"I can achieve greater things in the fascinating world of science than I ever imagined, and realised my potential as a scientist – all with A*STAR’s support! Access to well-equipped facilities for scientific research coupled with the knowledge and experience of my supervisors have enriched my life and enabled me to pick up invaluable technical skills."

Wang QiuXia, Chelsia
A*STAR PGS awardee, NTU
A*STAR Graduate Scholarship, NUS

A*STAR Pre-Graduate Scholarship (PGS)

The A*STAR PGS provides a headstart for bright young undergraduates keen to pursue their PhD studies and embark on a research career. Awardees from National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) can look forward to research attachments at A*STAR’s Research Institutes with state-of-the-art facilities and be part of A*STAR’s community of diverse and renowned scientists and researchers.

For more details on the PGS, please go to http://www.a-star.edu.sg/pga

Eligibility

- Top undergraduates in Year from Biomedical, Physical Science and Engineering at NUS or NTU
- Open to Singaporeans, Singaporean Permanent Residents and ASEAN Nationals
- Candidates must be on track to attain at least a good 2nd Upper Class Honours or equivalent
- Candidates must not concurrently hold any other scholarships or awards

Award Details*

Successful candidates will be provided with financial support for the duration of their undergraduate studies:

- Tuition fees subsidy
- Monthly sustenance allowance (depending on year of study)
- Research attachment opportunities at A*STAR Research Institutes
- One overseas exchange programme throughout the entire PGS programme. Funding include one economy return airfare and monthly sustenance allowance up to 6 months. Awardees will have to gain admission into the exchange programme through their respective universities based on their own merit.

Candidates awarded in Years 2 or 3 must maintain good academic standing for the award to be renewed the following year.

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

Continuing with PhD Studies

Upon completion of their undergraduate studies, candidates are required to embark on a PhD programme within 6 months. Candidates can apply to A*STAR scholarship in the final year of studies at NUS or NTU.

Application Procedure

Applications are opened throughout the year. Interested applicants may apply through their universities:

National University of Singapore

NUS Graduate School for Integrative Sciences & Engineering (NGS)
Centre for Life Sciences (CeLS), #05-01
28 Medical Drive
Singapore 117456
http://www.nus.edu.sg/gradscholarships/Pages/PreGraduateAward.aspx

Nanyang Technological University

Graduate Studies Office
Student Services Centre (formerly known as Admin Annexe), Level 3
42 Nanyang Avenue
Singapore 639798
http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/graduate/scholarships/Pages/ASTARPre-GraduateAward.aspx

Chwee Tsz Sian, Jeremy
A*STAR PGS awardee, NUS National Science Scholarship (PhD), Princeton University

“I was most fortunate to have been among the recipients of the PGS in 2003. It was great motivation for students like myself who are single-minded in pursuing graduate studies. I understand that this programme has been expanded to include a wider cohort of undergraduates. I believe that opportunities for research attachments at various A*STAR institutes are also exciting additions to the PGS.”