3.5 Financial Assistance

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides eligible Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents (SPR) taking part-time undergraduate degree programmes in the local universities with a substantial tuition fee subsidy.

In addition to fulfilling the nationality criteria, applicants must also satisfy the following subsidy eligibility criteria in order to be considered for admission:

- Must not have previously received a government subsidy/sponsorship for a completed first degree; these include first degrees from NUS/NTU/SMU/SUTD/SIT/SUSS, or from an overseas university funded by government scholarship/bursary;
- Be at least 21 years old; and
- Must fulfill one of the following work experience criteria:
  - 2 years of full-time work experience; OR
  - fully discharged the NS liability; OR
  - currently employed on a full-time basis.

It should be noted that part-time employment will not be considered as “full-time work experience”. A part-time employee is one who works for less than 35 hours a week under a contract of service with an employer.

Exemption from the Age and Work Experience Criteria

- Students may be exempted from the age and work experience eligibility criteria if they are:
  a. sponsored by their company for the part-time undergraduate degree programme; or
  b. currently employed in a job role/sector related to the part-time undergraduate degree programme.

- Notwithstanding these exemptions, NS-liable students must have fully discharged their full-time NS liability before they can be admitted.
- Supporting documents(s) must be submitted, together with the admission application, for assessment. NUS reserves the right to determine if exemption would be granted, and the University’s decision will be final and binding.

SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy

With this enhanced subsidy, Singaporean students aged 40 and above will pay tuition fees that are lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other Singaporean students who are below 40 years old.

The availability of this enhanced subsidy is tied to the student’s eligibility for the tuition fee subsidy in the first instance. Hence, a Singaporean student must be eligible for the tuition fee subsidy in order to be eligible for the enhanced subsidy.