

MSF SOCIAL AND FAMILY RESEARCH FUND AWARDED PROJECTS – POSTGRADUATE/ACADEMIC CATEGORY

2018 Grant Call

1	Project	The Social Capital of Low-Income, Single-Parent Families in Singapore “ Defining, Measuring, and Operationalising Family Social Capital
	Recipients	<p>Kwan Jin Yao Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy National University of Singapore</p> <p>Anita Lim Chiang Chiang Senior Director Children and Youth Impact and Research TOUCH Community Services Limited</p> <p>Teo Meiyi Stella Senior Executive Impact and Research TOUCH Community Services Limited</p>
	Aim	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

1	Project	Conflict Between Work and Family Lives Among Workers of Lower-Socioeconomic Status
	Recipients	<p>Marko Pitesa Yuchuan Liu Lee Kong Chian School of Business Singapore Management University</p>
	Aim	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.

2	Project	The Influence of Adolescent Temperament/Personality and Parenting on Adolescent Psychosocial Outcomes
	Recipients	Keng Shian-Ling Yale-NUS College 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

1	Project	"Stay-at-home" Fathers and their Families: What Lessons for Policymakers?
	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.
2	Project	Three-Level Digital Divide and Digital Inclusion of Children from Single-Parent and Two-Parent Households
	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.

3	Project	Predictors and Consequences of Work-family Experiences: Study of Working Caregivers of Older Adults
	Recipients	<p>Asst Prof Eunae Cho Assoc Prof Ho Moon-Ho Ringo School of Social Sciences Nanyang Technological University</p> <p>Visiting Asst Prof Tuo-Yu Chen Visiting Asst Prof Cheng Hak Land Grand Centre for Ageing Research and Education National University of Singapore</p>
	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

1	Project	A Mixed Method Study on First-time Fathers After the Birth of Their Child: Experiences and Predictors of Paternal Involvement
	Recipients	<p>Asst Prof Shefaly Shorey Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine National University of Singapore</p>
	Aim	This study explores paternal experiences, expectations, needs and the factors influencing paternal involvement in the postpartum period.
2	Project	Generativity: Appreciation and Measurement among Elderly Singaporeans (GAMES)
	Recipients	<p>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</p> <p>Assoc Prof Thang Leng Leng Department of Japanese Studies National University of Singapore</p>

	Aim	This two-phase project aims to provide an empirical understanding of generativity and enable its measurement among elderly Singaporeans.
3	Project	How Parenting Factors and Child Educational Environment Influence Children’s Online Risk-taking Behaviours: A Mixed Method Assessment
	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.
4	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

1	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

	Aim	This study utilize a mix method approach, which encompasses both quantitative and qualitative research methods to investigate the quality of life of families with at least one adult-child with special needs in Singapore.
2	Project	The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From the Tree: An Experimental Study on Intergenerational Transmission of Preferences
	Recipients	Asst Prof He Tai-Sen Assoc Prof Yohanes Eko Riyanto Economics Division Nanyang Technological University
	Aim	This field experiment study aims to investigate the effects of parental influence on children's economic preferences, particularly the dimensions on social preference and time preference.
3	Project	A Study on Parents as Mediators of Academic Stress
	Recipients	Dr Teng Siao See Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies National University of Singapore Dr Mathew Mathews Senior Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies National University of Singapore
	Aim	This study aims to examine the impact of academic stress on Singapore families, particularly focusing on the parents' expectations and aspirations for their children and how it affects family bonding and familial relations.

2013 Grant Call

1	Project	Job Connectedness and Work-Family Integration
	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.

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.

2012 Grant Call

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.
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

<p>Aim</p>	<p>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.</p>
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2010 Grant Call

<p>1</p>	<p>Project</p>	<p>On the Improvement of Executive Function in Pre-schoolers from Low-Income Families</p>
	<p>Recipients</p>	<p>Asst Prof Qu Li Assoc Prof Moon-ho Ringo Ho Division of Psychology National Technological University</p> <p>Assoc Prof Kerry Lee The Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice National Institute of Education</p>
	<p>Aim</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Project</p>	<p>Parental Perceptions and Mediation of Computer Gaming in Singapore</p>

	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
	Aim	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.
3	Project	Case Control of Asian Adolescents Who Attempted Suicide: Their Temperament, Parenting Experienced, Mental Disorders, Life Stressors and Help-Seeking Behaviour
	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
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	Recipients	Prof Galvin Jones Zhang Yanxia Department of Sociology, Asia Research Institute National University of Singapore
	Aim	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.
2	Project	Attribution for Maternal Stress in Children with Different Special Needs
	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
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	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 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>Recipients</p>	<p>Assoc Prof Rebecca Ang Pei-Hui Division of Psychology School of Humanities & Social Sciences Nanyang Technological University</p> <p>Asst Prof Vivien Huan Swee Leng Asst Prof Chong Wan Har Asst Prof Yeo Lay See Psychological Studies Academic Group National Institute of Education</p> <p>Dr Carol Balhetchet Youth Service Centre (Toa Payoh) Singapore Children’s Society</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>The study aims to study the BPC cases longitudinally over a period of two years to identify factors associated with variation of initial court orders. The researchers seek to study the BPC cases that have either been sent to an approved home or placed under closed statutory supervision, as these are the two most common types of court orders for BPC cases.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Project</p> <p>A Study of the Impact of Caring for Stroke Survivors on Family Structure and the Mental Health of Caregivers</p>
<p>Recipients</p>	<p>Prof David Matchar Prof. Stella Quah DUKE-NUS</p> <p>Dr Edward Menon Saint Andrew’s Community Hospital</p> <p>Dr Chow Wai Leng SingHealth Centre for Health Services and Research</p> <p>Assoc Prof Angelique Chan Department of Sociology National University of Singapore</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>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.</p>