

WEE KIM WEE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION APPLIED COMMUNICATION RESEARCH FINAL-YEAR PROJECT



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Essential Information for Applied Communication Research Projects

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1. Project Information for Applied Communication Research FYP

1.1. Information

The Final-Year Project provides students with the opportunity to showcase the abilities and talents you have acquired during your time at WKWSCI. Since its inception, one of the goals of the Wee Kim Wee Final Year Project is for students to complete a project that reaches a wider audience than the school. This document will cover essential information for students pursuing an Applied Communication Research (ACR) final-year project.

In meetings conducted in recent academic years, Department Leads, selected FYP supervisors and faculty administrators endorsed the following:

- ACR FYPs are interdisciplinary in nature, comprising a hybrid of Campaign and Research FYPs.
- ACR FYPs address contemporary societal problems utilizing cutting-edge communication strategies. These FYPs aim to generate practical and policy recommendations that may be applied immediately or in the near future.
- In keeping with the vision of the University, the School, and the Strategic Communication and Technology Department, FYPs are encouraged to address technology's impact on humanity.
- Specifically, communication strategies should comprise innovations in the field of communication, such as the latest messaging and modalities research, emergent communication technologies, disruptive media platforms, etc. Creative approaches should emphasize practical implications rather than merely 'successful' campaigns or 'significant' statistical results.
- ACR FYPs differ from traditional Research FYPs as these do not necessarily derive from theory nor aim to contribute to theory development. However, theoretical perspectives may guide selection of communication strategies, and analysis should provide evidence of impact.
- ACR FYPs differ from traditional Research FYPs as these targeted interventions do not necessarily need to set campaign objectives nor engage in campaign execution. However, a pilot campaign of limited scope may be conducted to understand, test and/or evaluate select communication strategies.

Supervisors you can approach

[Asst Prof. Saifuddin Ahmed](#) | [Assoc Prof. Benjamin Detenber](#) | [Prof. Shirley Ho](#) | [Assoc Prof. Jung Younbo](#) | [Assoc Prof. Kay Kim](#) | [Assoc Prof. Lee Chun Wah](#) | [Prof. Lee Kwan Min](#) | [Asst Prof. Lew Zijian](#) | [Asst Prof. Benjamin Li Junting](#) | [Assoc Prof. Chen Lou](#) | [Prof. May Lwin](#) | [Asst Prof. Poong Oh](#) | [Asst Prof. Andrew Prah](#) | [Prof. Jack Qiu](#) | [Prof. Edson Tandoc](#)

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1.2. FYP Guidelines & Grading Criteria

Written Report (90%)	Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Besides the main text, the report should also include a cover page, an abstract, references, and appendices (if any) ▪ Length of main text: <8,000 words, maximum 50 pages (excluding cover page, abstract, references, tables and figures, and appendices) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of abstract: 200 words • The report should conform to the latest edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association citations. <p>The main text of the Written Report is to include the following:</p>			
		Relevance (20%)	Project Design (25%)	Execution/Analysis/Results (30%)	Societal and Learning Value/Implications (15%)
	Evaluation Criteria	<u>Examiners will evaluate the respective Written Report sections based on:</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of, and evidence for, an unresolved societal problem, ▪ Balancing academic and non-academic sources to make an argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The cutting-edge nature, and rationale for selection, of the strategy components, ▪ Robustness of research method, ▪ Comprehensiveness of pilot campaign design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic execution of pilot campaign tactics to address societal issues, ▪ Applied communication research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicability of communication messages, mediums, or modalities to addressing societal problems, ▪ Balanced perspective of both impact and limitations of the pilot campaign. 	

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Oral Presentation (10%)	Guidelines	Students will deliver a 15-minute presentation, followed by Q&A. All group members should actively participate in both the oral presentation and Q&A. The two moderators will provide feedback and ask questions. While there is no fixed format for the presentation, students can briefly summarise their project, addressing its significance, key achievements/findings, and implications for communication practice and/or theory.
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2. Information for Applied Communication Research FYPs

2.1. Grants & Funding

WKWSC I Grant

All projects will receive a lump sum grant of \$400 by December to their designated treasurer, who is responsible for disbursing the funds to other group members.

The treasurer will provide his/her bank details and receive the payment via his/her personal GIRO account. The treasurer may update the bank account details under “Student Link > Administrative Matters > Update of Bank Account Number”.

External Funding

The NTU Development Office (DO) works with foundations that donate to the University and the DO will coordinate the donors' funds across the university. As such, DO requests that FYP groups **refrain** from asking the following organisations for support:

Ho Bee Investment | Hong Leong Foundation | Keppel Corporation | Lien Foundation | Lee Foundation | Shaw Foundation | Tan Chin Tuan Foundation | Temasek Foundation

Should a contract with an external organisation be required, make sure your team and supervisor are fully aware of the terms and conditions before committing. Upon accepting a donation, it is the responsibility of the FYP group to ensure all terms and conditions are met, including the deliverables to the organisations. The school does not enter contracts on behalf of FYP groups.

If an external donation needs to be credited to the school, refer to the attached documents for the process and information required:

- [Gift Processing Procedure and Guidelines](#)
- [Donation Form](#)
- [Donation – Gift Transmittal Collection Form](#)

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2.2. Clearances & Permissions

Location Booking within NTU

For locations in the “Event Venue and Banner Space” booking in NTU, do approach the [UG team](#) for assistance.

As for locations outside of this system (outside of NTU), contact the venue owner for more information. The school will be able to provide a letter of support for such bookings, however, the final approval lies with the venue owner.

2.3. Equipment & In-House Facility Booking

Groups may use NTU WKWSCI’s media equipment and facilities for their FYP via the [Media Resource Booking System \(MRBS\)](#).

Refer to this [file](#) for more information.

For Overseas projects, if the equipment is not insured, you need to purchase insurance for them. If the equipment belongs to WKWSCI, check with the Tech Team (SCI_support@ntu.edu.sg). If you are renting equipment, check with the vendors.

2.4. Copyright

The group members hold the copyright for any media produced as part of their FYP, unless arranged otherwise with their clients or subjects. The copyright text within the projects should clearly indicate this (i.e., © group member(s) name, 2024).

However, a [NTU CoHASS WKWSCI logo](#) and text must be included at the end of their project, on the packaging and any publicity materials, which reads:

“This work was produced as a Final Year Project at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.”

NTU WKWSCI also reserves the right to use any of the FYP materials for publicity and outreach purposes.

NOTE: When used on black background, students are expected to adjust the black level of the logo so that it merges with the background.

2.5. Distribution

Collaterals

Refer to these [guidelines](#) if you wish to put up collaterals within WKWSCI.

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3. Project Submission

3.1. Submission Details

All Research FYPS are to be submitted (only softcopy is required) by the time and date stated in the schedule under the WKWSCI [FYP website](#). An email with instructions will be sent closer to the date of submission.

The front cover of each FYP report and all supporting documents should include the following information:

- [COHASS WKWSCI Logo](#)
- Project Title
- Project ID (Will be provided in early March)
- Full Names and Matriculation Numbers of all group members
- Name of supervisor and co-supervisor (if any) – you do not need to include moderator's name.
- *“This work was produced as a Final-Year Project in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University Singapore for the Bachelor of Communication Studies.”* at the bottom of cover page.

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Organising your files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collate your FYP report in one single file (e.g., include appendices, tables, bibliography etc.) If there are many appendices, submit them as separate files for easy reference. ▪ Convert your documents to unsecured PDF format. ▪ Upload accompanying materials as separate files (e.g., posters, video clips, publications, illustrated features, questionnaires, scripts etc.), preferably in common file formats. 								
Naming your files	FYP Reports	<p><School code=SCI><FYP project ID></p> <p>e.g., SCIYY0XX.pdf</p> <p>Note: School Code=SCI; Your FYP Project ID comprises of 5 numerals (YY0XX):</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; text-align: center;">1st & 2nd digit (YY)</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">3rd digit</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">4th & 5th digit (XX)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1st two digits in your final academic year e.g. AY23/24 (YY=23)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Your assigned project ID (provided in early March)</td> </tr> </table>		1 st & 2 nd digit (YY)	3 rd digit	4 th & 5 th digit (XX)	1 st two digits in your final academic year e.g. AY 23 /24 (YY=23)	0	Your assigned project ID (provided in early March)
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Naming your files	For accompanying materials (e.g., posters, video clips, publications, questionnaires, scripts, etc.)	<p>Append letters "a", "b", "c", etc. after FYP Report file name.</p> <p>e.g., SCIYY0XXa.pdf SCIYY0XXb.mp4 SCIYY0XXc.mp3</p>							

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Only one group member per team needs to submit the report, and through **all three channels** below:

	Channel of Submission	Submission Method										
1	Turnitin via NTULearn Plagiarism Checker	<p>Your final submission will be reviewed for plagiarism using the detailed report that the software generates and based on judgment about material the software flags as a match. The software is programmed to ignore material in quotation marks and bibliographic entries. There is no magical percentage of matching content that is allowed. A quick look at the projects submitted so far shows that most have between 0-2% matching material.</p> <p>Though you may submit drafts in Turnitin up until the due date, make sure the last submission is the final version of the report that is also submitted as hard copies.</p> <p><u>Steps for submission</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="611 762 2024 1129"> <tr> <td data-bbox="611 762 680 879">1</td> <td data-bbox="680 762 2024 879">All FYP students will be registered under the “SCI: FYP: SCI-FYP” module in NTULearn. Submit your FYP reports in the AY S2 FYP Submission link which will be made available on the dates stated in the WKWSC I FYP website.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="611 879 680 975">2</td> <td data-bbox="680 879 2024 975">Save your final report as: [Project Number]_[Project Title]_[Project Type] (E.g., CSYY0XX_XXXXXXXXXXXX_Campaign / CSYY0XX_XXXXXXXXXXXX_ACR)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="611 975 680 1018">3</td> <td data-bbox="680 975 2024 1018">Only one group member is to submit the FYP report through the module.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="611 1018 680 1061">4</td> <td data-bbox="680 1018 2024 1061">You are not required to submit appendices for this submission.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="611 1061 680 1129">5</td> <td data-bbox="680 1061 2024 1129">For projects like feature writing that can be submitted in text files, submit both the report and the text files (e.g., feature articles)</td> </tr> </table>	1	All FYP students will be registered under the “SCI: FYP: SCI-FYP” module in NTULearn. Submit your FYP reports in the AY S2 FYP Submission link which will be made available on the dates stated in the WKWSC I FYP website .	2	Save your final report as: [Project Number]_[Project Title]_[Project Type] (E.g., CSYY0XX_XXXXXXXXXXXX_Campaign / CSYY0XX_XXXXXXXXXXXX_ACR)	3	Only one group member is to submit the FYP report through the module.	4	You are not required to submit appendices for this submission.	5	For projects like feature writing that can be submitted in text files, submit both the report and the text files (e.g., feature articles)
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2	Archival Submission to DR-NTU (Library)	<p>NTU guidelines require all projects to be submitted to the digital repository. Students' works will be stored in the restricted portion of the Repository where access is given to current NTU staff and students. Students who fail to archive their FYP reports on time may not be allowed to graduate. The University retains the right to use your archived final year project within NTU guidelines.</p> <p>One group member is to submit FYP report & appendices with softcopies of creative works such as posters, videos, etc.</p>										

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3	<p>Submission to Moderators and Supervisor via OneDrive</p> <p><i>*This is not applicable for hardcopy submission projects</i></p>	<p>One group member is to upload the report to the group's personalised link and folder. Access to the folder will cease at 4pm sharp.</p> <p><u>Steps for submission</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Go to the personalised link that was shared to you.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Click on the link to sign in using your student network account username (omit "@ntu.edu.sg" or domain "student")</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Upload your report to the specific folder that was shared to you.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>Close the window once you have uploaded the file</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td>Send an email to ask.WKWSCI@ntu.edu.sg to inform that you have uploaded the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Your subject title should be your project no. only, e.g., CS/YY/0XX</td> </tr> </table>	1	Go to the personalised link that was shared to you.	2	Click on the link to sign in using your student network account username (omit " @ntu.edu.sg " or domain "student")	3	Upload your report to the specific folder that was shared to you.	4	Close the window once you have uploaded the file	5	Send an email to ask.WKWSCI@ntu.edu.sg to inform that you have uploaded the report.		Your subject title should be your project no. only, e.g., CS/YY/0XX
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3.2. Late Submission

The penalty for late submissions is to deduct 5 points per day late; the weekend will count as two days. Groups who submit their media on time and re-submit new copies after the deadline are subjected to the late policy.

The late penalty may be waived in the event of serious illness, bereavement, or other events beyond the students' control. The FYP committee, in consultation with the FYP supervisor, will approve any waivers and set a later deadline.