



## Brief to Applicants on the CCCS Research Grant

### Topic

1. The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (“CCCS”) will be funding a research project on “Barriers to Innovative Entrepreneurship in Singapore”. Some suggested areas of research include potential barriers to market entry, enforcement of intellectual property (“IP”) rights, unequal access to public procurement and finance, impact of regulations, and anti-competitive practices against innovative entrepreneurs.

### Eligibility

2. The CCCS Research Grant is open to all, including academics, students from undergraduate level and above, and competition practitioners worldwide.

### Award of Grant

3. The successful applicant will receive a total of S\$21,000 in funding for his/her research project.

4. The successful applicant will be notified via email by the end of **September 2018** upon completion of the evaluation process by the CCCS.

5. One-third of the awarded Grant will be paid upon award and the remaining two-thirds of the Grant will be paid upon successful completion and delivery of the research project.

### Application Deadline

6. All applicants are required to complete the CCCS Research Grant Proposal Application Form (the “Application Form”) and submit the application by **5pm Singapore time, 16 July 2018**. Late submissions received after the deadline and/or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Please refer to the section on “Application Guidelines” for more information.

7. The completed Application Form, and all supporting documents (in Microsoft Word or pdf format) must be submitted electronically to the following email address: [cccs\\_research\\_grant@cccs.gov.sg](mailto:cccs_research_grant@cccs.gov.sg). Please ensure that all the relevant materials are submitted together in one zip folder, and the folder is named as: FirstName\_LastName\_2018.zip.

### Application Guidelines

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8. All research proposals and papers must be in English.
9. The research proposals must meet the following conditions:
- (i) It must be the original work of the Applicant(s);
  - (ii) The proposed research must be for genuinely new work<sup>1</sup>;
  - (iii) The proposed research has not been published in any manner;
  - (iv) The proposed research has not presented on any platform prior to application for the Grant; and
  - (v) The proposed research has not and will not receive funding from other sources.
10. All research proposals will undergo a review process and will be assessed by the CCCS based on (i) the relevance and significance of the proposal for Singapore and/or ASEAN; (ii) the content of the proposal; (iii) the research approach and/or methodology and (iv) the researcher's competence and track record. Further details on the evaluation framework is provided in the section on "Assessment Criteria".
11. Decisions made by the CCCS shall be final. The CCCS reserves the right not to award the grant to any of the research proposals.
12. Enquires on the CCCS Research Grant should be sent to [cccs\\_research\\_grant@cccs.gov.sg](mailto:cccs_research_grant@cccs.gov.sg).

### Assessment Criteria

13. All research proposals will be evaluated by the CCCS based on the following criteria:

S/N	Evaluation Criteria
1	The relevance and significance of the proposal for Singapore and/or ASEAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background and importance of the proposal</li><li>• Potential impact on Singapore and/or ASEAN</li></ul>
2	The content of the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originality of the proposal</li><li>• Value-add of the proposal to existing literature</li></ul>
3	Research approach and/or methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aim and objective of the research approach</li><li>• Robustness and strength of the methodology</li><li>• Feasibility of methodology</li></ul>
4	The researcher's competence and track record <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Track record, credentials</li><li>• Relevance of area of expertise</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> CCS will not consider proposals of completed or nearly completed work.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Publication or past projects (if any)</li></ul>
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### Deliverables and Interim Updates to the CCCS

14. The applicant will need to provide measurable and suitable deliverables associated with the research project as part of the application. The finalised deliverables will be agreed upon between CCCS and the successful applicant, and the successful applicant shall deliver the deliverables within the timeframes stipulated therein.

15. The successful applicant will be required to provide interim update(s) to the CCCS on the progress of the research project at appropriate intervals of his/her research timeline. For research projects with proposed duration of one year or less, one interim update will be required. For research projects with proposed duration between one and two years, two interim updates will be required.

16. The research project will need to be completed within two (2) years from the date of the letter of award to the successful applicant and CCCS reserves the right to forfeit the remaining two-thirds of the Grant in the event that the research paper is not submitted on time or not deemed to be acceptable by the CCCS.

17. The successful applicant retains the right to submit his/her research paper for publication in academic journals and/or any other platforms. However, by his/her acceptance of the CCCS Research Grant, the successful applicant will agree to allow the CCCS to publish the research paper on the CCCS's website or any other suitable forum. The successful applicant may also be invited by the CCCS to present his/her research findings at relevant platforms. The successful applicant is expected to acknowledge CCCS's funding in his/her research paper.