

MEDIA RELEASE

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CCCS INAUGURAL RESEARCH GRANT: CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON BARRIERS TO INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SINGAPORE

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore ("CCCS") is inviting researchers to submit proposals on the topic of "Barriers to Innovative Entrepreneurship in Singapore" in its inaugural Research Grant (the "CCCS Research Grant") to encourage research on competition issues in Singapore and the region, and to promote greater awareness of competition policy and law issues.

2. Areas of research may include the 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 and Funding

- 3. The call for proposals is open to all, including academics, students from undergraduate level and above, and competition practitioners worldwide.
- 4. The successful applicant will receive a total of S\$21,000 in funding for his/her research project.
- 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 and Closing Date

- 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. Please refer to the Brief to Applicants on the CCCS Research Grant for more information on the conditions and application process.
- 7. The completed Application Form, and all supporting documents (in Microsoft Word or format) must be submitted <u>electronically</u> to the pdf following email address: cccs_research_grant@cccs.gov.sg. Please ensure that all the relevant materials are submitted together in one zip folder, and the folder named FirstName_LastName_2018.zip.

Enquiries

8. Enquires on the CCCS Research Grant should be sent to cccs_research_grant@cccs.gov.sg.

About The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore ("CCCS") is a statutory board of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. CCCS administers and enforces the Competition Act (Cap. 50B) which empowers CCCS to investigate and adjudicate anti-competitive activities, issue directions to stop and/or prevent anti-competitive activities and impose financial penalties. CCCS is also the administering agency of the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act (Cap. 52A) or CPFTA which protects consumers against unfair trade practices in Singapore. Our mission is to make markets work well to create opportunities and choices for business and consumers in Singapore.

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