RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN THE STUDY OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES OF SUCCESS (RPCS)

RPCS FELLOWSHIP 2022/2023

Call for Applications

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN

The Research Programme in the Study of Muslim Communities of Success (RPCS) would like to invite Asatizah to contribute in building new bodies of knowledge. Asatizah who have a minimum Masters degree or extensive specialized experience on the ground are invited to apply for the RPCS fellowship. Interested applicants are invited to send in your applications or attend a briefing session on **16 September 2022**.



APPLY NOW

The Research Programme in the Study of Muslim Communities of Success (RPCS) was launched in June 2021, and it was developed as part of Muis' efforts in advancing religious thought leadership for the future.

The RPCS programme seeks to develop contextualised bodies of knowledge on socio-religious issues that are typical for Muslim communities living in secular states and advanced economies. The RPCS focus will be on developing new understanding, interpretations and application of Islamic principles, values and traditions to contemporary issues and challenges.

The RPCS aims to bring together local scholars and senior practitioners to look into current and future issues in the socioreligious life of the Singapore Muslim community. It serves as a platform to nurture the right intellectual environment to facilitate the growth and development of its own group of religious leaders, scholars and thinkers who are authentic and credible to guide the local Muslim community.

For more information on RPCS, please visit: <u>www.muis.gov.sg/officeofthemufti/RPCS</u>

Can I attend the briefing first before I decide to apply?

Of course! We would highly encourage interested Asatizah to attend the briefing for more information. This will allow you to have a better understanding about the fellowship programme. If you are interested, please submit your name to <u>RPCS@muis.gov.sg</u> by **12 September 2022**.

2 What do I need to submit?

Following the briefing, interested applicants may submit the following to <u>RPCS@muis.gov.sg</u> by 23 September 2022:

- a. Curriculum Vitae
- b. Cover letter
- c. Letter of recommendation

d. Description of their proposed project (*Please* refer to the research areas. It should not exceed more than 1500 words, Arial font, size 12, Single Space).

All applications, supporting materials and confidential letter/s must reach Muis by the closing date. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

3 What are the key research areas?

Interested applicants may submit a description of their proposed project on one of the three key areas:

- Governance Islam, secularism and diversity (policymaking and governance in a diverse and secular social context)
- Society Family (marriage, divorce and Muslim law), Social cohesion (inter- and intra-faith)
- Science and Technology (Biomedical ethics, new food technologies, digital technologies and ethics, crypto-currencies)

What is the process and timeline?

All applications will be assessed, and shortlisted candidates will be notified by the RPCS secretariat. Shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed by the RPCS Fellowship Committee. The fellowship is expected to commence in October 2022.