



Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura
(Islamic Religious Council of Singapore)

Religious Leadership Development Programme

Strengthening religious
leadership to serve the
community

Why Religious Leadership Development Programme (RLDP)

Your community needs you

Every day, you witness it. Our community stands at a remarkable crossroads — where timeless human struggles meet the unprecedented challenges of a digital age, shifting geopolitics, and a growing need for genuine connection.

Singapore's Muslim community is evolving — and so must its leadership. In such times, our *asatizah* are called not merely to tend religious doctrines but to guide those in their care towards meaning and belonging, and to serve all of humanity with grace and purpose.

You already serve with dedication. You've committed your life to knowledge, to faith, to your community. But leadership in Singapore today demands more than scholarship alone. It requires the ability to navigate complex policy landscapes, engage diverse stakeholders, and guide communities through unprecedented challenges.

This is where RLDP comes in.

A programme built for Singapore's religious leaders

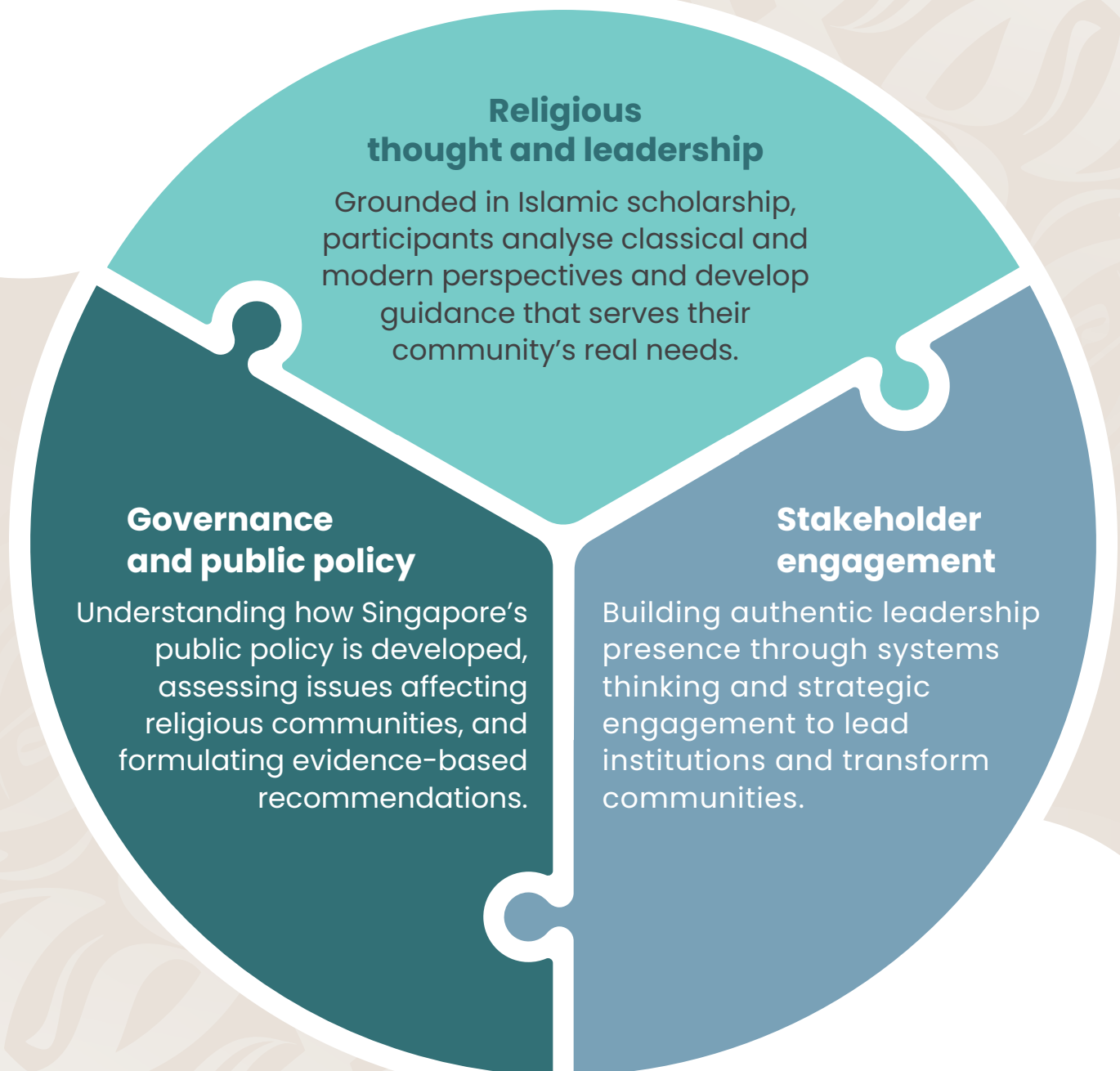
The RLDP is MUIS's initiative designed specifically for *asatizah* like you — leaders ready to deepen their impact. This is **Singapore's only religious leadership executive programme** created exclusively for *asatizah*, developed through a collaboration between MUIS and the Singapore College of Islamic Studies (SCIS).

RLDP recognises something essential — **religious leadership in a multicultural society requires both depth and breadth.**

This programme was designed to cultivate exactly that.

Transform how you lead

Across three semesters, RLDP strengthens your capabilities across three interconnected domains:



**This isn't only professional development.
This is leadership transformation.**

What makes RLDP different

Real expertise, real experience

You won't learn from theory alone. RLDP connects you with seasoned leaders and practitioners who navigate these complexities daily — religious scholars who've guided communities through difficult questions, policymakers who understand how decisions are made, leaders who've developed strong and robust systems.

Every module blends academic rigour with practical application. Every session is designed to translate directly into the work you do.

Networks that open doors

Throughout RLDP, you'll engage with distinguished religious scholars, policy experts, and community leaders through fireside chats, leadership dialogue sessions, and roundtable discussions. These aren't networking events — they're platforms for genuine exchange with the people shaping Singapore's religious landscape.

The relationships you build here will extend far beyond graduation, opening doors to collaborations, opportunities, and influence within Singapore's religious ecosystem.



Programme structure & content

12 months. 3 semesters. 5 days per semester.

RLDP is structured across three semesters over 12 months. Each semester requires up to five consecutive days of in-person engagement and dialogue sessions throughout the year. You will be expected to secure your employer's support.

The programme is fully funded by MUIS.



Semester One

Module 1: Governance of Muslim Affairs in Singapore

Understand the landscape you serve within. Through case studies and direct engagement with current and former practitioners, you'll develop a working knowledge of public administration and policy development in Singapore's unique context. You'll also take part in group work to develop policy responses to future scenarios that could affect religious communities — moving from theory to application from day one.

Semester Two

Module 2: Leadership and Community Engagement

Start by understanding yourself as a leader — assess your capabilities, identify areas for growth, and explore what collaborative leadership really means through peer learning and case studies. You'll then put this into practice by building trust, establishing rapport, and engaging meaningfully with the communities you serve. Learning journeys to community organisations round off the experience, giving you a first-hand look at leaders doing this work on the ground.

Semester Three

Module 3: Advancing Religious Thought in Singapore

Sharpen your scholarship in dialogue with Singapore's religious leadership. You'll engage directly with contemporary religious issues, work in multidisciplinary groups to address complex modern topics, and develop the conviction to deliver religious guidance that is both grounded and clear. This is where scholarship meets practice.

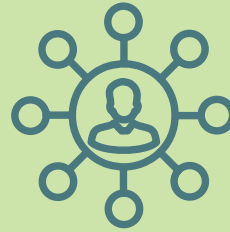
Throughout the programme



Leadership dialogue series

Learn directly from those shaping Singapore's religious landscape.

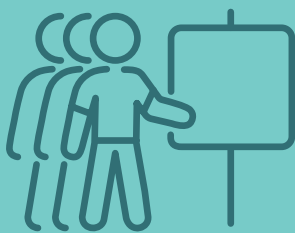
Ongoing across all three semesters, participants engage in closed-door dialogues, fireside chats, and roundtable discussions with distinguished religious scholars, policy experts, and community leaders.



Learning journeys

Broaden your perspective beyond the classroom.

Structured exposure to diverse work practices and community dynamics across Singapore's multicultural society, broadening participants' perspectives beyond their immediate context.



Capstone project

Apply your learning to real-world challenges.

In groups and under close mentorship, participants address a real issue in the sector and present their deliverables at the end of the programme — practical and with real-world applications.



Optional: supplementary programmes

Go deeper for those who want more.

Participants may join seminars, symposiums, conferences and Fatwa Lab to pursue advanced research — available at various points throughout the programme.

Learning experience & outcomes

Completion requirements

To successfully complete the programme:

- ✓ Minimum 80% attendance for each module
- ✓ Satisfactory completion of all assignments and assessments
- ✓ Active participation in group projects and dialogue sessions
- ✓ Successful completion of capstone project or advanced research (Semester 3)

Certificate of completion

Upon successful completion, you'll receive a certificate from MUIS recognising your achievement in completing the programme. This certificate demonstrates your commitment to professional development and your readiness for enhanced leadership responsibilities within Singapore's religious sector.

But the real credential is who you've become.



Growth areas

By the end of RLDP, you will have grown in three key areas that matter most for religious leadership in Singapore.

Religious issues

Analyse and respond to emerging religious issues with depth and forward-looking perspective — anticipating the evolving needs of Singapore's Muslim community.

Policy & governance

Understand Singapore's national priorities and policy landscape as they relate to the Muslim community's socio-religious life. Exercise informed religious leadership that contributes strategically to serving and strengthening the community.

Stakeholder collaboration

Collaborate effectively with fellow asatizah and engage diverse stakeholders — government agencies, community organisations, inter-religious partners — in service of shared goals and the common good.

You'll lead with heart, purpose, and confidence.

After the programme

Alumni network & future engagement

Graduation isn't the end — it's the beginning of lifelong connection to Singapore's religious leadership community. As an RLDP alumnus, you'll have:

- ✓ Permanent recognition as a programme graduate
- ✓ Mentoring opportunities to guide future cohorts
- ✓ Exclusive invitations to future programmes and sessions
- ✓ Continued access to the networks and relationships that will define your leadership journey

Who should apply

Is this programme for you?

You're already serving your community with proven dedication and capability. Now you're ready to expand your impact and take on greater leadership responsibilities within Singapore's religious sector.

RLDP is open to Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS) Tier 1 certified asatizah with strong leadership potential and a deep commitment to Singapore's Muslim community.

We welcome:



Experienced professionals

Serving the community and ready to lead at a greater capacity from across the sector:

- Mosques
- Madrasahs
- MUIS, Syariah Court, Registry of Muslim Marriages
- Muslim community organisations



Emerging talents

Completed the Postgraduate Certificate in Islam in Contemporary Societies (PCICS) and currently holding or pursuing ARS Tier 1 certification.

You've built the foundation. Now you're ready to build the future.

What matters most

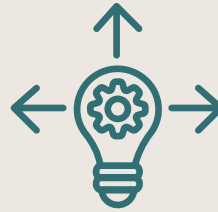
Formal qualifications open the door. But what we truly seek are asatizah who possess:



**Genuine
commitment
to serving
Singapore's
Muslim
community**



**Leadership
potential
and
commitment
to
continuous
growth**



**Intellectual
curiosity
and
openness
to diverse
perspectives**



**The courage
to bridge
scholarship
with
community
realities**

If you're ready to deepen your service and expand your influence, RLDP is designed for you.



How to apply

Please submit your applications via MUIS's website at www.muis.gov.sg

Required PDF documents:

- Current curriculum vitae (updated within the last 6 months)
- Recent passport-sized photograph (digital format)
- Scanned copies of highest qualification certificates and transcripts
- Letter of recommendation from employer, academic supervisor, or community leader

Selection process

Application review

Applications are assessed based on leadership potential, commitment to serving Singapore's Muslim community, and alignment with programme objectives.

Next steps

All applicants will be notified of their outcomes via email. Successful candidates will then be invited to a programme overview briefing.

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