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**Application Deadlines**

1 February: For attachment by September
1 August: For attachment before September (the following year)
**COVERAGE**
Successful applicants will receive the following support* for up to five years:

- **Full tuition fees**
- **Monthly sustenance allowance**, inclusive of CPF contribution (where applicable)
- **Monthly overseas living allowance**
- **Annual return airfare**
- **Other allowances include:**
  - Conference allowance
  - Thesis allowance
  - Computer allowance
  - Settling-in allowance
  - Warm clothing

* All rates/allowances vary according to country and university, and are subject to adjustments by A*STAR periodically.

**DURATION**
**One-year research attachment** at an A*STAR Research Institute prior to commencement of PhD studies.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA†**

- Singaporeans and other nationals intending to take up Singapore citizenship
- Have a strong interest in research
- Have attained a good class of honours degree or equivalent in relevant disciplines

It will be an advantage for candidates to have a good track record in research and/or relevant work experience.

† The above criteria are not exhaustive. For complete eligibility criteria, refer to our website for more information.

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RESEARCH AREAS
The PhD programmes fall under these four categories:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Computing and Information Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Physical Sciences

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1. **When should I apply for the scholarship and how long will the application process take?**
   It takes about five months to process the scholarship applications from the date of submission deadline. Applicants are strongly encouraged to plan ahead and apply.

2. **What is the application and interview process like?**
   Applicants have to submit at least two referee reports, a description of their proposed research area and all their academic credentials. There will be at least two rounds of interviews involving the top management of the Biomedical Research Council or Science & Engineering Research Council, and researchers from A*STAR's Research Entities.

3. **Can a non-Singaporean apply for the National Science Scholarship (PhD)?**
   Yes. Permanent residents and non-Singaporeans who are awarded the NSS (PhD) will be required to take up Singapore citizenship no later than the third year of their PhD studies. If you are holding both Singapore citizenship and foreign citizenship/PR, you are required to divest your foreign citizenship or permanent residency status as soon as possible.

4. **Do I have to serve a bond at A*STAR after completing my PhD and/or Postgraduate studies? How long is the service commitment period?**
   NSS (PhD) scholars will serve the bond at one of A*STAR's Research Institutes for a period of four years.

5. **Will there be any post-doctoral training abroad after the conferment of my PhD?**
   NSS (PhD) scholars who complete their PhDs in less than five years may consider using their remaining funding for a post-doctoral training. Scholars should seek A*STAR's written approval for the use of their remaining funds for post-doctoral training.
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