



# CLINICIAN SCIENTIST

## RESIDENCY TRACK

*Living My Love  
of Medicine*

# MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE DESIGNATED INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL (ADIO), RESEARCH

Welcome to SingHealth Clinician Scientist (CS) Residency! The primary educational goal of the CS Residency is to provide opportunities for Residents in clinical and academic research to embark on a career as a Clinician Scientist.

With the Academic Medicine partnership between SingHealth and Duke-NUS, CS Residency supports our Residents in developing critical clinical and research skills. With collective clinical and research training, Residents will be able to pursue their preferred specialty while shaping a career in Academic Medicine.

CS Residency is a nationwide programme and with state-of-the-art research labs at Academia, Residents can hone their research skills and acquire laboratory skills to embark on a fulfilling career in research. Exposure to areas of scientific research is essential in nurturing the next generation of Clinician Scientists.

If you have the passionate interest in the science of medicine and wish to pursue a research career as a Clinician Scientist, we are excited to welcome you to CS Residency.

**PROF TAN ENG KING**  
ADIO, Research  
SingHealth Residency



## YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

SingHealth CS Residency is committed to nurturing Residents to establish and integrate themselves in Academic Medicine. CS Residents will go through the normal educational requirements of the clinical specialty with an additional year dedicated for research, while receiving support in resources and funding from the SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre.

### Dedicated and Distinguished CS Faculty

SingHealth has a pool of dedicated and renowned CS mentors from various expertise who are committed to grooming the next generation of Clinician Scientists. CS Residents will be matched to a research mentor who will provide individualised guidance and mentorship throughout their entire clinical research training period.

### Range of Learning Opportunities and Research Support

SingHealth also emphasises on the learning and research skill development opportunities among CS Residents by providing curriculum funding for research-related courses. CS Residents can apply for NUS e-library access through their respective Academic Clinical Programmes (ACPs) to facilitate their research. In addition, CS Residents will be eligible to apply for the National Medical Research Council (NMRC) seed funding to start their pilot research projects.

## HEAR FROM OUR CS RESIDENTS

“ CS Residency track has been an exciting and challenging journey so far. I have received help and support from my clinical mentors who have guided me for clinical training and ensured there is protected time for my research and development. Although this is the path less travelled, the journey is definitely a fulfilling one.

**Dr Feng Jiajun**  
Singapore Integrated Programme  
for Plastic Surgery ”

“ There are definitely many challenges to balance clinical training and research work, and the biggest one has to be time. It is often difficult to juggle clinical work every day and yet have time set aside to write grants, papers and coordinate recruitment of patients. The research protected time is definitely helpful. The seed funding is crucial for those of us starting out on our research journey, enabling us to apply for national funding to further our research.

**Dr Ku Chee Wai**  
Obstetrics and Gynaecology Programme ”

## APPLYING TO CS RESIDENCY

### CS RESIDENCY INTAKE STARTS AT R4/SR1

Residents must obtain a letter of endorsement from DIO and Programme Director (PD) for the CS Residency application.

*For Internal Medicine Residents, application for CS Residency is done together with the application for Senior Residency in the medical subspecialties via the MOHH portal.*

### RESIDENTS MUST SUBMIT ENDORSED LETTER TO MOH

MOHH will facilitate the application via the MOHH portal. Applicants must submit their portfolio, including a one-page write-up of their research interest and a letter of endorsement from DIO and PD.

### INTERVIEW WITH SAB RESEARCH COMMITTEE (SRC) MEMBERS

All applicants will undergo an interview with the panel of Specialists Accreditation Board (SAB) Research Committee members. The interviews are research-focused and assess candidates for a research career.

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For more information on CS Residency application, visit [www.physician.mohh.com.sg](http://www.physician.mohh.com.sg)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q1: Does the CS Residency track provide protected time during Residency training?

All CS Residents have an additional year of Residency. During the research year, 80% of Residents' work time is protected for research activities, and the remaining 20% for clinical work. Residents will also be allowed to extend beyond the 80% cap with the approval of their PD and research mentor.

### Q2: What is the funding support available?

Residents can apply for research grants such as the SingHealth Foundation Research Grants. In addition to grants, Residents are eligible to apply for a one-time NMRC seed funding of up to \$50,000 for a pilot project.

### Q3: What are the requirements for successful exit from CS Residency programme?

Residents will need to achieve the following:

- at least the Master of Clinical Investigation (MCI) or equivalent, and
- at least a first-author publication in a reputable peer-reviewed journal

For specialty specific requirements, Residents should discuss with their PD and research mentor.

### Q4: At which point am I allowed to pursue the MCI?

The MCI is a two-year part-time programme. Residents can embark on the MCI at any Residency year as long as the Residency training requirements are also met. For application, Residents have to obtain the PD's endorsement as well as the Residency Advisory Committee's (RAC's) approval.

Residents who have already obtained research qualifications (e.g. PhD) may be exempted from MCI, subjected to SAB Research Committee's (SRC's) approval.

### Q5: Can I pursue other research qualifications during my research year?

Residents who are interested to pursue other research qualifications equivalent to MCI (e.g. Diploma, Masters, or PhD) during their research year will need to seek prior approval from SRC. Residents may also apply for local or overseas research attachments.

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