

ABOUT START AND THE 2021 START AWARD RECIPIENTS

About START

START schemes include the Ministry of Education – Autonomous University (MOE-AU) Scholarship, Overseas PhD Scholarship, Overseas Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Early Career Awards, and the Inauguration Grant¹.

A. MOE-AU Scholarship

The MOE-AU Scholarship provides support at the undergraduate level, to help prepare recipients for future academic careers. Recipients also receive academic mentorship and developmental opportunities from their paired AU. Currently, MOE-AU scholarship recipients may be paired with NUS, NTU, the Singapore Management University (SMU) or the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). The MOE-AU Scholarship sponsors recipients for up to four years of undergraduate studies, after which the scholar is expected to apply for and obtain an AU-sponsored postgraduate scholarship to pursue a PhD.

B. Overseas PhD Scholarship recipients

The Overseas PhD Scholarship supports Singaporeans who have been accepted for doctoral training at a leading overseas/local academic/research institution. The scholarship provides support for up to five years in terms of stipends/salaries, overseas maintenance allowances, conference and fieldwork grants, airfares and other compulsory fees depending on the scholar's institution of study. Upon receipt of the scholarship, scholars will be paired with a local AU. MOE funds 50% of the scholarship while the paired university funds the other 50%. Scholars will return to their paired university as faculty members upon completion of their doctoral training to serve their bond.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Foong</u> Zi Kai Gerald	Economics, London School of Economics, UK	SMU
2.	Franklin <u>Leong</u>	Neuroscience, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Switzerland	NUS
3.	<u>Goh</u> Wei Ping Jenny	Biological Sciences, NTU	NTU
4.	Hunter <u>Ng</u> Boon Hian	Accounting*	NTU
5.	Jayen <u>Tan</u> Jin Yuan	Banking and Finance*	NTU
6.	Muhammad Suhail Bin <u>Mohamed Yazid</u>	History, University of Cambridge, UK	NUS

¹ There are no suitable candidates for the MOE-AU Scholarship and Early Career Award in this year's scholarship and award cycle.

7.	<u>Ng</u> Teng Kuan	Theological & Religious Studies/ Religion, Georgetown University, USA	SMU
8.	<u>Sean</u> Olivia Nicholas	Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand	NTU
9.	<u>Tan</u> Yi Ying	Economics, Princeton University, USA	SMU

**University to be confirmed*

C. Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship recipients

The Post-Doctoral Fellowship supports Singaporeans who have just been conferred a doctoral degree and have been accepted for postdoctoral training at a leading overseas/local academic/research institution. The Scholarship provides support for up to two years in terms of stipends/salaries, overseas maintenance allowances, conference and fieldwork grants, airfares and other compulsory fees depending on the scholar's institution of study. MOE funds 50% of the fellowship while the paired university funds the other 50%. Scholars will return to their paired university as faculty members upon completion of their post-doctoral training to serve their bond.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Chan</u> Guo Wei Alvin	Artificial Intelligence (AI), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	NTU
2.	<u>Chiu</u> Chai Hao	Botany, University of Cambridge, UK	NUS
3.	<u>Chua</u> Yeow Hwee	Economics, Stanford University, USA	NTU
4.	<u>Huang</u> Yanjie	Contemporary Chinese History and Politics, Harvard University, USA	NUS
5.	<u>Loh</u> Kep Kee	Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroanatomy, Montreal Neurological Institute McGill University, Canada and University of Oxford, UK	NUS
6.	Marie Therese <u>Siew</u> Hui Lin	Electrical & Computer Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, USA	SUTD
7.	<u>Toh</u> Wei Xing	Psychology, Stanford University, USA	NTU
8.	<u>Wang</u> Wenya	Artificial Intelligence, University of Oxford, UK	NTU

D. Early Career Awards

The Early Career Award supports Singaporeans who have completed their PhD and/or post-doctoral training, but have yet to be appointed to the tenure track in the Singapore AUs. Recipients of such awards will be expected to teach and conduct research, with the objective of helping them establish a competitive portfolio for consideration for

appointment on the tenure-track at the AU thereafter. The award provides support for up to three years in terms of salaries/stipends and research grants. MOE funds 50% of the award while the paired university funds the other 50%.

E. Inauguration Grant recipients

The Inauguration Grant aims to attract Singaporean academics to join our AUs as pre-tenure Assistant Professors. The grant is offered by the four AUs participating in the START scheme – NUS, NTU, SMU and SUTD. Under the grant, each recipient will receive a cash bonus, to be given out in two tranches. The recipient will receive the first payment after two years of service, and the second payment after another two years of service. 50% of this cash bonus will be funded by MOE and the other half by the awarding AU.

No.	Name	Research Area	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Chan</u> Chii Jou	Biological Sciences	NUS
2.	<u>Chen</u> Kaiwen	Infectious Diseases and Immunology	NUS
3.	Farhan Bin <u>Ali</u>	Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Neuroscience of Learning, Social-emotional Learning	NTU/NIE
4.	<u>Lai</u> Changquan	Advanced Materials Design and Synthesis	NTU
5.	<u>Lim</u> Jun Ying	Biological Sciences	NUS
6.	<u>Ong</u> Pinchuan	Labour Economics, Public Economics and Applied Microeconomics	NUS
7.	<u>Ong</u> Wei Jee	Ethics, Leadership and Job Design	NUS
8.	<u>Zhang</u> Xi, Rachel	Corporate Finance and Governance	NUS