Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)

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A*STAR Graduate Scholarship

*Thanks to A*STAR, I am now on a journey to find the right balance between passion and precision.*

Jacqueline Chee Lai Yuen
AGS Scholar
Imperial College London
"Passion is the key to research. It is the passion for science and discovery that motivates scientists to persevere. Scientists are also motivated by the broader purpose of their efforts. Whether it is to seek a better cure for a disease; to improve human health; to enhance our quality of life; or to tackle global challenges; this desire to make a difference and to have an impact are usually the ideals that inspire young people into science and discovery and sustains the commitment of those who are already engaged."

Lim Chuan Poh, Chairman, A*STAR

The world of science is fascinating. If you enjoy discovering new knowledge; if you are driven to search for answers, let the A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS) help you begin your journey of scientific discoveries.

Why pursue a PhD?
• Increasing demand for PhD talent as Singapore evolves into a knowledge-based, innovation-driven economy
• Pursue a PhD and position yourself for new opportunities in the exciting research arena
• Immerse yourself in the vibrant research-intensive environment at A*STAR Research Institutes (RIs) and partner universities

Why chose A*STAR Graduate Scholarship?
• Work and interact with the dynamic community of top scientists at A*STAR RIs and partner universities
• Learn from the best of the local and international research laboratories
• Establish an international network of fellow researchers

AGS is tenable at the following partner universities in Singapore, Europe and the United States:
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
Imperial College London
Karolinska Institutet
University of Cambridge
University of Dundee
University of Oxford
Carnegie Mellon University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

United States
Carnegie Mellon University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS)
Partnership PhD Programme

In collaboration with selected Universities, A*STAR offers exciting and challenging PhD scholarship opportunities for those keen to pursue an R&D career in science and technology.

AGS (NUSTNUT) provides a 4-year scholarship to do a PhD in Singapore and potentially a 2-year international fellowship for post-doctoral experience overseas. Scholars register at either NUS or NTU and undertake their research at an A*STAR Research Institute (RI) and/or either university. Scholars are given opportunities to travel abroad for conferences and overseas research attachments during their PhD studies. In addition, scholars will be given the opportunity after their PhD studies to pursue up to 2-years of post-doctoral fellowship at a top overseas university or research laboratory.

AGS (OVERSEAS) provides a 4-year scholarship to do an oversea PhD, comprising 2 years of PhD studies at an A*STAR RI in Singapore and 2 years at the selected University. PhD research training will be carried out under the supervision of a professor from the selected University and a senior researcher from an A*STAR RI. Successful students will be conferred a PhD degree by the selected University. They are also required to undergo a one-year research attachment at an A*STAR RI prior to their PhD studies.

Areas of Interest
Research areas under the AGS PhD Programme fall broadly under two categories:
(i) Biomedical Sciences; and
(ii) Physical Science and Engineering.
Approved research areas will be determined by the Programme Governing and Academic Board, and will be aligned with the research thrusts of the A*STAR RIs.

Eligibility
• Singaporeans and other nationals intending to take up Singapore Citizenship.
• Candidates must have at least 2nd Class (Upper) Honours and good 'A' Level results.
• Candidates must satisfy criteria for PhD admission to the selected Universities.
• Preference will be given to candidates with a strong interest in a research career.
• Awardees are expected to attain good GRE scores.

Coverage
Successful candidates will be given support for up to 4 years of academic pursuit. Successful candidates will receive:
• Full tuition fees
• Monthly subsistence allowance
• Annual book allowance
• Conference allowance
• Computer allowance
• Thesis allowance
• Travel and subsistence allowance for each permitted overseas visit

All rates/allowances are subject to adjustments by A*STAR from time to time.

Challenging Employment
Upon completion of their studies, candidates will return to contribute to A*STAR’s RIs for a service commitment period of up to 3 years.

Application Procedure
Applicants can apply at https://scholarships.a-star.edu.sg/ Applicants also have to apply for admission at the preferred partner universities.

The application form together with supporting documents are to be submitted by post to:

A*STAR Graduate Academy
Agency for Science, Technology and Research
20 Biopolis Way, #08-01 Centros
Singapore 138668

A*STAR accepts and processes AGS applications throughout the year. However, priority will be given to applications that reach us by 15 April for admission to the selected Universities for the following year.

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.