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**A\*STAR International Fellowship (AIF)**

## **A prestigious scholarship to forge new connections and advance breakthroughs in research**

Make the most of your passion in research with the innovation network of A\*STAR. The prestigious A\*STAR International Fellowship allows you to deepen your research experience to pursue ground-breaking work. The international experience will facilitate global collaborations and connections to cultivate a culture needed for an ecosystem of innovation.

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 International Fellowship (AIF) scholar, you have the opportunity to study overseas to receive the highest quality education from the best schools and leading Universities from across the globe. You can look forward to making significant contributions to Science, Singapore, and Singaporeans.

### **Application Deadlines**

**1 April** : For commencement from August onwards

**1 October** : For commencement from February (the following year)

## WHY A\*STAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (AIF)?



**Deepen technical skills**



**Experience interdisciplinary research** with A\*STAR



Opportunity to **pursue independent research**



**Expand professional network**



### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA<sup>s</sup>

#### For full-term applicants

- ✓ Open to all Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents (SPR).
- ✓ Have completed a PhD within the last four years
- ✓ Possess excellent publication records
- ✓ No existing bond with any institution
- ✓ Have applied or applying for a relevant post-doctoral position at a top overseas university/laboratory

#### For mid-term applicants

- ✓ Be Singaporean.
- ✓ Enrolled in a top overseas university/lab at the point of scholarship application.
- ✓ Possess excellent publication records.
- ✓ Current university/lab supervisor to be at least 1 out of the 2 academic referees.

<sup>s</sup> The above criteria are not exhaustive. For complete eligibility criteria, please refer to our website.



### COVERAGE<sup>†</sup>

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



**Full tuition fees, mandatory health insurance and miscellaneous fees**



**Monthly overseas living allowance**



**Annual return airfare**



**Other allowances including:**

- Conference
- Computer
- Settling-in

Mid-term AIF 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 training onwards.

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



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is the application and interview process like?

You are required to submit your application and documents *online*. Only complete applications will be reviewed. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend at least 2 rounds of interviews and other test(s) where applicable.

Prior to the interviews, you are encouraged to think about the A\*STAR Research Institute (RI) where you will serve your 3-year bond after your post-doctoral training and how your post-doctoral training can help add value to the RI.

During the first round of interview, you will be given 30 minutes in total to present your proposed research project and answer questions on it.

## 2. Is there any criteria for the proposed overseas university/institution?

The proposed overseas university/institution should be a leading institution in your proposed research area.

## 3. Can I propose any research topic?

You should propose a research topic/area that is aligned to A\*STAR's research direction and of relevance and value to the A\*STAR Research Institutes. We strongly encourage you to have a discussion with the A\*STAR Research Institutes that is of interest to you before you propose a topic.

## 4. Do I have to serve a bond at A\*STAR after completing my post-doctoral training? How long is the service commitment period?

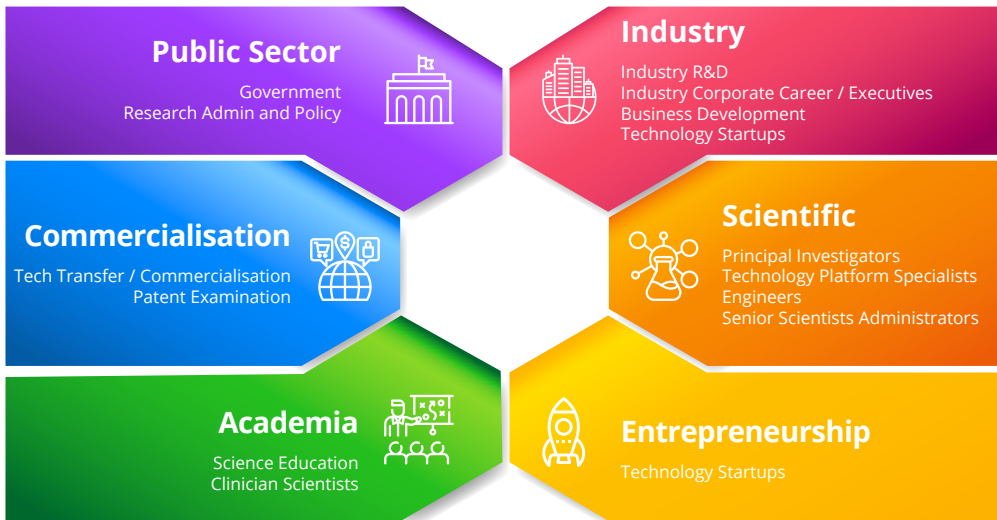
Upon completion of post-doctoral training under the AIF, you will serve at one of A\*STAR's Research Institute for three years.

## 5. Is it possible to change my research project midway through my post-doctoral training?

All scholars need to seek A\*STAR's written permission before changing your research project. Each case will be assessed on its own merit. However, scholars are encouraged to consider your research area seriously before commencing your post-doctoral studies as a mid-point change of your research focus may badly affect your progress.



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## HEAR FROM OUR SCHOLAR!



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Working in a collaborative environment has been exceptionally inspiring. It allows me to dream of innovative ideas, and collaborate with experts who can help bring these ideas to fruition. I am very grateful for the opportunities gained with the A\*STAR International Fellowship.

**Dr Han Shui'Er**

A\*STAR International Fellowship (AIF) Scholar



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