

ABOUT START AND THE 2025 START AWARD RECIPIENTS

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. There is one recipient for this scholarship this year.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Li Lingbo	Natural Sciences (Chemistry), University of Cambridge, UK	NUS

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. There are eight recipients for this category in 2025.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Mohammad Faisal Bin Mohammad Feroz	Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK	NTU
2.	Ting Shu Hui Sharon	Psychology, University of Cambridge, UK	NTU
3.	Lee Hui Min	Mass Communications, Pennsylvania State University, USA	NUS
4.	Andrew Lee Tze Keong	Accountancy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA	SMU
5.	Lee Jian Hao Ernest	History, University of Chicago, USA	SMU
6.	Lee Jie Xin Jordan	Economics, University of Pennsylvania, USA	SMU
7.	Shee Siew Yin	Human Geography, Durham University, UK	SMU
8.	Ho Wei Jing Tricia	Juridical Science, University of California, Berkeley, USA	SUSS

C. Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship recipients

The Postdoctoral 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 postdoctoral training to serve their bond. There are three recipients for this fellowship in 2025.

No.	Name	Research Area and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Tan Pei Kun Darren	Volcano Seismoacoustics, University of Tokyo, Japan	NTU
2.	Yeo Xin Yi Michelle	Computer Science, Aarhus University, Denmark	NTU
3.	Soon Ren Hao	Ingestible and Implantable Robotics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	NUS

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%. There is one recipient for this award in 2025.

No.	Name	Research Area	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Harisan Unais Nasir	Ethics of Risk-Pooling	NUS

E. Inauguration Grant recipients

The Inauguration Grant aims to attract Singaporean academics to join our AUs as pre-tenure Assistant Professors. 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. There are eight recipients for this category.

No.	Name	Research Area	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Chow Pei Sze	Digital Culture / New Media	NTU
2.	Lim Wei Yang, Bryan	Edge Intelligence	NTU
3.	Ng Zhao Feng	English/Literature and Religion	NTU
4.	Lai Jinxing	Musical traditions of the Singaporean Indian Community, Globalisation and Musical Practices in Singapore, and the World Music Ensembles Pedagogy	NTU/NIE
5.	Lee Qin En Cheryl	Microbiology And Immunology	NUS
6.	Leong Xue Li, Alisius Deon	Communications and New Media	NUS
7.	Hadassah Joann Ramachandran	Cardiac Rehabilitation	SIT
8.	Tan Zheng Hui Ernest	Edge Intelligence for Real-time Artificial Intelligence Services in Internet of Things Networks	SIT