

To: Rising 3rd Year LLB Students

ACCESS TO JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

The NUS Faculty of Law is pleased to inform that an anonymous alumnus of the NUS Law, who is in practice and specializing in cross-border disputes, has pledged an expendable gift of \$50,000 to establish a faculty-level undergraduate scholarship.

The Scholarship was driven by the alumnus' experience with the challenges faced by victims in funding litigation, particularly in fraud cases. The Scholarship seeks to underscore to students the ever-growing importance of pro bono work and ensuring access to justice for all, and to enhance in-depth research into critical issues on the subject.

The gift will be used to award one Scholarship every 2 years, starting in AY2021/2022, to rising third year students enrolled in the four-year Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Programme at the Faculty.

Selection Committee

A Selection Committee shall be empowered to award the Scholarship. The Selection Committee shall comprise of members of the Faculty, as nominated from time to time by the Law Dean.

Selection Criteria

In order to be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must:

- (1) be rising third year undergraduates enrolled in the four-year LL.B. Programme at the Faculty;
- (2) possess good academic results; and
- (3) demonstrate a good record of active participation and/or leadership in pro bono activities (e.g. going above and beyond the minimum mandatory 20 hours in their second year).

The Selection Committee's decisions are final. If there are two or more candidates of equal merit, priority will be given to the candidate with greater financial need.

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to award any Scholarship in any Academic Year, if there are no candidates of sufficient merit.

Award

The Scholarship award will be a two-year scholarship valued at \$12,500 per academic year for the Scholar's third and fourth year of study, subject to the Scholar meeting conditions for renewal.

The Scholarship will be monitored and renewed after the third year provided the following conditions are met:

- (i) the Scholar should have successfully completed Directed Research on access to justice in his/her third or fourth year; and
- (ii) the Scholar should continue to be ranked in the top 80% of his/her cohort in the year of completion of the Directed Research.

Other Conditions

The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke or suspend the Scholarship at any time, if and when it deems fit. This could be due to one or more of the following circumstances:

- (a) the conduct of the Scholar (past and present) comes under scrutiny; and/or
- (b) the academic progress or performance of the recipient is considered unsatisfactory.

Awardees must not concurrently hold any other form of free aid e.g. bursaries, scholarships or grants, without prior written approval from the respective awarding bodies and the Donor.

The Scholarship terminates automatically if the Scholar should terminate prematurely his/her course of study at NUS Law, and the University reserves the right to demand full refund by the Scholar of all monies disbursed under the Scholarship.

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