# MSF Social and Family Research Fund
## Awarded Projects – Postgraduate/Academic Category

### 2018 Grant Call

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| 1 | **The Social Capital of Low-Income, Single-Parent Families in Singapore “ Defining, Measuring, and Operationalising Family Social Capital** | **Kwan Jin Yao**<br>Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy<br>National University of Singapore  
**Anita Lim Chiang Chiang**<br>Senior Director<br>Children and Youth Impact and Research<br>TOUCH Community Services Limited  
**Teo Meiyi Stella**<br>Senior Executive<br>Impact and Research<br>TOUCH Community Services Limited | The overall family well-being of a low-income, single-parent family is compounded by the intersection of both their low-income and their single-parent statuses. This study proposes to operationally define and measure the social network of supportive relationships among low-income, single-parent families with adolescents, in the socio-cultural and political context of family well-being in Singapore. |

### 2017 Grant Call

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| 1 | **Conflict Between Work and Family Lives Among Workers of Lower-Socioeconomic Status** | **Marko Pitesa**<br>Yuchuan Liu  
Lee Kong Chian School of Business<br>Singapore Management University | This study investigates how conflict between work and family lives affects skilled employees in Singapore coming from families of lower socioeconomic status (SES). The findings will help improve work-family balance of Singaporean workers coming from lower-SES backgrounds, improve fairness and efficiency of Singaporean organizations, and help harmonizing work and family as central but often competing domains of life in the Singaporean society. |
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<th>The Influence of Adolescent Temperament/Personality and Parenting on Adolescent Psychosocial Outcomes</th>
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| **Recipients** | Keng Shian-Ling  
Yale-NUS College |
| **Recipients** | Lee Si Min Stephanie  
Hong Yee Shiun, Ryan  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore |
| **Aim** | This research aims to investigate individual and environmental factors that contribute to an adolescent’s psychological outcomes (mental health and emotional regulation), factors that influence parents’ parenting behaviours, developmental trajectories of adolescent psychological outcomes, and predictors of the trajectories. |

### 2016 Grant Call

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<th><strong>Project</strong></th>
<th>“Stay-at-home” Fathers and their Families: What Lessons for Policymakers?</th>
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| **Recipients** | Yvonne Arivalagan  
Christopher Gee  
Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  
National University of Singapore |
| **Aim** | The primary objective in this study is to develop an in-depth understanding of fathers who are full-time caregivers and the impact this has had on them and their families. |

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<th><strong>Project</strong></th>
<th>Three-Level Digital Divide and Digital Inclusion of Children from Single-Parent and Two-Parent Households</th>
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| **Recipients** | Soon Wan Ting Carol  
Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  
National University of Singapore |
| **Aim** | This proposed study seeks to provide an in-depth analysis on children from different family types, and how their family arrangements, parents’ mediation (or lack thereof) and social networks affect their use of ICTs for learning, living and leisure. |
### Project 3

**Predictors and Consequences of Work-family Experiences: Study of Working Caregivers of Older Adults**

**Recipients**
- Asst Prof Eunae Cho
- Assoc Prof Ho Moon-Ho Ringo
  
  School of Social Sciences
  
  Nanyang Technological University

- Visiting Asst Prof Tuo-Yu Chen
- Visiting Asst Prof Cheng Hak Land Grand

  Centre for Ageing Research and Education
  
  National University of Singapore

**Aim**

This study aims to examine work-, family-, and health-related consequences of work-family experiences and individual characteristics and organizational factors that can optimize work-family experiences and outcomes.

### 2015 Grant Call

#### Project 1

**A Mixed Method Study on First-time Fathers After the Birth of Their Child: Experiences and Predictors of Paternal Involvement**

**Recipients**
- Asst Prof Shefaly Shorey
  
  Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies
  
  Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine National University of Singapore

**Aim**

This study explores paternal experiences, expectations, needs and the factors influencing paternal involvement in the postpartum period.

#### Project 2

**Generativity: Appreciation and Measurement among Elderly Singaporeans (GAMES)**

**Recipients**
- Prof May Oo Lwin
- Assoc Prof Angelique Wei Ming Chan
- Visiting Asst Prof Cheng Hak Land Grand

  Centre for Ageing Research and Education
  
  Health Services and Systems Research
  
  Duke-NUS Medical School

- Assoc Prof Thang Leng Leng

  Department of Japanese Studies
  
  National University of Singapore
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<th>Aim</th>
<th>This two-phase project aims to provide an empirical understanding of generativity and enable its measurement among elderly Singaporeans.</th>
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<td><strong>Project</strong></td>
<td><strong>How Parenting Factors and Child Educational Environment Influence Children's Online Risk-taking Behaviours: A Mixed Method Assessment</strong></td>
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| **Recipients** | **Prof May Oo Lwin**  
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information  
Nanyang Technological University  
**Chong Ee Jay**  
TOUCH Community Services |
| **Aim** | The study aims to examine how parental factors (i.e., parental mediation of children’s digital media use, parental literacy of digital media, and general parenting styles) influence children’s online risk-taking perception and behaviour. |
| **Project** | **The Impact of Media Consumption on the Development of Attentional Control and Emotional Regulation during Early Childhood** |
| **Recipients** | **Asst Prof Hwajin Yang**  
Andree Hartanto (PhD Student)  
School of Social Sciences  
Singapore Management University |
| **Aim** | The primary objective of this research is to advance our understanding of the impact of heavy media consumption via mobile devices on the development of attentional control and emotional regulation during early childhood. |

**2014 Grant Call**

| **Project** | **An Insight into the Family Quality of Life of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in Singapore** |
| **Recipients** | **Dalvin Jit Kaur Sidhu** (PhD Student)  
Early Childhood and Special Needs Education  
National Institute of Education  
**Assoc Prof Kenneth Poon**  
Education and Cognitive Development Lab  
National Institute of Education |
### 2013 Grant Call

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Job Connectedness and Work-Family Integration</th>
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| Recipient | Rashimah Rajah  
PhD Research Scholar  
Department of Management and Organisation/Business  
National University of Singapore |
| Aim | This study aims to address gaps in literature by examining the psychological processes behind staying connected to work matters through communication technologies. |
### Project 2

**Project**

*An Exploratory Study on Singaporean Divorcees from Transnational Marriages*

**Recipient**

Prof Jean Yeung Wei-Jun  
Asia Research Institute  
National University of Singapore

Dr Sharon Quah Ee Ling

**Aim**

A qualitative study on how Singaporean divorcees from transnational marriages acquire the post-divorce support and how existing state policies and services shape the well-being of Singaporean divorcees and their families after the divorce.

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### 2012 Grant Call

#### Project 1

**Project**

*The Trait and State Emotion Regulation of Adolescents and the Influence of Parent-Adolescent Communication and Parents’ Emotional Expressivity*

**Recipient**

Yeo Geck Hong  
Postgraduate Student  
Department of Psychology  
National University of Singapore

**Aim**

The study aims to examine the trait and state emotion regulation of local adolescents, ascertain the characteristics of mother-adolescent, father-adolescent dyad communication, maternal and paternal emotional expressivity and their influence on adolescents’ emotion regulation.

#### Project 2

**Project**

*Adoption Disclosure and Psychological Well-Being of Adoptees*

**Recipients**

Asst Prof Srinivasan Chokkanathan  
Department of Social Work  
National University of Singapore

Lim Wei Loong  
Fei Yue Community Services

Asst Prof Lili Qin  
Department of Psychology  
National University of Singapore
Aim

The study aims to examine the disclosure process and find out the effect of disclosure on adoptive family well-being including the child’s outcome; to find out the societal and familial factors that relate to adoption disclosure and to family and child well-being; to explore the strategies parents take in the adoption disclosure process and how they manage the disclosure process.

2010 Grant Call

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<th>Project</th>
<th>On the Improvement of Executive Function in Pre-schoolers from Low-Income Families</th>
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| Recipients | Asst Prof Qu Li  
Assoc Prof Moon-ho Ringo Ho  
Division of Psychology  
National Technological University  
Assoc Prof Kerry Lee  
The Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice  
National Institute of Education |
| Aim | The study aims to examine if a specially designed intervention programme would help in promoting the development of executive function in pre-schoolers from low-income families. Executive function refers to the processes required for the conscious control of thought, emotion and action. It relates to decision making, problem solving, self-regulation and behavioural control. The early development of executive function has been linked to school readiness and academic achievement. |
| 2 | Project | Parental Perceptions and Mediation of Computer Gaming in Singapore |
| Recipients | Assoc Prof Lim Sun Sun  
Asst Prof Julian Lin  
Mr Jiow Hee Jhee  
Department of Communications and New Media Programme  
National University of Singapore |
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<td>The study aims to explore parental perception and mediation strategies adopted with regard to the computer gaming activities of their children in Secondary Schools (aged 12 to 16 years). As Internet penetration in Singapore has reached saturation, and computer gaming is more avidly adopted by young people as a recreational pastime, parents find themselves grappling with this new medium and its impact on their children. By better understanding parental perceptions of computer gaming, and their efforts in mediating their children's involvement in this increasingly popular activity, more effective strategies can be proposed for educating both children and parents in incorporating computer gaming into their domestic media landscape in a healthier fashion.</td>
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| Recipients | Assoc Prof John Wong Chee Meng  
Asst Prof Feng Lei  
Department of Psychological Medicine  
National University of Singapore  
Assoc Prof Tan Chay Hoon  
Department of Pharmacology  
National University of Singapore  
Ms Nyein Nyein  
National University Health System |
| Aim | The study aims to identify the factors related to attempted suicides by adolescents (aged 13 to 19 years old). The study would like to examine the temperament of the adolescents, the type of parenting experienced by the adolescents, the presence of mental disorders, life stressors and help-seeking behaviour in adolescents who have attempted suicides. |

**2009 Grant Call**

| 1 | Project | The Unmarried Crisis: The Rising Trend of Singlehood Among Chinese Singaporeans |
| Recipients | Prof Galvin Jones Zhang Yanxia  
Department of Sociology, Asia Research Institute  
National University of Singapore |
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<td>The study aims to gain a sense of how gender perceptions and career views influence the choices and decisions on marriage and to fully understand the relationships between the single and the family of origin.</td>
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<td>Project Attribution for Maternal Stress in Children with Different Special Needs</td>
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| Recipient | Ms Yamagata Chihiro  
Ph.D. Student  
National Institute of Education |
| Aim | The study aims to investigate the attribution variables for maternal stress in children aged 0 to 12 years with special needs. It will examine possible internal and external factors such as children with different special needs, mothers’ socio demographic information, and mothers’ perception of availability of existing family and social support. |
| 3 | Project Childcare Staff’s and Parents’ Beliefs about Quality Care for Infants and Toddlers in Centre-based Programs in Singapore |
| Recipient | Dr Karuppiah Nirmala  
Department of Early Childhood and Special Needs Education  
National Institute of Education |
| Aim | The study aims to examine:  
a. Perceptions of childcare staff on quality care in terms of their interactions and practices with infants and toddlers in centre-based programmes in Singapore;  
b. Perceptions of childcare staff on the training which they had undergone to prepare them for their interactions and practices with infants; and  
c. Observed nature of childcare staff’s interactions and practices. |

### 2008 Grant Call

| 1 | Project The Influence of Child Temperament, Parenting, and Family Context on Psychological Adaptation during Middle Childhood |
| Recipients | Asst Prof Ryan Hong Yee-Shiun  
|            | Asst Prof Tsai Fen-Fang  
|            | Asst Prof Tan Seok Hui  
|            | Department of Psychology  
|            | National University of Singapore |
| Aim | The study aims to outline a programme of research that focuses on the psychological development of children aged seven to 10 years, in the context of the family. The parents of children in this age range have huge influences on their children’s development through the manner in which they interact with one another. A major theme of the research is to delineate the factors responsible for the children’s ability to adapt well to changes, to build up psychological resilience, and to function successfully at home and in school. |
| 2 | Project | Not Just Babysitting: Case Studies of Caregiver-Child Interactions in Infant Care Centres in Singapore |
| Recipient | Cynthia Lim Ai Ming  
|           | Ph.D. Student  
|           | Department of Early Childhood Education  
|           | National Institute of Education |
| Aim | The study aims to investigate the best practices of infant-toddler child care centres in Singapore, with regard to designing and implementing their programmes, with a focus on examining the interactions between child and caregiver, the environment set up that supports early learning and development and professional development of the edu-carers. |
| 3 | Project | Impact of Older Adults’ Activity Patterns on the Functioning of Later-life Family |
| Recipients | Asst Prof Hong Song-lee  
|            | Asst Prof Han Chang-Keun  
|            | Dr. Alexander Lee Earn Yung  
|            | Department of Social Work  
<p>|            | National University of Singapore |
| Aim | The study aims to explore the range of meaningful activities that older adults are engaged in; to classify their activity patterns; to examine factors associated with these activity patterns; and to investigate the impact of activity patterns on older adults' well-being and their family functioning. Family functioning will be assessed in four dimensions of family life which includes family adaptability, cohesion, satisfaction with family life, and family leisure life. |
| 4 | Project | Longitudinal Study of Beyond Parental Control (BPC) cases: Factors Associated with Possible Variation of Court Orders |</p>
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<th>Project</th>
<th>A Study of the Impact of Caring for Stroke Survivors on Family Structure and the Mental Health of Caregivers</th>
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| Recipients | Prof David Matchar  
Prof. Stella Quah  
DUKE-NUS  
Dr Edward Menon  
Saint Andrew’s Community Hospital  
Dr Chow Wai Leng  
SingHealth Centre for Health Services and Research  
Assoc Prof Angelique Chan  
Department of Sociology  
National University of Singapore |
| Aim | The study aims to examine the factors that influence caregiving burden, quality of life and mental health of caregivers; and to examine the adequacy of existing intervention programmes within the community for stroke caregivers. |