universities with keen interest to pursue further studies on Islam, Muslim societies and other fields (as listed under the preferred fields of study) which are relevant to the community's progress and development.

The Scholarship is eligible for:

- Outstanding graduates (both Madrasah & non-Madrasah) from local and overseas universities with keen interest to pursue further studies on Islam, Muslim societies and other fields Muslim citizens, permanent residents and children of Singapore citizens or permanent residents (who have resided in Singapore for at least 5 years before the date of application).
- Have obtained outstanding Bachelors Degree or its equivalent in any field of study.
- Preferably be between 21 and 40 years old at the time of application.

6. What is the maximum study period allowed?

Candidates must complete their studies and attain the degree within the following specified period:

- Masters - 2 years
- PhD - 5 years

7. If a candidate has a good degree and extensive work experience, will he still be eligible considering that one of the criteria is to have excellent results?

Such candidates are still eligible to apply. Besides academic achievement, active participation in community activities and keen interest to contribute to the community will also be assessed during the selection process.

8. What happens if the candidate is being offered another scholarship, will he or she still be allowed to apply for Muis Postgraduate Scholarship?

Candidates who fulfill the requirements but who have been offered other scholarships are still allowed to apply for the Muis Postgraduate Scholarship.

9. Are past recipients of the Muis Postgraduate Scholarship/Muis Financial Grant eligible to apply again?

Past recipients of the Muis Postgraduate Scholarship/Muis Financial Grant are not eligible to apply again until they have completed their bond period.

10. Will the returning scholars have a ready-made position in Muis when they return from the studies?

There will be positions available in Muis for returning scholars assigned to the institution. They may not necessarily work in Muis upon completion of their studies.

They may be deployed and assigned elsewhere based on Muis' best judgement of the needs of the community prevailing then.

11. Are the candidates allowed to choose the university and field of study?

Candidates are given the opportunity to choose the university in consultation with Muis. The fields of study must be within the areas specified by Muis.

12. Will Muis assist in the university admission for candidates who have not applied to any university?

Candidates are encouraged to apply to a local or overseas university on their own.

13. Is a candidate whose application has been accepted still eligible to apply for the scholarship scheme?

Candidates who have been granted admission into the university less than a year prior to the scholarship application are still eligible to apply for the postgraduate scholarship.

14. What would happen to successful candidates who are unable to attain the degree within the specified period?

Successful candidates who are unable to attain the degree and complete the studies within the specified period without any valid reasons are subjected to a penalty.

15. How many scholarships will Muis award annually?

Muis will award between two to three scholarships for postgraduate studies each year, depending on the availability of deserving candidates.

16. Can unsuccessful candidates appeal the decision made by the Muis Scholarship Committee?

The decision made by the Muis Scholarship Committee is final and appeals will not be entertained.

17. Are successful candidates required to sign a bond?

Successful candidates will be required to sign an undertaking and abide by the rules and regulations stipulated in the undertaking. Successful candidates will be required to serve a bond ranging from five to seven years with Muis or other approved agencies in consultation with Muis.

18. What if the candidates break the bond?

Candidates who break the bond will be considered as having breached the agreement and will have to pay a penalty.