



Master and PhD student recruitment and scholarships in 2008

Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore

From a modest medical school founded in 1905, National University of Singapore (NUS) has evolved into Singapore's

global university with distinctive strengths in education and research and an entrepreneurial dimension. It has an enrolment of 24,000 undergraduate and over 7,000 graduate students from 100 countries. The University's 14 faculties offer a broad-based curriculum and cross-faculty enrichment. It also enjoys a close teaching-research nexus with 14 national-level, 20 university-level and 80 faculty-based research institutes and centers. NUS was ranked amongst the World's Top 20 and Top 3 universities in Asia in the QS World University Rankings 2006 conducted by the *Times Higher Education Supplement*.

The Department of Real Estate (DRE) is recognized internationally as one of the strongest research groups in Asia in the real estate academic field. The faculty members' research areas include real estate finance and investment, urban and housing economics, urban planning and urban studies, institutional studies and urban sustainability. Their work has been published widely in internationally refereed economics, finance, urban studies and real estate journals.

To strengthen real estate research, NUS has established the Institute of Real Estate Studies (IRES) as a university-level institute for multidisciplinary research in real estate related fields. IRES collaborates with international scholars and industry to be a leading research hub in Pan-Asian real estate and urban issues as well as real estate financial innovations and risk management. DRE and IRES are members of the Finance Cluster at NUS.

The Graduate Research Program in Real Estate

Course Introduction: The program is hosted at the Department of Real Estate, in collaboration with IRES as well as with the NUS Finance Cluster. Students will be taking cross-faculty modules in economics and finance in addition to real estate subjects. PhD students are expected to complete required coursework and pass a written qualifying exam in two years to qualify as a PhD candidate.

Scholarships: NUS offers scholarships to outstanding applicants to the graduate research program. DRE also offers financial support through research assistantship. Although applicants for a Master's degree will be considered, PhD applicants will be given priority for financial support. Outstanding undergraduate students can apply directly to the PhD program.

Application can be done through online. The following documents are required:

- TOEFL or IELTS score (for applicants whose medium of undergraduate instruction is not English); GRE or GMAT score; and a short research essay indicating research interests and career objectives. <http://www.rst.nus.edu.sg/programme/graduate/Admission-Info.htm>

The online application deadlines are **November 15** (for following-year August intake) and **May 15** (for following-year January intake).

If you have **missed the November 15's** online application deadline, you can post your application (before **December 31**) to "Ms. Zainab Binte Abdul Ghani, Department of Real Estate, School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore, 4 Architecture Drive, Singapore 117566" Tel: +65 6516 3469; Fax: +65 67748684; E-mail: zainab@nus.edu.sg