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A*STAR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (AGS)

A*STAR COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP (ACIS)

Be part of a future-forward team of innovative minds shaping the world of tomorrow through science and technology

A prestigious and competitive bond-free scholarship for high-caliber students who wish to pursue PhD or EngD studies at an Autonomous University in Singapore. Students can take part in an overseas attachment for up to twelve months to collaborate and network with the international community of scientists and researchers.

At A*STAR Graduate Academy, we strongly believe that diversity in talent fosters innovation, forward-thinking and interdisciplinary research. We welcome you to join our community of curious minds to share fresh perspectives to help overcome ever-evolving challenges in the field of science and research. As an A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS) and A*STAR Computing and Information Science (ACIS) Scholarship scholar, you have the opportunity to study locally to receive the highest quality education from the best schools and leading Universities. You can look forward to making significant contributions to Science, Singapore, and Singaporeans.

Application Deadlines

1 February : For August intake

1 August : For January intake (the following year)

RESEARCH AREAS

The PhD programmes fall under these four categories:



Biomedical Sciences



Computing and Information Sciences



Engineering and Technology



Physical Sciences

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AWARD



Funding support

for up to four years of PhD studies



Joint supervision by outstanding researchers from A*STAR and an Autonomous University



Overseas attachment support for up to 12 months



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA^s

For full-term applicants

- ✓ Open to all. Non-Singaporeans must have completed a degree in a Singapore Autonomous University
- ✓ Have obtained at least a 2nd Upper Class Honours Degree or equivalent in relevant disciplines
- ✓ Strong interest in a research career
- ✓ **AGS:** Satisfy criteria for and seek admission to a PhD or EngD programme in an Autonomous University
- ✓ **ACIS:** Satisfy the criteria for and gain admission to a PhD programme in an Autonomous University

For mid-term applicants

- ✓ Singaporeans and other nationals are welcome to apply.
- ✓ Non-Singaporeans must have completed a degree in a Singapore autonomous university.
- ✓ Enrolled in a Singapore autonomous university and minimally complete at least 1 semester at the point of scholarship application.
- ✓ On track to attain excellent academic standing for current degree.
- ✓ Good research potential and/or achievements.
- ✓ Current university supervisor to be at least 1 out of the 2 academic referees.

^s The above criteria are not exhaustive. For complete eligibility criteria, please refer to our website.



COVERAGE[†]

Successful applicants will receive the following support* for up to four years:



Full tuition and university fees



Overseas attachment support for up to 12 months



Other allowances include:

- Book
- Computer
- Conference
- Thesis

Mid-term AGS/ACIS awardees will be offered the same terms of support as the full-term AGS/ACIS awardees from the point of the award, with retrospective payment for all tuition fees and/or any compulsory fees from Year 1 of study onwards.

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



AGS
a-star.edu.sg/ags



ACIS
a-star.edu.sg/acis

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I would like to apply for the AGS/ACIS. May I have a list of the partner Autonomous Universities?

The AGS and ACIS are tenable at the autonomous universities in Singapore for a period of up to four (4) years.

2. Should I apply for a scholarship after I have gotten a place at the autonomous universities in Singapore?

AGS/ACIS applicants should apply for university admission concurrently with their scholarship application.

3. When should I apply for the scholarship and how long will the application process take?

It will take about five months to process the scholarship applications from the date of submission deadline. Interested applicants are strongly recommended to plan ahead and apply for the scholarship in advance.

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?

Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents are not required to serve a bond. Non-Singaporeans who do not have Singapore Permanent Residency are required to serve a bond in a Singapore based company for three years.

5. What are the advantages of pursuing a PhD in Singapore compared to overseas?

Pursuing a PhD in Singapore will provide you with good exposure to Singapore's R&D needs, and you will benefit from the excellent curriculum in the local universities and mentorship of top scientists and supervisors. You will also have opportunities to form networks with other researchers and various R&D organisations in Singapore which will both enhance collaboration as well as your future career development.



HEAR FROM SOME OF OUR SCHOLARS!

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I get to work with a comprehensive team of dedicated scientists, who bring along a vast range of skills and experience that will help me push the boundaries of science and technology – to look beyond publications and instead, focus on creating meaningful impact on our society.

Joyce Tay Jia Xin

A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS) Scholar



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The scholarship has benefited me immensely. By alleviating my financial burdens, it allowed me to focus all my energy on research. Also, it put me in contact with a large network of highly talented and driven researchers and fellow PhD students.

Sebastian Tay

A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS) Scholar



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