

PhD in Accounting

Thought Leadership in Accounting



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ACCOUNTANCY

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 worldwide in Archival Accounting Research (All Topics) & (Financial Archival Research) in the Brigham Young University (BYU) Accounting Research Rankings in 2021.

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.

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

College of Graduate Research Studies (CGRS)

UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

The College of Graduate Research Studies (CGRS) trains students to **uncover new knowledge and develop novel solutions that are relevant to some of today's most challenging issues.** This will be undertaken at the intersections of disciplines, cultures and industry.

Our community of learners benefit from **the diversity of expertise, disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and perspectives** so that they are well-equipped to create significant impact.



CREATE
Significant Impact
Across Disciplines



TACKLE
Challenging Issues
With Confidence



BUILD
Strong Connections
Within Our Community

Transformative & Holistic Learning

- Through Interdisciplinary Programmes.
- Through the Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Topics (GRIT) comprising the training in curated topics spanning across two or more disciplines, to ensure students are well grounded.
- Through the Graduate Research Professional Development (GRPD) programme which consists of a suite of credit-bearing courses, workshops and seminars to ensure career-readiness.

Fostering a Sense of Belonging

- Through the Graduate Research Student Society (GRSS) to deepen interactions among students with academic exchanges and social activities.
- Through Graduate Research Alumni Chapter (GRAC) to enhance lifelong engagement and affiliation among the graduates.
- Through meaningful engagement events and activities between students and graduates.

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 (8 Course Units)
- Electives (4 Course Units)
- Empirical Research (2 Course Units)
- 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.

* The Graduate Research Professional Development (GRPD) programme (1 Course Unit) is compulsory.

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 RESEARCH 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

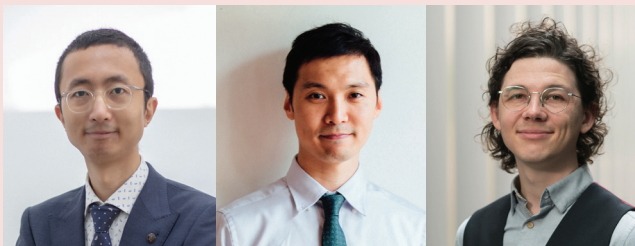
The SMU Presidential Doctoral Fellowship* is awarded to existing PhD students who have outstanding academic performance. The Fellowship is a one-year award.

SMU INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The SMU Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship* is awarded to existing PhD students who have shown exemplary pursuit of research that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries. This Fellowship is also a one-year award.

* The stipend rates are published on the SMU PhD website and are subject to change.

Faculty



PhD Programme Committee Members
From Left to Right: Assoc Prof WANG Rencheng, Asst Prof An-Ping LIN, Asst Prof Richard CROWLEY



Assoc Prof LOU Yun
PhD Programme Director

Admission and Application

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least a Bachelor's degree with a high GPA.
- Work experience is preferred but not required.
- Good GRE or GMAT results.
- Good TOEFL or IELTS scores.
For applicants whose medium of instruction at the Bachelor's/Master's level was not in 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 August (of prior year)	31 January (of intake year)

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



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