

FORM A

Confidential Reference

To the Applicant: Please fill in your particulars below and send FORM A only to your referee. You may submit a maximum of two references only. Please make a copy of this form for the second referee.

Name of Applicant:		Tel No:	
Home Address:			
Name of Proposed Course:			
Name of Institution:			
Scholarship applied for:			

To the Referee:

The above applicant is applying for a scholarship from the Muhammad Ariff Ahmad (Mas) Postgraduate Scholarship to pursue his or her postgraduate studies. Your candid estimate of his or her academic performance, intellectual promise and qualities as a person will help the assessment panel in making its final selections. We would appreciate it if you could submit your comments in a letter, attached to this form, addressing the questions raised below. You may answer in English or in Malay.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please state your relationship to the applicant: _____

Please address the following questions in your reference letter:

- Q1 What do you know of this applicant's academic potential? We are especially interested in any evidence you can give concerning the nature of his or her motivation for embarking on a postgraduate study by research.
- Q2 What do you feel would be the value of the applicant's proposed research topic? We are particularly interested to know if the chosen research topic will contribute significantly to the understanding of, and appreciation for, MAS's work and/or the areas of Malay Studies associated with MAS.
- Q3 What are your impressions of this applicant's character, aims and values? Does he or she have any special strengths or weaknesses?

Kindly fill in your particulars below and submit this form (FORM A) together with your confidential letter of reference in a sealed envelope to **Asian Languages & Cultures Academic Group, National Institute of Education, 1 Nanyang Walk, Singapore 637616**. If we have any questions concerning the application, we may contact you directly.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Occupation & Employer: _____

Contact No(s): _____ Email: _____



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There are 10 sections in this Form. Please complete every section in BLOCK letters.

FORM B

MUHAMMAD ARIFF AHMAD (MAS) POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section 1 – Type of Application

Indicate the scholarship you are applying for:

<input type="checkbox"/>	MA by Research
<input type="checkbox"/>	PhD

Recent Passport Size
Photograph

Section 2 – Personal Particulars

Name (As appear in NRIC/Passport and to state in BLOCK letters) (Dr/Mr/Miss/Mdm)			
Date of Birth & Age / /	Last 4 digits of NRIC No	Marital Status Single / Married / Divorced / Widowed	Sex
Correspondence Address			
Residential Address (if different from above)			
Tel No(s). Resident: Office: Mobile:	Citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore PR	E-mail address	
Current Occupation & Employer's Address			Monthly Gross
Have you completed National Service (NS)?			*Yes/ No/ Not applicable/ Exempted
If you have not completed NS, have you obtained deferment?			*Yes/ No
Have you ever been charged in a court of law in any country?			*Yes / No
*Please state response. For Yes answers, please give details on a separate sheet			

Section 3 – Educational & Professional Qualifications

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Section 4 – Publications / Academic Presentations / Seminar / Conferences in the last 5 years

Section 5 – Extra-Curricular Activities/Voluntary Work

Please fill in your ECA records and voluntary work performed in the last three years in the order shown. Indicate description of involvement in each activity in order of: positions held, level of representation/participation, other activities participated, course attended, special services rendered, prizes and awards.

ECA Activity/Voluntary Work	Description of involvement in each activity/Awards Received	Duration of involvement
a. Associations/Clubs/Societies/Organisations		
b. Sports/Recreational Activities		

Section 6 – Family Background

Particulars of immediate family members (i.e. parents & siblings - for single applicant; spouse and children – for married applicant.)

Name	NRIC No.	Relationship	Age

Section 7 – Other Scholarships Or Loans Applied For

(Please do not leave this section blank – indicate with N.A. if not applicable)

Name of Scholarship/ Loan	Value (\$\$)	Awarding Institution/Bank	Bond Period/Loan Period	Status (To state Pending*/ Confirmed)

**Please indicate the approximate date when the result of your award/ scholarship/ loan will be known.*

Section 8 – Personal Statement

(Attach as ANNEX 1; please attach a detailed Research Proposal)

Please answer the following questions and attach as ANNEX 1. Address all 3 questions in TWO A4 pages, using Times New Roman Font size 12, single-spaced. Please type on one side only. Your submission can be in either English or Malay and must be free from grammatical and spelling/punctuation errors.

- 1 What are your short-term and long-term personal and career goals?
- 2 What are your reasons for pursuing the above course and research? How will the training and research enhance or add value to your current experience and knowledge in the study of MAS's work and/or the areas of Malay Studies associated with MAS?
- 3 How do you see yourself contributing to developing an awareness, appreciation and knowledge for the work MAS is known for in Singapore and the region after you have completed your studies? How will your proposed training and research specifically help you achieve these goals?

Section 9 – Referees

Your application must be accompanied by at least one confidential letter of reference from one referee acquainted with you and your achievements. You may only submit up to a maximum of two references only. Your referee should submit FORM A together with his or her confidential reference, in a sealed envelope, directly to NIE/NTU. Please note that your referee should not be an immediate relative. At least one of the referees should be able to comment on your academic standing.

(i) Name	(ii) Name
Designation	Designation
Address	Address
Telephone No.	Telephone No.
Relationship with referee	Relationship with referee
Length of time known	Length of time known

Section 10 – Declaration

I confirm that the particulars stated in this application and the attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact.

Signature:

Date:

Name:

IMPORTANT

All application forms, supporting materials and confidential letters must reach us by
15 Apr at 12.00 noon. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

Checklist

Have you attached the necessary documents and materials with your Application Form in the following order?
(Please tick)

- ☐ Form B (Signed)
- ☐ Personal Statement (Annex 1)
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae & Record of Activities (Annex 2)
- ☐ Letter of Admission (if available) and a copy of the research / thesis proposal (Annex 3)
- ☐ Information on your proposed course of study (Annex 4)
- ☐ Copies of transcripts (Annex 5)
- ☐ Have you reminded your referee(s) to send Form A with reference letter(s) directly to NIE/NTU? This should reach NIE/NTU **no later than 15 Apr by 12 noon.**
- ☐ Have you made a copy of your application for your own record?

How did you find out about our Scholarship scheme? Please tick where applicable.

- () Newspaper advertisements/articles
- () NIE/ALC website
- () School
- () Radio/Television
- () Family/Friends/Others (please specify) _____

*** If you have not received any acknowledgement within 3 weeks of sending in your application, please email us at weidi.choo@nie.edu.sg.**

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