

ABOUT START AND THE 2022 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. 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.	Clara <u>Soo</u> Wen Lin	Management and Organization, Michigan State University, USA	NTU
2.	<u>Lee</u> Heng You, Nicholas	Physical and Theoretical Chemistry, University of Oxford, UK	NTU
3.	<u>Xie</u> Wenhan	Theoretical & Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge, UK	NTU
4.	Conan <u>Cheong</u> Yongneng	History of Art and Archaeology, SOAS University of London, UK	NTU
5.	<u>Chew</u> Enquan	Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University, USA	NUS

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

6.	<u>King</u> Guan Xue	Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	NUS
7.	<u>Koo</u> Ming Yew Matthew	Political Science, Yale University, USA	NUS
8.	<u>Tan</u> Yin Lin	Linguistics, Stanford University, USA	NUS
9.	<u>Nan</u> Zhihan	Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Harvard University, USA	NUS

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>Sia</u> Jia Xu, Brian	Photonics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	NTU
2.	<u>Chan</u> Wei Ting, Samantha	Human-Computer Interactions, Affective and Cognitive Computing, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	NTU
3.	Victor <u>Zhuang</u> Kuansong	Sustainable Futures, Princeton University, USA	NTU
4.	<u>Ong</u> Yi Ying	Developmental Origins of Behaviour, Health and Disease, Harvard University, USA	NUS
5.	Nur Hani Binte <u>Zainal</u>	Treatment Optimization for Common Mental Disorders, Pragmatic Precision Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, USA	NUS
6.	<u>Yip</u> Yuk Lum Jennifer	Diplomatic and Military History with a focus on Second Sino-Japanese War, World War II in Asia, University of Texas, USA	NUS
7.	Cheryl <u>Foo</u> Yunn Shee	Community-based Psychosocial Approaches to Treatment, Prevention and Recovery in Mental	NUS

		Health with Specific Focus on Coordinated Specialty Care, Harvard Medical School, USA	
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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>Chew</u> Pei-Song, Kevin	Film Studies, Popular Animation, Critical Theory, Ecocriticism	NTU
2.	Amelia Joy-Marie <u>Yeo</u> Ai-Mei	Psychology, Gesture in Communication, Learning and Instruction, Embodied Cognition	NTU/NIE
3.	<u>Tan</u> Yan Shuo	Theoretical and Applied Aspects of Statistical Machine Learning and Data Science	NUS
4.	Alvin <u>Chua</u> Jing Kang	Gravitational Physics and Data Science with a focus on Gravitational-wave Astronomy and Information Geometry	NUS
5.	<u>Goh</u> Tze Min Benjamin	Field of Law and Literature, particularly in the History of Authorship and Copyright	NUS
6.	<u>Ho</u> Wen Wei	Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics, Applications of Emerging Quantum Technologies in Quantum Simulation, Sensing and Information Processing	NUS
7.	Saravana <u>Ravindran</u>	Economics of Developing Countries whose Research Focuses on the	NUS

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