

MSc Studentship Project Scheme

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To attract more talented students to our MSc in EIE Programme.
- 1.2 To encourage MSc in EIE students with good performance and potential to pursue dissertation and research work.

2. Studentship

- 2.1 All current full-time MSc in EIE students who will opt for dissertation will be invited to apply for the MSc Studentship.
- 2.2 Successful MSc students will be hired to take up research project work as a part-time Research Assistant (for up to 12 hours per week at \$122 per hour, i.e. about \$6,000 per month) for 12 months under the supervision of an academic staff.
- 2.3 The area of research project work should be closely related to their MSc dissertation.

3. Allocation of Funding

- 3.1 After registering the dissertation, students can work out the research project proposal together with their dissertation supervisors and submit the application for the MSc Studentship Project Scheme in Semester Two of each academic year. The research project should be in an area closely related to the proposed MSc dissertation project.
- 3.2 Three Full Studentship quotas with a funding of \$6000 x 12 months for the appointment as Research Assistant would be provided by the Department to the studentship applicants who have the highest GPA results. A research account with funding in the amount of \$6,000 x 12 months will be set up under the name of the corresponding supervisor.
- 3.3 The selection will follow the departmental guidelines on the allocation of internal research grants.

3.4 For the other projects that have applied the Scheme but have not been selected, the supervisors can opt for joining this Scheme by using their own research funding. As an incentive, the Department will top-up their research accounts used for this purpose with a funding amount of \$2,000 x 12 months. The research project should be closely related to the proposed MSc dissertation project. Initially, there will not be a quota on the number of participated supervisors for this kind of Partial Studentship, although the Department will monitor closely to ensure that the number of Studentship Projects is at a reasonable ratio to the number of MSc students taking dissertation.

4. Eligibility for consideration of the Studentship

4.1 The student should have an outstanding academic performance with a GPA of 3.5 or above gained from the previous semester(s) of the MSc in EIE programme.

4.2 The student should demonstrate a good potential in conducting research.

5. Selection of MSc Dissertation Students

5.1 An Information Seminar for MSc students will be held at the beginning of the first semester to introduce the Scheme to students. A list of dissertation topics and potential supervisors will also be made known to students at that time.

5.2 Students will normally be given a maximum of 7 weeks at the beginning of each semester to solicit suitable dissertation supervisors.

5.3 Once the student-and-supervisor matching is completed, students can register for the dissertation. Students who want to apply the Scheme should work out the research project proposal with their supervisors and submit the application of the Scheme by end of March in Semester Two.

5.4 The three Full Studentships will be allocated to the applicants with the highest GPA results. The students selected for the Studentship will carry out the MSc dissertation and research project work assigned by the supervisors simultaneously for a period of 12 months.

6. Conditions on the continuation of the Studentship

- 6.1 Students receiving the Studentship are expected to have satisfactory performance in their MSc dissertations and the research project work with publishable outputs preferably. A student may cease to receive the Studentship any time in the project if s/he performs poorly in the research work as assessed by the supervisor and endorsed by the DRC. In this case, it means that the student will just continue his/her dissertation project without Studentship.
- 6.2 The reporting of the Studentship Projects follows exactly normal research projects of the Department.

7. Schedule

- 7.1 Invitation for application of the Scheme will be announced at the beginning of each academic year.
- 7.2 Students are suggested to register dissertation in Semester Two. The application deadline for the Scheme will be the end of March in Semester Two.
- 7.3 The application results will be announced in April in Semester Two.
- 7.4 The appointment of Research Assistant will start in April/May for 12 months.