FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How may I apply for the SFA Fellowship?
Applicants should first complete the MTSC application process (http://socsc.smu.edu.sg/master-tri-sector-collaboration/application-selection). After gaining acceptance into the MTSC programme, applicants who have indicated their interest in the SFA Fellowship will be notified if they are shortlisted for an interview with the Institute.

Is participation in the SMU Masters in Tri-Sector Collaboration (MTSC) programme compulsory?
Yes. The MTSC programme is part of our SFA Fellowship, and is instrumental in developing Southeast Asian professionals to be tri-sector societal leaders.

What is the Southeast Asian deployment about?
Each SFA Fellow will be deployed to a Social Impact Organisation (SIO) that partners the Institute for the duration of 12 months. All host SIOs are located in Southeast Asia, and SFA Fellows have to relocate to the host country during their deployment period. Aside from lending their professional experience and capabilities to add value to the organisation, SFA fellows will also gain invaluable new knowledge and cross-cultural experiences.

Will the MTSC programme be ongoing during the deployment period?
Yes. The MTSC programme will be ongoing and the institute will inform the deployment organisation of the periods the SFA Fellow would be required to be back in Singapore for the MTSC programme. The institute will arrange for the flights and accommodations in Singapore.

What type of Social Impact Organisations (SIOs) does the SFA Fellowship include? May applicants select the deployment organisation of their choice?
Our partner organisations differ each year, and the institute will work with SFA Fellows in selecting a role that best fits their interests and capabilities. Partner SIOs in our 2015 SFA Fellowship include the UNDP (Timor-Leste), VinaCapital Foundation (Vietnam), Yangon Bakehouse (Myanmar) and YCAB Foundation (Indonesia).

What type of work experience would be ideal for the SFA Fellowship?
An ideal candidate for the SFA Fellowship would have experience in at least two different sectors. Above all, applicants would need to display a heart for service and a strong sense of purpose and adaptability.

Am I required to interview with the host organisation / Social Impact Organisations (SIOs)?
Yes. The Institute will first match the SFA Fellows with the deployment organisations and upon agreement on both sides, arrange for a Skype interview.

How much will my stipend be?
SFA Fellows will receive a stipend that is equivalent to 80% of their most recent salary, or up to S$5,000 per month (whichever is lower) for the duration of the SFA Fellowship.
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Who will take care of my travel arrangements?
The Institute will manage and pay for the travel arrangements that are necessary for the SFA fellowship.

May I take a vacation break during the Service For Asia Fellowship?
Yes, all SFA Fellows may apply for vacation leave provided permission is granted from the deployment organisation, and that it does not disrupt the MTSC course schedule.