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EXCITING  
WORLD  
OF RESEARCH

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Singapore International Pre-Graduate Award (SIPGA)

## Where innovation and scientific vibrancy meet

The Singapore International Pre-Graduate Award (SIPGA) gives international bachelor's and master's students the **unique opportunity to experience the vibrant scientific environment**, and **work with world-renowned researchers at A\*STAR's research institutes**.

The short-term research attachment allows students to embark on an immersive research experience with mentors and researchers at A\*STAR. Students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively, gain valuable skills and join the community of scientists at a world-class research hub to expand their network.

## APPLY IN 5 STEPS


**1**



### Project Selection

Download the latest SIPGA project list at <https://for.edu.sg/emailSIPGAproject>.

**2**




### Prepare Supporting Documents

Passport copy, bachelor's and master's (if applicable) transcripts, CV




**3**



### Submit Application

Submit your application at <https://for.edu.sg/applySIPGA>.


**4**



### Online Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the A\*STAR researcher.

**5**



### Await Award Outcome

Successful applicants will be notified.



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA\*

- ✓ Open to international 3rd and 4th year undergraduate and master's students from overseas universities in STEM courses
- ✓ Obtained/on track to obtain at least a Second-Class (Upper) Honours or equivalent for bachelor's degree
- ✓ Students must remain matriculated in their home university during the attachment period
- ✓ Proficient in written and spoken English
- ✓ Strong interest in a research career



## ALLOWANCE

Successful applicants will receive a **monthly stipend of S\$2,000** during the attachment in Singapore



## DURATION

Attachment periods of **two to six months**

*\* The above criteria are not exhaustive.*



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. When should I apply for SIPGA?

Applications are processed on a rolling basis year round. However, please note that your intended attachment start date should be at least 4 months from your date of application.

## 2. My passport is not ready. Can I submit my application first and send in my passport later?

If you do not have a valid passport, you are welcome to apply for SIPGA while applying for/renewing your passport. You may upload any other document to indicate that your passport is not ready.

In the meantime, we will still consider your application. However, please note that a valid passport must be submitted before we can award you with SIPGA.

## 3. Do I need to apply for a visa to enter Singapore for SIPGA?

All SIPGA awardees are required to obtain a valid Training Employment Pass (TEP) to undertake an attachment at A\*STAR. The A\*STAR Graduate Academy (A\*GA) will contact successful awardees 3 to 4 months before the attachment to assist with the application of TEP.

Upon approval of your TEP application, you will be issued with an In-Principle Approval Letter (IPA Letter), which serves as a single journey visa to enter Singapore. You will need to show the IPA Letter to the immigration when you enter Singapore.

## 4. Can I make changes to my attachment dates?

**To change your start date (same attachment duration):** Please inform A\*GA via email, after seeking concurrence from your RI supervisor.

**For shortening of attachment:** Please email A\*GA to provide reasons for shortening (e.g. the objectives of the project have been achieved) and email support from your RI supervisor. Please ensure that you have completed minimally 2 months of attachment.

**For extension of attachment:** Please email A\*GA to provide reasons for extension and email support from your RI supervisor. Extension requests are subject to approval by A\*GA and the total attachment duration is capped at 6 months. If you wish to extend your attachment beyond 6 months, please seek additional funding from your university or RI supervisor.

## 5. How long can I stay in Singapore after the end of my attachment?

An email will be sent to you 1 month prior to your attachment end date to notify you of the next steps. Please note that you are required to inform A\*GA at least 14 days before your attachment end date. A\*GA will assist with the cancellation of your Training Employment Pass (TEP) on the last day of your attachment, and a 30-day Short-Term Visit Pass will be sent to your email that allows you to stay for 30 days before you have to exit the country. You are not allowed to work while on the STVP.

# STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

## SIPGA

Singapore International Pre-Graduate Award

### 2 - 6 month research attachment

at A\*STAR Research Institute for students in the later years of their undergraduate or Master's programmes

## ARAP

A\*STAR Research Attachment Award

### 1 - 2 year PhD research opportunity

at A\*STAR Research Institute under joint supervision of A\*STAR scientists and faculties from overseas universities

## SINGA

Singapore International Graduate Award

### 4-year PhD programme

at A\*STAR Research Institute, in partnership with Singapore universities:

- Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
- National University of Singapore (NUS)
- Singapore Management University (SMU)
- Singapore University of Technology & Design (SUTD)



**ROBUST AND DIVERSE POOL OF INTERNATIONAL TALENT**

## HEAR FROM OUR AWARDEE!

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SIPGA attachment was an exploratory journey that helped me understand the field of specialisation I should consider in the future.

### Sinem Kadioglu

SIPGA alumnus  
Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA) recipient at A\*STAR's Genome Institute of Singapore (GIS)



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