



The Singapore Internet Research Centre

TERMS OF REFERENCE SiRC ASSOCIATES

Background

The Singapore Internet Research Centre (SiRC) was established by the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications and Information at the Nanyang Technological University of Singapore. SiRC initiates and conducts research relevant to communications and information related to new media and media technologies in Asia. In particular, the Centre undertakes to bring the Asian perspectives and experiences to the global discussion on the development, social impact, of e-services and the new media. It also promotes broad based multidisciplinary research on governance and policy issues for the benefit and advancement of individuals, society, organizations, and the nation.

The SiRC Associate programme offers researchers and scholars the opportunity to be affiliated with a centre of excellence in research on the new media. The programme also facilitates research collaboration among local and international faculty.

SiRC Associateship

There are currently two categories of Associate Membership. The NTU SiRC Associates are for faculty members currently employed in NTU. The Visiting SiRC Associates membership is for visiting scholars and aims to promote external collaborations and international relationships by providing a platform for intellectual exchange. Appointments in both instances are for up to three years renewable.

Eligibility and Responsibilities

Eligibility

SiRC Associates normally hold a PhD degree in a social science discipline (especially in communications, economics, international relations, political science and sociology) and have demonstrated research experience in the social sciences. Applicants must also be interested in conducting academic research on new media and media technologies, particularly with a focus on their social impact.

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Responsibilities

SiRC Associates are expected to

- participate in and contribute to SiRC seminars,
- contribute one working paper a year for the SiRC website, and
- provide inputs when sought regarding programmes, events and research projects connected with SiRC.

Benefits of an SiRC Associate

The benefits of a SiRC Associate include:

- increased opportunity for interaction with like-minded researchers,
- use of SiRC administrative resources,
- use of SiRC's stationery in correspondence,
- use of laboratory and office space in WKWSCI, depending on availability, and
- access to the NTU library for visitors.

Intellectual Property Rights

All intellectual property arising in the course of the Associate's project will belong to the Associate, subject to the Associate granting the SiRC rights to publicise and circulate mutually agreed information relating to the project.

How are things worked out contractually?

A short Letter of Agreement that sets out the contractual relationship, terms, conditions and outline brief will be signed between the SiRC and the Associate.

How does SiRC disseminate research results?

- *SiRC Network*. Seminars will be held regularly to serve as a platform for SiRC scholars to share research ideas.
- *Research Support*: Depending on the funding available, the SiRC may provide literature review support.
- *Research dissemination*: SiRC will work with the Associate on media relationships, conference papers and other forms of public disclosure. In addition, depending on the significance of the research project and the funding available, SiRC may organise workshops to disseminate results.