

GLOBAL LABS, GLOBAL IMPACT

The A*STAR International Fellowship (AIF) is a prestigious scholarship designed to support early-career researchers in pursuing their aspirations in research and innovation. Based on their chosen tracks, AIF fellows gain exposure to world-class research environments or entrepreneurial ecosystems, forge global networks, and develop capabilities for impactful careers when they return to Singapore.

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Independent research opportunities



Access to A*STAR's Research Ecosystem



Exceptional mentorship from leading scientists



Exposure to academia, industry, and innovation



Research and career mobility

CHOOSE YOUR PATH FROM TWO SPECIALISED TRACKS

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	 Host Environment	 Career Outcomes	 Fellowship Focus
Research Track	Top overseas host lab	Progression towards junior Principal Investigator and research leadership	Strong mentoring for publishing and building long-term research direction
Innovation Track	Deep-tech portfolio companies or startups, venture capitalist firms and venture builders	Biz-tech roles or startup founders in Singapore	Guidance in Intellectual Property strategy, venture development, and industry translation

A*STAR RESEARCH INSTITUTES

Biomedical Research Council (BMRC)

- A*STAR Bioinformatics Institute (A*STAR BII)
- A*STAR Bioprocessing Technology Institute (A*STAR BTI)
- A*STAR Genome Institute of Singapore (A*STAR GIS)
- A*STAR Infectious Diseases Labs (A*STAR IDL)
- A*STAR Institute for Human Development and Potential (A*STAR IHDP)
- A*STAR Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (A*STAR IMCB)
- A*STAR Singapore Immunology Network (A*STAR SigN)
- A*STAR Singapore Institute of Food and Biotechnology Innovation (A*STAR SIFBI)
- A*STAR Skin Research Labs (A*STAR SRL)

Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC)

- A*STAR Advanced Remanufacturing and Technology Centre (A*STAR ARTC)
- A*STAR Institute of Advanced Intelligence and Computing (A*STAR IAIC)
- A*STAR Institute of Microelectronics (A*STAR IME)
- A*STAR Institute of Materials Research and Engineering (A*STAR IMRE)
- A*STAR Institute of Sustainability for Chemicals, Energy and Environment (A*STAR ISCE²)
- A*STAR National Metrology Centre (A*STAR NMC)
- A*STAR Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology (A*STAR SIMTech)

The A*STAR STORY

The Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) is Singapore's lead public sector R&D agency.

Through open innovation, we collaborate with our partners in both the public and private sectors to benefit the economy and society. As a Science and Technology Organisation, A*STAR bridges the gap between academia and industry. Our research creates economic growth and jobs for Singapore, and enhances lives by improving societal outcomes in healthcare, urban living, and sustainability.

A*STAR plays a key role in nurturing scientific talent and leaders for the wider research community and industry. A*STAR's R&D activities span biomedical sciences to physical sciences and engineering, with research entities primarily located in Biopolis and Fusionopolis.

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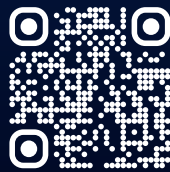
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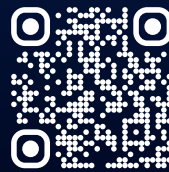
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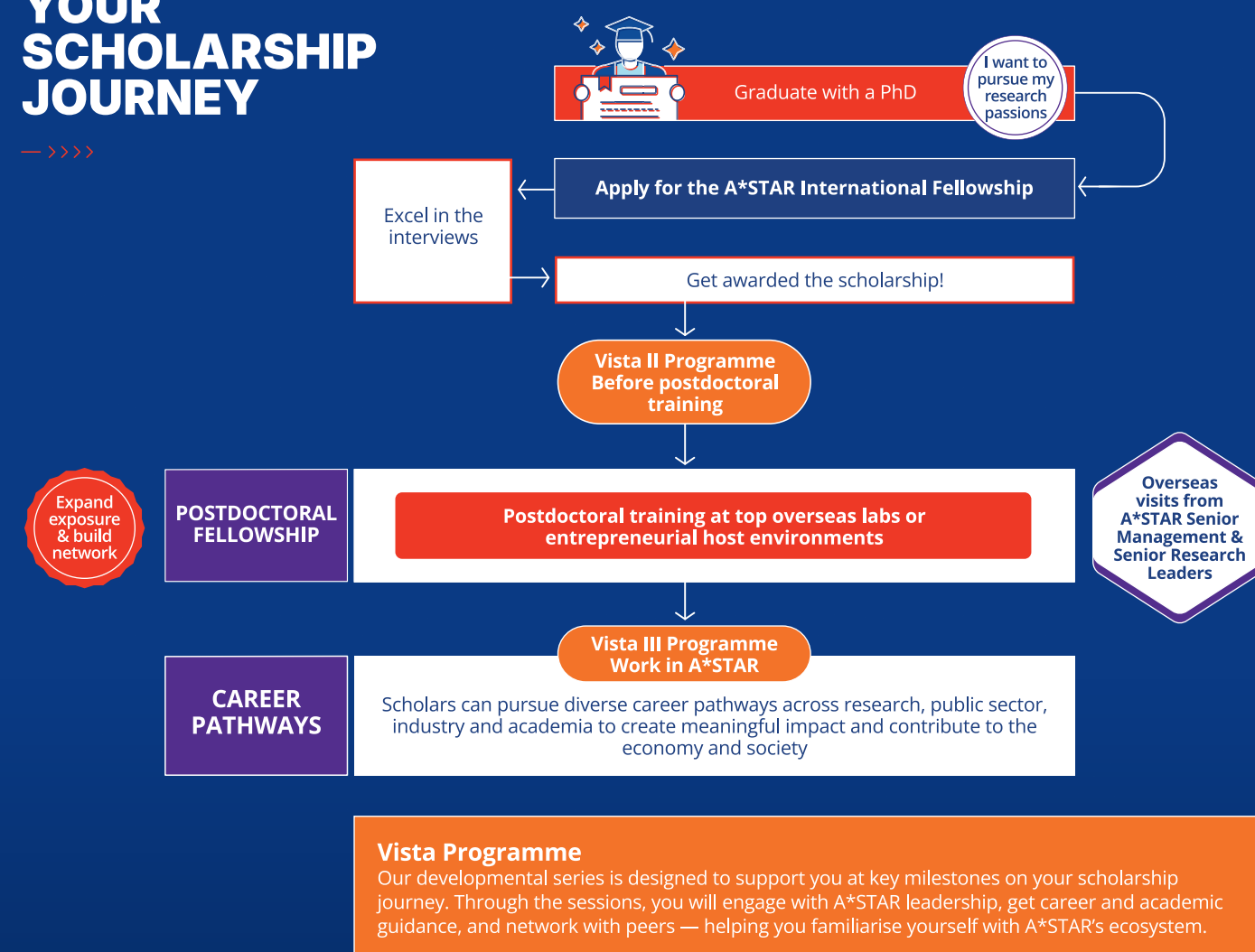
MAKE RESEARCH Real

WITH
A*STAR International
Fellowship (AIF)

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YOUR SCHOLARSHIP JOURNEY

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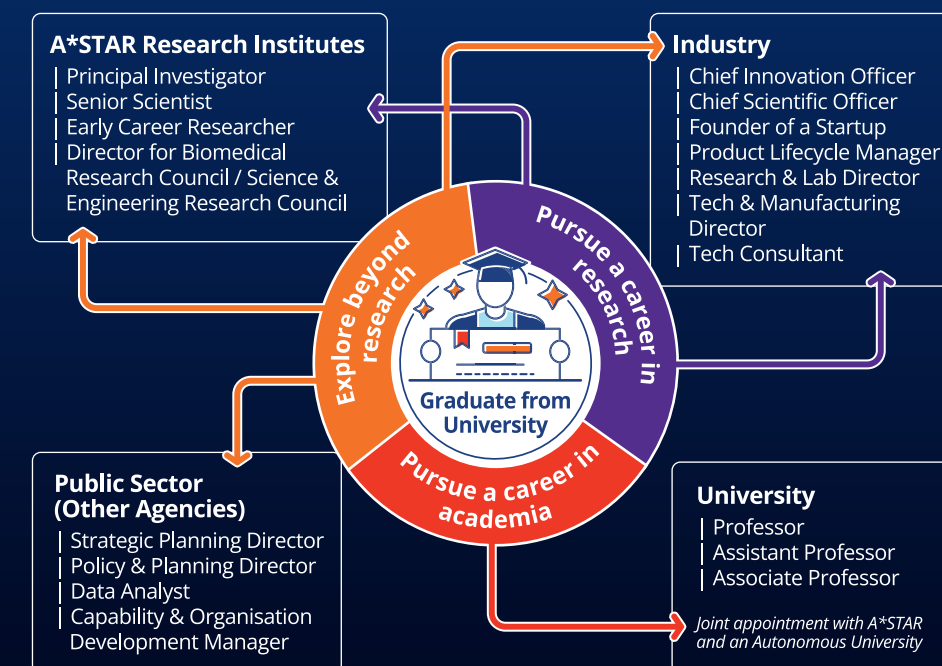


WHAT'S NEXT AFTER YOUR FELLOWSHIP?

A career in research isn't one-dimensional. There are diverse pathways you can choose from, depending on your passion and interests.

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Note: Designations are for illustration purposes only. Actual positions and job titles may vary, depending on the industry and/or organisation.



RESEARCH & INNOVATION ON A GLOBAL STAGE

Global exposure broadens perspectives, strengthens international collaborations, and helps accelerate the exchange and development of powerful ideas. The A*STAR International Fellowship (AIF) becomes the launchpad for our postdoctoral researchers to pursue advanced research at leading overseas institutions while remaining connected to Singapore's R&I ecosystem.

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AT THE INTERSECTION OF ACADEMIA, INDUSTRY & GOVERNMENT

As an AIF Fellow, you are part of a research environment that supports collaboration across sectors—from fundamental science to applied innovation. You gain access to:

- Industry partnerships and translational research platforms
- Start-up and venture-building ecosystems
- Cross-disciplinary initiatives aligned with national priorities

SINGAPORE, WHERE RESEARCH MEETS REAL-WORLD IMPACT

Backed by strong national investment and deep industry partnerships, Singapore is a globally connected platform for advanced research to influence real-world systems at scale. For AIF Fellows, this is where your research translates into purposeful application and measurable impact.



Eligibility

General requirements Applicants must:

- Be Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents (SPRs). Foreigners who are non-SPRs with outstanding track records may be considered on an exceptional basis. Non-Singaporeans are required to have obtained Singapore citizenship prior to the commencement of the fellowship
- Have completed a PhD within the last 4 years*
- Not have existing bonds to any institution

**Applicants in the final stages of their PhD may apply for the AIF. However, their AIF award is confirmed only upon conferment of their PhD degree*

Additional track-specific requirements: AIF (Research):

- Possess excellent publication records
- Have applied or be applying for a relevant postdoctoral position at a top overseas university/lab

Mid-term AIF (R) applicants must:

- Be Singaporean
- Be enrolled in a top overseas university/lab at the point of scholarship application
- Possess excellent publication records
- Current postdoctoral supervisor to be at least one out of the two academic referees

AIF (Innovation):

- Demonstrate strong aptitude and aspiration to pursue roles in innovation and entrepreneurship (I&E)
- Preferably with good publication records

*The above eligibility criteria are not exhaustive. A*STAR may include additional selection criteria based on prevailing scholarship policies. These policies may be amended from time to time without notice.*



Coverage

Successful applicants will be given the following support† for up to 2 years of overseas postdoctoral training:

- Monthly overseas living allowance
- Monthly sustenance allowance, inclusive of CPF contributions (where applicable)
- Annual return airfare
- Other allowances including:
 - Settling-in allowance
 - Computer allowance
 - Conference allowance
- Annual personal insurance
- Mid-term AIF (R) awardees will be offered the same terms of support as the full-term AIF awardees from the point of the award, with retrospective payment for any compulsory fees incurred from the start of postdoctoral training.

*† All rates/allowances vary according to country and university/lab, and are subject to A*STAR adjustments from time to time.*



Service Commitment

Upon completion of the postdoctoral training, scholars will return to Singapore and contribute to A*STAR's research institutes and/or relevant organisations for three (3) years.

A*STAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP Research

The Research Track will allow you to gain overseas exposure, build a global network, and collaborate with leading minds.

This postdoctoral pathway is for early-career researchers looking to deepen expertise, drive independent projects, and contribute to high-impact research—building a strong foundation for careers in A*STAR, academia, industry, the public sector, or research institutes.

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Gain depth and breadth of research expertise



Conduct interdisciplinary research with A*STAR



Pursue independent research opportunities



Expand your professional network



SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

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3-Year Bond



Train at Renowned Overseas Labs



Funding Period of up to 2 Years

HOW TO APPLY

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Consider a postdoctoral position at a leading institution or deep-tech company. Engage both your intended A*STAR supervisor and overseas host to align on training objectives. Submit your application to both A*STAR and the host institution.

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If shortlisted, you will be invited for two rounds of interviews.

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Once successful, you will be given an offer, subject to the host institution's admission outcome and A*STAR's approval.

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You have two weeks to accept the fellowship and start your AIF journey!

Please note that the final approval of the postdoctoral host and training arrangement for successful candidates is subject to A*STAR's approval.

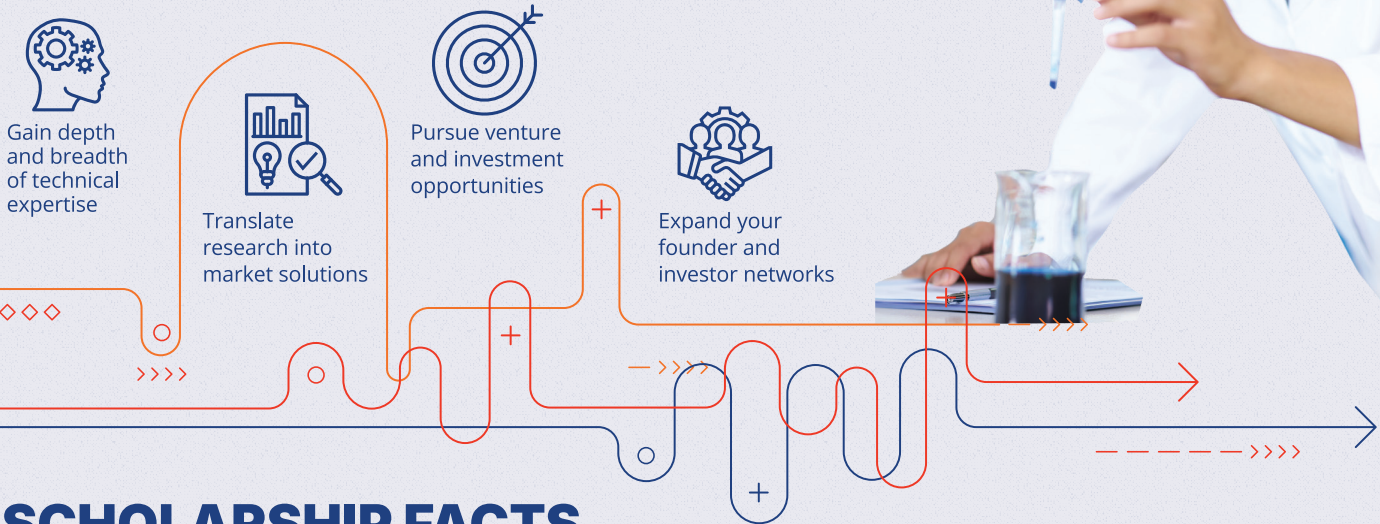
A*STAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Innovation

The Innovation Track will give you overseas exposure and help build a global network.

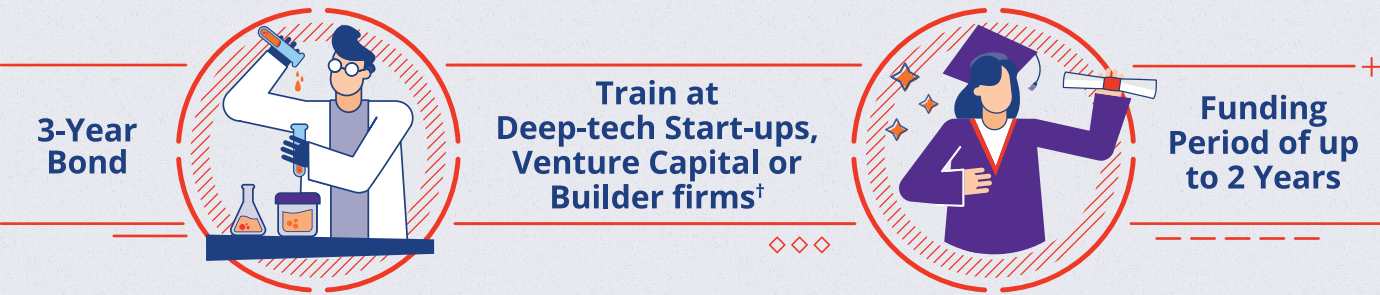
Designed for the entrepreneurial-minded, this pathway offers hands-on experience in translating cutting-edge research into investable ventures. Fellows undertake placements in deep-tech start-ups, with opportunities to work in venture capital or venture-building firms, including entrepreneur-in-residence programmes.

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SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

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† Host companies include deep-tech portfolio companies/startups, venture capitalist firms, and venture builders with strong track records and capabilities in technology commercialisation, subject to A*STAR's approval.

PURSUE YOUR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING ABROAD

Our AIF Fellows gain access to diverse training resources, skills-building, connections with global leaders in science, and invaluable overseas exposure at world-renowned laboratories.

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Forge International Scientific Connections

Experience New Cultures

Embrace Training Diversity



Key Dates	Scholarship Programme	Application Cycle	Application Period	Application Outcome
	A*STAR International Fellowship	Cycle 1	1 January to 1 April	From Mid-June
		Cycle 2	1 July to 1 October	From December

Get started on your application at for.edu.sg/scholarships-apply

Note: List of universities on this page is not exhaustive.