4.4 Financial Assistance and Awards

NUS President’s Graduate Fellowships (PGF)

The bond-free PGFs are awarded to candidates who show exceptional promise or accomplishment in research.

It is available to full-time doctoral candidates of any nationality (incoming or existing) on a competitive basis.

Each award covers a monthly stipend of $3,000 to $3,300 (depending on citizenship) throughout the period of award. It also provides for tuition fees, a one-off air travel allowance for 1 one-way ticket of up to $750 (only for overseas students) and a one-off settling allowance of $1,000 (only for overseas students).

Further details are available at:
nus.edu.sg/admissions/graduate-studies/scholarships-financial-aid-and-fees/scholarships-awards/president’s-graduate-fellowship.html

NUS Research Scholarship

(Applicable for PhD and MEng programmes)

Full-time research graduate students are eligible to apply for the NUS Research Scholarship. This scholarship is tenable for one year in the first instance and, subject to the research scholar’s satisfactory progress, renewable annually up to a maximum of two years for Master’s candidates and four years for PhD candidates.

Research scholars will be given a monthly stipend and a full tuition fee subsidy.

For research scholars in a Masters, the monthly stipend is S$2,500 (for Singapore Citizens*) / S$1,500 (for International and Singapore Residents). For Research Scholars in a PhD programme, monthly stipends for Singapore citizens*, Singapore Permanent Residents and foreigners are currently S$2,700, S$2,200 and S$2,000 respectively. For student intakes prior to AY2010, the monthly stipend for Singapore citizen is S$2,300. There is no bond for this scholarship.

* with effect from 1 August 2015, Central Provident Fund (CPF) contributions shall be provided at a rate pegged to the prevailing employer’s contribution rate by CPF, on top of the monthly stipend received.

Research scholars may also be eligible for an additional stipend of up to $500 per month upon passing the PhD qualifying examination, which is normally held 12 to 18 months after registration of candidature.
The top-up is renewable annually subject to good performance.

Further details are available at:

nus.edu.sg/admissions/graduate-studies/scholarships-financial-aid-and-fees/scholarships-awards/nus-research-scholarship.html

**Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA)**

The bond-free Scholarship is open to all international students with excellent academic results and with a passion for research, who will be admitted as a candidate for a doctoral programme (in key research areas identified by A*STAR) at NUS. Each award carries a stipend, tuition fees, airfare and settling-in allowance.

Further details are available at:

a-star.edu.sg/singa-award

**Student Employment**

The NUS Student Work Scheme (NSWS) is aimed to encourage NUS students to be self-reliant and to gain some working experience in campus. The details of the jobs available under NSWS will reside in a central portal NUS TalentConnect where both prospective NUS Hiring Departments and the interested NUS Student Applicants can find a job match. Full-time graduate students may apply to work on a part-time basis during the period of candidature as a Graduate Student Tutor or Researcher under the Registrar’s Office Part-time Appointments Scheme. In addition, the Office of Student Affairs posts offers of jobs for students on their Career Service website. These jobs may be performed during semester or vacation periods. In all instances, international students will first need the approval of the Office of Student Affairs before taking up any form of employment.