



# YOUR GATEWAY TO THE CENTRE OF INNOVATION

## Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA)

### A unique award to pursue a PhD in Science and Engineering in Singapore

The Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA) provides the opportunity for you to sharpen research knowledge and learn from a diverse pool of researchers and industry experts.

**Through the collaboration between the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) and Singapore's Autonomous Universities** – Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU), and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), international candidates can earn a PhD degree and conduct research at A\*STAR and/or the universities.

#### Application Deadlines





**1 June** : For January intake (the following year) – A\*STAR and NTU only  
**1 December** : For August intake (the following year)

More than 900 SINGA graduates from over 40 countries since 2008.

# RESEARCH AREAS

PhD programmes broadly fall under four categories:

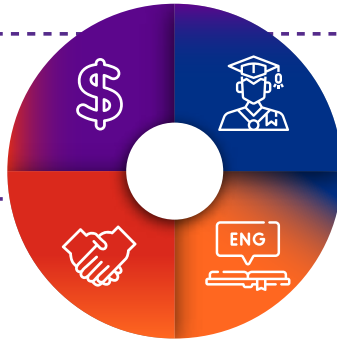


-  **Biomedical Sciences**
-  **Computing and Information Sciences**
-  **Engineering and Technology**
-  **Physical Sciences**



## BENEFITS OF THE AWARD

**Funding support**  
for up to four years of  
PhD studies



**Current BSc/MSc  
students & graduates**  
can apply

**Supervision by  
outstanding  
researchers** at A\*STAR  
and the universities

**English PhD Training**  
in labs with world-class  
infrastructure



### COVERAGE

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



**Full coverage of tuition fees**



**Monthly stipend**



**One-time airfare grant**



**One-time settling-in allowance**



### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA<sup>†</sup>

- ✓ Open to all international BSc/MSc students and graduates
- ✓ Strong passion for research and excellent academic performance
- ✓ Proficient in written and spoken English
- ✓ Strong academic references

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



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Am I required to take up citizenship and/or work in Singapore after graduation?

You are neither required to take up citizenship nor work in Singapore after graduation. However, if you are keen to work in Singapore, there is a myriad of career opportunities for international PhD graduates to explore after your studies.

## 2. Why does the SINGA support direct PhD programmes instead of the normal Masters programme followed by doctoral studies?

Singapore institutions have adopted the international norm of admitting students with a Bachelor's degree for graduate work leading to a PhD. Students are expected to start with both coursework and research and work on a research thesis after passing the Qualifying Examination. SINGA awardees normally complete their PhD studies in four years.

## 3. What are the selection criteria for SINGA?

The selection criteria for SINGA include the applicant's academic record, publications, recommendations from academic referees, personal achievements, passion and ability to excel in research, and an interview if shortlisted.

## 4. When will I be informed on whether I have been shortlisted?

Shortlisted results are released in about 12 weeks (at the earliest) after the application closing date. Please take note that only shortlisted applicants will be notified via email.

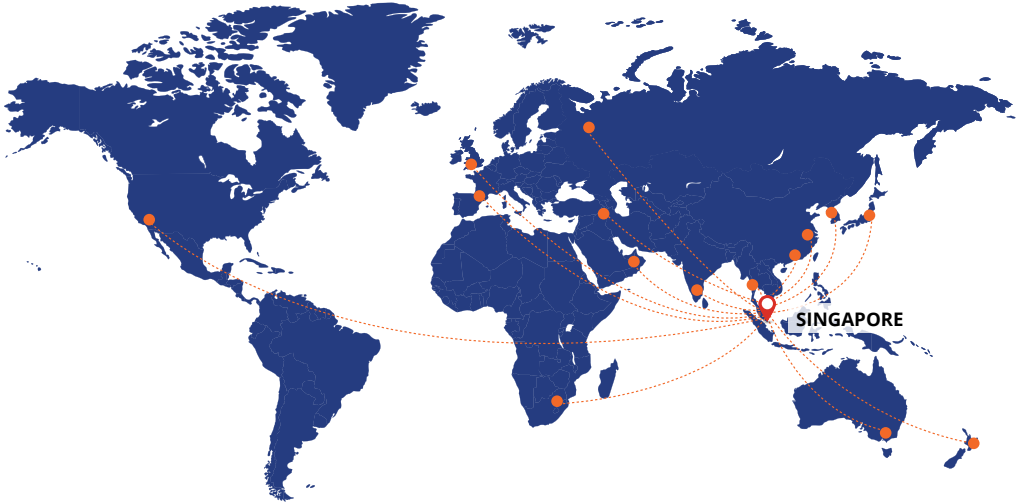
## 5. Do I need to apply on the university application portal, in addition to applying on the SINGA application portal?

Applicants applying for SINGA through the SINGA application portal are not required to apply on the university application portal, unless contacted by the university to do so. At later stages of your SINGA application, the university may contact certain selected candidates to obtain further details.

## 6. Are there any coursework requirements to be fulfilled for SINGA? If yes, what are the modules I have to take?

In addition to a research thesis, there will usually be coursework requirements to be fulfilled at the university at which you are enrolled for your PhD degree. Please note that there may be additional requirements depending on the schools or departments at which you are enrolled in.

# SINGA - CONNECTING YOU WITH THE GLOBAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY



## HEAR FROM OUR AWARDEE!



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My SINGA journey was a game-changer during the COVID-19 pandemic. I collaborated with world-renowned researchers to be one of the first scientists in the world to dissect immune responses against a then unknown virus. This incredible experience reinforced my dream of leading as an infectious diseases researcher and strengthened my interest in clinical studies

**Dr Anthony Torres-Ruesta**

SIPGA & SINGA Awardee

Questions? Contact us at [singa\\_enquiries@hq.a-star.edu.sg](mailto:singa_enquiries@hq.a-star.edu.sg)

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