FACT SHEET

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Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professorship

This professorship will be a prestigious endowed professorship awarded to an academic who has made significant contributions to research and education in any branch of engineering and has been a role model for younger professors or researchers in his institution. He/she must have made noteworthy contribution to the development of his/her institution. The awardee will be called the Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor during the tenure of the award.

The TCT Centennial Professor will play lead roles in the university’s new wave of multidisciplinary, integrative research. He/she will participate in teaching to a limited extent and will give seminars and lectures in his areas of expertise within NTU and in public forums. He/she will be encouraged to build strong contacts with reputed overseas research groups and will be expected to build his own research group independently.

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The Professorship is open worldwide, including candidates within NTU. It is aimed at enhancing the existing research landscape by inviting external experts with niche expertise or by encouraging outstanding achievers within NTU to take their scientific achievements to even greater heights. External candidates may enter NTU as the TCT Centennial Professor and then covert to a regular tenured position or may choose to have a medium term stint at NTU to establish a research group locally.

The period of appointment will be on a year to year basis but renewable up to three years and may begin from a date agreed upon by NTU and the awardee. It is envisaged that
only one TCT Centennial Professor will be in tenure at any particular time. Reappointment of the incumbent may be made but the application of the incumbent must be evaluated along with others, in accordance with the process specified in this document, and the Selection Committees must be convinced that the incumbent is still the most deserving candidate.

If a suitable candidate could not be identified, the Professorship may not be awarded for that particular year.

The TCT Centennial Professor will be provided with return air passage (if necessary) and an attractive remuneration package. He/she may be offered a tenured appointment in NTU at Full Professor level and will hold lead roles in NTU's research community. To facilitate this, some research funding may be included with the award, if deemed necessary, by the Selection Committees.

Selection Criteria

The basis for the selection should be:

• Full Professor at NTU with a first degree in engineering
• Profile of the candidate meeting the requirements of a full professor in NTU
• Research credentials in the international scene and leadership qualities
• Quality and benefits of the research output
• Contribution and service to the candidate's institution, including teaching, and the community at large