St Catharine’s College, Cambridge
Application form for The Tunku Abdul Rahman PhD Scholarship

Notes for Completing the Application (please retain this page for information)

The Tunku Abdul Rahman Scholarship is open to academically outstanding Malaysian candidates wishing to pursue PhD research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at St Catharine’s College, University of Cambridge.

2003 marked the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great twentieth century statesman, Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, who led Malaysia to independence in 1957. To commemorate his achievements, the Prime Minister and Government of Malaysia founded the Tunku Abdul Rahman Centenary Fund at St Catharine’s College, where Tunku received his undergraduate degree, his Honorary Doctorate in Law, and an Honorary Fellowship.

The Tunku Fund aims to encourage the development of the Humanities and the Social Sciences in Malaysia. The Fund provides one three-year scholarship each year to enable an outstanding Malaysian student to undertake PhD research at St Catharine’s College. The Scholarship provides full fees and maintenance for the entire PhD course. The value of any studentship awarded will be reduced appropriately to take account of any payment from other sources. Holders of the Tunku Scholarship will be registered with one of the following Departments of the University of Cambridge:


Preference shall be given to candidates whose research is of particular relevance to Southeast and/or East Asia.

IMPORTANT: please note that a separate application to the University of Cambridge for admission to PhD study must be made by the applicant before applying for this scholarship. Candidates should thus submit their PhD application to the Graduate Admissions Office at the earliest possible moment. To do so, please visit http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/

Once you have applied to the University of Cambridge, to apply for the Tunku Scholarship please complete the enclosed application form, and send it to the address below along with a copy of your PhD application to the University of Cambridge, undergraduate transcript, transcript of any further degrees, PhD research proposal, letter of offer of admission to the University of Cambridge, and any other documents you regard as relevant. A checklist is provided on the final page of this form for your convenience. Applications are to be sent

Please ask two referees to submit references

The deadline for applications is 1st March. Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The Committee will select a shortlist of up to 5 applicants by the beginning of April, inviting them for interview at the end of April, either in person or over the web. All communication will be by email, so please ensure that your email address is printed clearly where required and that you check your email frequently.
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Please complete clearly and in BLOCK CAPITALS.

**Personal Details**

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Dr etc)  
Surname  
First Name  
Other First Names  
Gender (Please indicate)  
Male  
Female  
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)  
Country of Permanent residence  
Nationality  

**Contact Information**

Correspondence Address  
Email  
Telephone  

**Please note** that we routinely communicate by email and expect you to check regularly and respond promptly.
Application Information

In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must have at least applied for a PhD programme by the relevant Degree Committee of the University of Cambridge. To do this, please visit the Graduate Admissions Office website: [www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/)

You are expected to submit a copy of your University application form and any offer of admission with this application.

**Date of application to the University**

**Intended Start Date**

**Have you received an offer of admission?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

(If so, please include a copy of the notification letter with this application)

**Have you been accepted for admission by any other Cambridge College? If so, which?**

Please note that if you have already been accepted by another College, any successful award from the Tunku Fund will be on the condition that you transfer to St Catharine’s for your PhD course.

Programme of Study

Please note that PhD applicants in the following subjects only may apply. Please indicate what Department you have applied to:

- Archaeology
- Classics
- Divinity
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Geography
- History
- History and Philosophy of Science
- Modern and Medieval Languages
- Music
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics & International Studies
- Social Anthropology
- Sociology

**Programme**

**Intended Supervisor (if known)**

**Title of PhD Proposal (please include a copy of this proposal with your application)**
**Current and Previous Education**

Please provide details of your current and/or previous degree study (please provide copies of any transcripts with this application).

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**Academic References**

Please ask **two** referees to submit letters of in support of your application. References should be submitted electronically as PDF documents to tunkufund@caths.cam.ac.uk with the subject line "Reference for APPLICANT'S NAME - Tunku scholarship'.

**References MUST be received by 1 March.**

**Referee 1**

Name
Title
Position
Email

**Referee 2**

Name
Title
Position
Email
Documentation Checklist

Please confirm by checking the boxes below that you have enclosed copies of the following documents with this application form:

☐ Your PhD application to the University of Cambridge
☐ Transcripts for all your degrees
☐ PhD Proposal
☐ Letter of admission (if applicable)

Any other documents you feel to be relevant (please explain below):

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Completed applications, including references, must be received by 1st March and are to be sent to Rosie Bell, Graduate Administrator, St Catharine’s College (email: grad.admin@caths.cam.ac.uk)

Please note that no late or incomplete entries will be accepted.

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