

PhD positions in movement ecology in tropical Asia

The Movement Ecology and Conservation Lab, newly established in the Asian School of the Environment at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, is recruiting two motivated PhD candidates to join us in August 2026 or January 2027. The central theme of our lab is animal movement ecology and its applications in wildlife conservation and management, with a focus on birds and Southeast Asia.

PhD projects may contribute to our current research themes, including:

- Migration ecology and conservation of shorebirds in Southeast Asia
- Diversity of bird movement patterns in tropical Asia

We also welcome students to develop PhD projects based on their specific interest within the broader theme of movement ecology and conservation.

We are looking for PhD candidates who can conduct independent research, work well in a team, and with strong organizational, analytical and communication skills. Ideal candidates have experience in processing and analysing environmental, spatial or movement data, and possess field skills relevant to the project, such as tracker deployment, bird handling, animal surveys, prey sampling, and behavioural observations. Our lab offers opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, international training and networking, mentorship for career development and an inclusive and supportive environment.

Institution: [Nanyang Technological University, Singapore](#) is a leading research-intensive university in Asia and recently ranked **1st** amongst the world's best young universities. The [Asian School of the Environment \(ASE\)](#) is a diverse school that integrates geosciences, ecology and social sciences to address environmental challenges in Southeast Asia and globally. The ASE PhD programme offers comprehensive training in scientific, computational and transferrable skills.

Funding: The PhD candidates will receive a competitive funding package that covers tuition and provides a stipend for the full four-year duration of the PhD. Outstanding students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offering higher stipends. Funding is available for fieldwork and attending international conferences and workshops.

Interested candidates should send an email to the lab PI, Ginny Chan (yingchi.chan@ntu.edu.sg) with a CV and a brief cover letter describing your motivation, skills and experience, why you are a good fit to our lab, and what research questions would you be interested in pursuing. Please also read the [admissions requirements for the ASE PhD programme](#) and feel free to email Ginny Chan for any questions regarding the positions and requirements. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview, and the selected candidates will have to apply to the graduate school before the deadline (31 January 2026 for the August 2026 intake).

For a start in August 2026, please send your CV and cover letter before **24 November 2025** for full consideration.