

APPLICATION/ELIGIBILITY

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

A: All applicants will be notified by the end of May.

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

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

Q: I will not receive my official final year results before May – can I still apply?

A: Yes, you can apply for the scholarship. Please check with the universities on their timelines to receive your final year results for the purpose of admission to the universities in the Academic Year 2018/2019.

Q: Am I required to secure admission in a Singapore university before applying for the Dr GKS Scholarship?

A: No, but you need to have the intention of studying in a local university or already be in the process of making the application. The Dr GKS Scholarship will only be offered to students who pass all the screening processes and gain admission to a Singapore university (NUS, NTU, SMU or SUTD) to pursue their tertiary education.

Q: Can the Secretariat of Dr Goh Keng Swee Scholarship Fund help me secure a place in a Singapore university?

A: No. You have to submit your university applications directly to the Singapore universities of your choice and adhere to the respective university's admission deadlines, guidelines and screening processes as required by the universities.

Q: I am already an undergraduate in a Singapore university – can I still apply for the scholarship?

A: Yes, you can submit before your application before you start your final year of study in the university.

Q: I already have a degree, but intend to read another degree in a university in Singapore – can I still apply for the scholarship?

A: Yes.

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

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

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

A: The SAT is the only requirement for the scholarship application. Please check with the universities you are applying to, if they require any other test scores beyond SAT.

SAT

Q: What is the SAT? Can I take other tests such as the TOEFL or ACT in place of the SAT?

A: The SAT is a standardised test which assesses your Reading, Writing and Mathematics skills. It is compulsory for you take the SAT in order to be considered for the Dr GKS Scholarship.

Q: How do I register for SAT? How do I know when the test dates are?

A: You may check the test dates available in your country on the College Board website (<http://www.collegeboard.org/>) and register for a test through the website.

Q: I have missed the date to register for the SAT. Can I be exempted from taking the SAT?

A: SAT is a requirement for the Dr GKS Scholarship, and therefore it is advisable to register and take the SAT early.

Q: I have taken the SAT more than once. Can I combine the better scores of the different sections?

A: No, all sections have to be taken in one sitting. Combining section scores from different sittings is not allowed.

SELECTION/INTERVIEW

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

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

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

A: If shortlisted, you will need to attend one interview in end-May, in Singapore, at your own expense.

Q: Do I have to travel to Singapore for a round of psychometric testing prior to being shortlisted?

A: No. We may however, require you to do an online assessment. You will be informed via email by April.

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

A: You can submit the scholarship application without a valid passport but if shortlisted for an interview in Singapore, you will need a valid passport to travel to Singapore. If you eventually gain admission to a university in Singapore, you will also require a valid passport to travel here. It is advisable that you check on the processes and timelines for obtaining a valid passport from the relevant authorities in your countries and plan well ahead.

Q: Can the interview be conducted over Skype instead?

A: If you are shortlisted for an interview, it is best to attend the selection interview in Singapore. However, under special circumstances, we may consider interviews via Skype.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Q: 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 provide assistance. It is important for you to communicate your problems to your scholarship officer promptly in order for timely interventions to take place.

Q: 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.

Q: 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 can propose the job and company to your scholarship officer prior to deployment. Your proposal will be considered carefully before the final deployment outcome is determined.

Q: 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.