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APPLICATION/ELIGIBILITY

Q1: When can I expect to know my application outcome?

A: Applicants will be notified by July.

Q2: Do I need to send hard copies of my supporting documents for my application?

A: No. We will contact you if we require them.

Q3: I will not receive my official final year results before March 2025 – should I still apply?

A: Yes, you may apply as long as your results will be available in time for the universities you applied to consider you for admission in Academic Year 2025/2026.

Q4: Must I have secured a place in a Singapore university before applying for the Dr GKS Scholarship?

A: No, you may put in an application for the Scholarship and concurrently submit your university application(s). You will only be required to have a confirmed place in NUS, NTU, SMU, or SUTD if you are eventually offered the Dr GKS Scholarship, as you will be required to pursue your undergraduate studies in one of these 4 universities. We will not be able to offer you a scholarship if you are unable to obtain a place in NUS, NTU, SMU or SUTD, or if you decide to pursue your studies in another university.

Q5: Is the Dr GKS Scholarship offered to Masters/Ph.D students?

A: No, the Dr GKS Scholarship is awarded for undergraduate studies only.

Q6: I currently do not have a valid passport – may I still apply?

A: While you may still apply at this point without a valid passport, you should find out about the passport application processes in your country and take note of the timelines to apply / renew your passport. If you are eventually offered the Dr GKS scholarship, you will need a valid passport to travel to Singapore.

Q7: How do I indicate my interest in being considered for the Dr GKS Scholarship when applying for university admission?

A: Please refer to the guide below on how to indicate your interest in being considered for the scholarship for the respective universities.

NUS

All eligible applicants will be automatically considered for the Dr GKS Scholarship. There is no need to submit a separate scholarship application.

NTU

Applicants will be required to submit a separate scholarship application via the link provided at the end of the admissions application form. Interested applicants can **select any of the scholarships listed in the form**, and will be automatically considered for the Dr GKS Scholarship if eligible.

Scholarships Application

Please indicate the scholarship(s) you wish to apply. Click on the scholarship(s) to learn more on the terms and condition

- [Nanyang Scholarship](#)
- [College Scholarship](#)
- [University Scholars Programme Scholarship](#)
- [Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Scholarship](#)
- [School Scholarship](#)

SMU

On the “Programme & Scholarship Choice” page, please proceed to the Scholarship section and tick **“Yes”** for the question “Are you interested in applying for scholarship?”.

Scholarship

Please click [here](#) to view the requirements for each scholarship. Only Singapore citizens are eligible to apply for the Global Impact Scholarship and SMU Merit Scholarship. Singapore citizens and non Singapore citizens are eligible to apply for the Lee Kong Chian Scholar's Programme.

Are you interested in applying for scholarship? Yes No

SUTD

Under the “Other Information – Scholarships and Financial Aid” section, please tick **“I wish to apply for scholarships administered by SUTD (inclusive of donor-sponsored scholarships)”**.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The University is collecting your household income information and your responses to certain personal information questions to

- i) assess your need for financial aid,
- ii) holistically assess your eligibility for SUTD administered scholarships, which are all merit based and competitive, and
- iii) select deserving awardees for donor sponsored scholarships and bursaries which take into account applicants' financial needs.

The information collected will have no impact whatsoever on the outcome of your application for admission. All information submitted herein will be treated confidentially and be used for the aforesaid purposes and also for the benefit of the University, its constituent parts and agencies contracted by the University and for the purposes directly relevant to its interests.

Please tick all that apply.

- I wish to apply for scholarships administered by SUTD (inclusive of donor-sponsored scholarships). You may click [here](#) for the list of scholarships.
- I do not wish to apply for any scholarships administered by SUTD (inclusive of donor-sponsored scholarships).
- I intend to apply for financial aid (inclusive of donor sponsored bursaries) to support my studies in SUTD.

Gross household income is the total income of all family members living in your household and refers to gross income contributions (which include basic salary, allowances, overtime pay, bonus, etc. before deductions for CPF, tax, etc.) from self-employment, business or salaried employment and any other sources of income.

1. *Gross monthly household income (in SGD)

2. *Total number of family members (including yourself) staying in the same household as you:

3. *Housing Type

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SAT

Q1: Do I need to take the pre-admission tests such as the SAT or TOEFL, to apply for the scholarship?

A: You would not need to take additional tests to apply for the scholarship except those that are required for admission to the university that you are applying to. Please check with the relevant university for more details.

SELECTION/INTERVIEW

Q1: What are the selection criteria for the Dr GKS Scholarship?

A: We assess applicants based on their overall academic and non-academic achievements.

Q2: How many times do I have to travel to Singapore for assessments for my application?

A: You will not be required to travel to Singapore for any of the assessments. If you are shortlisted, you will be notified via email from April onwards with further details on how to complete the required assessments online.

Q3: Will I be required to undergo selection tests?

A: Shortlisted applicants will be notified by May 2025 and may be invited to attend a virtual selection interview (via Zoom or Microsoft Teams) in end-May / early June 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Q1: What happens if I do not do well in university?

A: Your scholarship officer from the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) will track your progress in university. He or she will discuss with you the problems you face which may be hindering your development in university and assist you as much as possible in overcoming them.

Q2: Could I defer serving my bond, to read a Master's degree first?

A: You will be required to start work in an organisation approved by the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) upon completion of your undergraduate studies in order to fulfil the requirements and objectives of the scholarship.

Q3: Will I be allowed to choose whether to work in a company of my choice in Singapore or a Singapore-based company in my home country?

A: You will have the option to seek suitable job openings in your desired organisation and propose it to your scholarship officer prior to deployment. Your proposal will be considered carefully before the final deployment outcome is determined.

Q4: What are some examples of companies I may work for?

A: Dr GKS scholarship recipients have worked at DBS Bank (DBS), OCBC Bank (OCBC), United Overseas Bank (UOB), Standard Chartered Bank, Merrill Lynch, KPMG, amongst others. Scholarship recipients have also worked in organisations not related to the finance sector including the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore (URA), Proctor and Gamble, Oracle and CrimsonLogic.