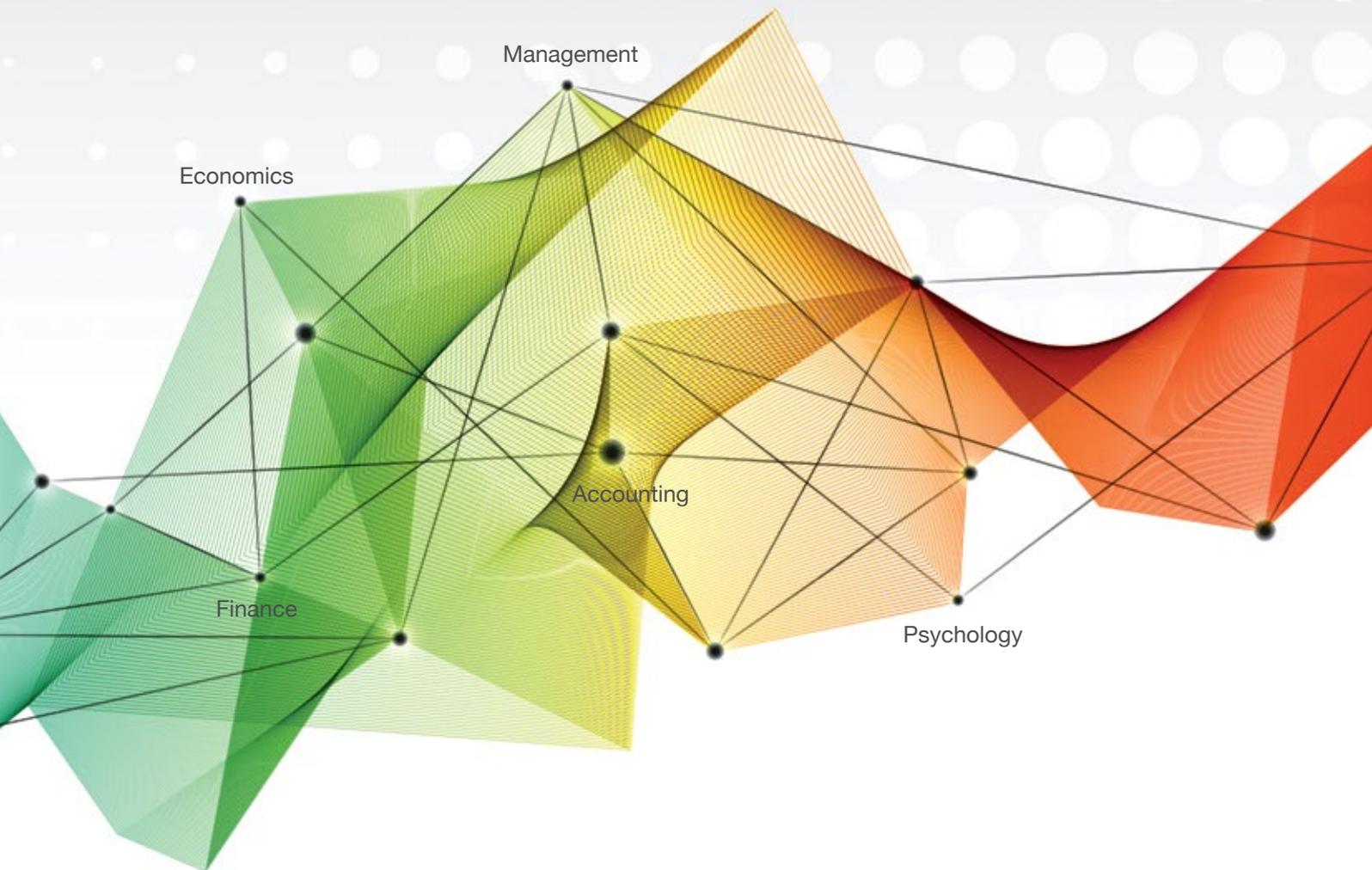


SMU PhD IN ACCOUNTING



Thought Leadership in Accounting





Message from the Dean

Thank you for your interest in the PhD in Accounting Programme at Singapore Management University (SMU). Academic excellence is at the heart of what makes SMU School of Accountancy great. Knowledge creation and dissemination is integral to our mission. The School of Accountancy is committed to advancing the world's understanding of the role of accounting in financial markets and corporations and has gained international recognition for its research productivity throughout the years. We are ranked 1st in Asia and 3rd in the world for archival research in the Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings for 2016.

In our PhD programme, we are preparing the next generation of exemplary educators and researchers. At the School of Accountancy, we pride ourselves of a collaborative culture that helps to foster strong student-faculty relationships. Our doctoral students have the advantage of being trained and nurtured by some of the most distinguished faculty in the field of Accounting. We aim to develop scholars capable of doing cutting-edge research, so that we can place them into leading research institutions within the region and around the world. We welcome you to explore more information on our website and hope you are ready to embark on a transformational journey with us.

Qiang Cheng

Dean, School of Accountancy
Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Accounting
Singapore Management University

A Unique University in Vibrant Singapore



SMU has been designed to provide a different model of university education in Singapore.

A STRONG AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH CULTURE

Internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching conducted by faculty members who joined us from top universities.

Faculty members collaborate on cross-disciplinary work to generate impactful and real-world relevant ideas, over and above research in their own disciplines.

Faculty members establish research centres and institutes to conduct problem-driven research and influence industry practice across a wide range of topics.

A DIFFERENT LEARNING APPROACH

Faculty members encourage an interactive learning environment through inquiry, participation and teamwork.

Seminar-style teaching in small classes optimises student-instructor interaction.

STATE-OF-THE-ART INFRASTRUCTURE

Research support includes proprietary and published databases.

SMU's library provides access to many scientific journals, electronic books and other necessary publications and materials.

Being in the heart of the city, students will have easy access to industry partners who provide research data and validation platforms.

Each School has dedicated personnel to take care of students' administrative needs. Furthermore, many SMU research centres and institutes provide post-doctoral fellowships and/or research assistantships that add value to students' research experience.



Programme Structure

A PhD student will focus on coursework in the first two years, followed by dissertation research in subsequent years.

The PhD framework is as follows:

- Foundation Courses (9 Course Units)
- Electives (5 Course Units)
- First-Year Summer Research Project
- Overseas Exchange
- PhD Dissertation (28 Course Units)

Students are also required to attend accounting research workshops and other research-related events organised or hosted by the SMU School of Accountancy.

ORAL DEFENCE OF THE DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

This is an oral presentation of the proposed topic to a Dissertation Committee. A written dissertation proposal will have to be submitted before the presentation. A supervisor with the expertise in the chosen topic will be appointed. He or she guides and mentors the student throughout the dissertation work.

ORAL DEFENCE AND COMPLETION OF THE PhD DISSERTATION

This is an oral presentation of the written dissertation report to the Committee. After possible revision(s) to the report and upon fulfillment of all necessary requirements, the Committee will recommend to the University to award the PhD degree.

Faculty



Liandong Zhang
Professor of Accounting, Associate Dean (Research), and Lee Kong Chian Fellow



Xia Chen
Lee Kong Chian Professor of Accounting, and Recruiting Co-ordinator



Holly Yang
Associate Professor of Accounting, Co-Director (Academic Research), School of Accountancy Research, and Lee Kong Chian Fellow

Admission and Application

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least a Bachelor's degree with a high GPA.**
- Work experience is preferred but not required.**
- Good GMAT results.**
- Good TOEFL or IELTS scores.**
For applicants whose medium of instruction at the Bachelor's/Master's level was not English.
- Submission of the following documents:**
 - Latest Curriculum Vitae
 - Copies of Degree Certificates and Transcripts
 - Personal Statement and Two Reference Letters

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The PhD in Accounting is a full-time programme. The University's application window is listed below.

Intake	Opening Date for Application	Closing Date for Application
August	1 November (of prior year)	31 January (of intake year)

Details on the application procedure can be found at <http://smu.sg/phd-accounting>.

Financial Assistance Schemes

SMU awards three types of scholarships and fellowships on a competitive basis. We assess applicants for different award schemes either at the time of admission based on qualification and suitability for these schemes or during their PhD journey based on their outstanding academic performance.

SMU SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship covers registration and subsidised tuition fees. This scheme also provides successful recipients with monthly living stipends.* The scholarship is renewed yearly, conditioned on good academic performance, for a maximum duration of four years. Beyond the scholarship duration, students who have been on the scholarship may receive continued support through research and teaching assistantships or industry grants.

SMU PRESIDENTIAL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The SMU Presidential Doctoral Fellowship* is awarded to exceptionally qualified students who enrol into SMU's PhD programmes as well as to existing PhD students who have outstanding academic performance. The Fellowship is a one-year award that is renewed annually, for up to four years.

SMU MULTIDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The SMU Multidisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship* is awarded to existing PhD students whose research output show the use of techniques from two or more fields of research. This Fellowship is also a one-year award that is renewed annually, for up to four years.

* The stipend rates are published at <http://smu.sg/phd> and are subject to change.



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