

FACTSHEET

Smart Nation Scholarship

The Smart Nation Scholarship aims to attract and groom a pool of deep technological talent and leaders for the Singapore public service to drive its Smart Nation and digitalisation efforts. Launched in March 2018, the scholarship is offered by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), Government Technology Agency of Singapore (GovTech) and the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

The returning scholars will join the national effort to drive Singapore's Smart Nation endeavour and define the future of Singapore. They will create digital solutions to help Government better serve the citizens, defend Government systems from the ever-changing cyber threat, and help our companies seize opportunities of the digital economy.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship is targeted at top students who have demonstrated potential for technical leadership, and have a passion to serve in the public sector. Candidates will be assessed based on a holistic set of eligibility criteria, beyond academic excellence. The other aspects that will be taken into consideration include co-curricular activities and involvement in information and communications technology (ICT) events and competitions.

Available Opportunities

The scholarship is open to Singaporean students who have completed their junior college or polytechnic studies, and offers students the opportunity to pursue a full-time ICT-related degree in either a local or overseas university. Candidates who are currently studying in a non-ICT related undergraduate course may also be considered if they are interested in taking up a double degree in ICT. "Mid-term Scholarships" will also be awarded to students in the middle of their degree programme at any of the local or overseas universities.

Attractive ICT Career in the Government

Upon returning from their studies, scholarship holders will embark on exciting careers within CSA, GovTech or IMDA. They will gain direct admission onto their respective agency's talent programmes, where they will undergo rigorous and in-depth technical training to fast track their career development and be groomed into future technology leaders in the public service.

Service Commitment

Scholarship holders will be required to fulfil a service commitment with their parent agency – 6 years for overseas studies; 4 years for local studies. Mid-term scholars will serve a pro-rated bond if they opt not to backdate the scholarship.

Application Cycle

The scholarship application window is between September to April each year.

Scholarship Awards

The first Smart Nation Scholarship award ceremony was held on 17 August 2018. Nine scholarships were awarded, of which five were full-term scholarships. CSA offered four scholarships, GovTech offered three and IMDA offered two scholarships. The full profiles of Scholarship recipients are available in Annex. The scholars were selected from 233 applications that were received in April 2018. More than half of the applications received were full-term scholarships (144), while the remaining were mid-term scholarships.

Annex

Annex: Information on the nine awardees

S/No	Name	Type of Scholarship	Parent Agency	Universities Offered or Current University
1	Yin Yi De	Mid Term	GovTech	Bachelor of Science in Economics, University College London <i>Pending application of MSC Computing Science in Imperial College</i>
2	Pun Shu Fen		CSA	Double Degree in Economics and Computer Science, Nanyang Technological University
3	Ong Jing Yin		CSA	Bachelor of Computing in Computer Science, National University of Singapore
4	Sng Yu Feng Chester		CSA	Bachelor of Computing in Computer Science, National University of Singapore
5	Marcus Ho Kan Jie	Full Term	IMDA	Bachelor of Law, University of Cambridge
6	Howard Yang		GovTech	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Imperial College London
7	Lee Wei Jie		GovTech	Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science, Nanyang Technological University
8	Yong Ming Yang		IMDA	Double degree in Computer Science and Business, National University of Singapore (NUS)
9	Low Cheong Wah Alan		CSA	Bachelor of Computing in Information Security, National University of Singapore

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