**ANNEX A**

**RESEARCH THEMES FOR**

**02FY2018 HERITAGE RESEARCH GRANT (HRG) GRANT CALL**

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| **Topic** | **Description** |
| **Heritage and Identity** | This topic invites proposals for research on qualitative and quantitative methods to understand how heritage could contribute to building Singaporeans’ sense of belonging and identity.  Researchers should propose specific case studies which highlight the role of heritage in urban environment, such as area conservation, revitalisation of old neighbourhoods, transmission of traditional practices, rituals and festivals and other examples in which heritage has enriched the character of places where we live, work and play. |
| **Intangible Cultural Heritage** | This topic invites proposals for research related to the intangible cultural heritage (ICH) of Singapore. Interested researchers should consult UNESCO’s 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (Article 2) for definitions and domains of ICH, that could include:* Oral Traditions and Expressions
* Performing Arts
* Social Practices, Rituals and Festive Events
* Knowledge and Practice concerning nature and the universe
* Traditional Craftsmanship

Researchers may propose research to demonstrate the value of intangible cultural heritage in Singapore’s context, or explore case studies that could deepen understanding of specific ICH practices in Singapore.  |
| **Tangible Heritage** | This topic invites proposals for research on historic buildings, structures and sites. The research focus should be primarily on Singapore, although research on overseas tangible heritage could be considered if the research is able to link the research outcomes to Singapore. The research project should include specific case studies on historic buildings, structures and sites.  Researchers may also propose research topics linked to archaeological sites in Singapore. This could involve archaeology methodology, theory and practice, archiving and database management, archaeology mapping, archaeology ethics, colonial archaeology, pre-colonial archaeology, and peoples’ archaeology. Researchers may take a cross-disciplinary approach for their proposed research. For example, researchers could explore the use of technology (e.g. digital data management, GIS Technology, aerial photography, etc) that supports the research objectives and enhances the quality of the research.  |

The HRG Secretariat encourages applicants to take an inter-cultural and cross-disciplinary approach for their proposed research topic.