

NTU PhD scholarship: NPGS pays S$5,300 a month, apply by 31 December

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The NTU PhD scholarship known as the Nanyang Presidentâ??s Graduate Scholarship (NPGS) pays Singapore Citizens S$5,300 a month, covers the annual tuition fee and carries no bond. Applications for AY2027-2028 opened on 1 November 2026 and close on 31 December 2026. NIE applicants have a slightly shorter window, from 2 to 30 December 2026.

It is a full-time PhD award for outstanding graduates, and it is open to all nationalities. Here is what it pays, who qualifies and what you need to prepare.



Source: Nanyang Technological University

What the NTU PhD scholarship pays

NTUâ??s page lists the monthly stipend, effective January 2026, by residency status. Existing students keep their higher rate.

- Singapore Citizen: S$5,300 a month, with CPF contributions at the prevailing employer rate on top
- Singapore Permanent Resident: S$4,800 a month
- International student: S$4,300 a month

The annual tuition fee is covered. Extras include an overseas conference allowance of up to S$5,000 per financial year (April to March), revised from April 2026, and a S$500 yearly book allowance. There is also a one-time S$1,500 IT allowance, a one-time S$600 thesis allowance at the final-year renewal, and priority for campus housing.

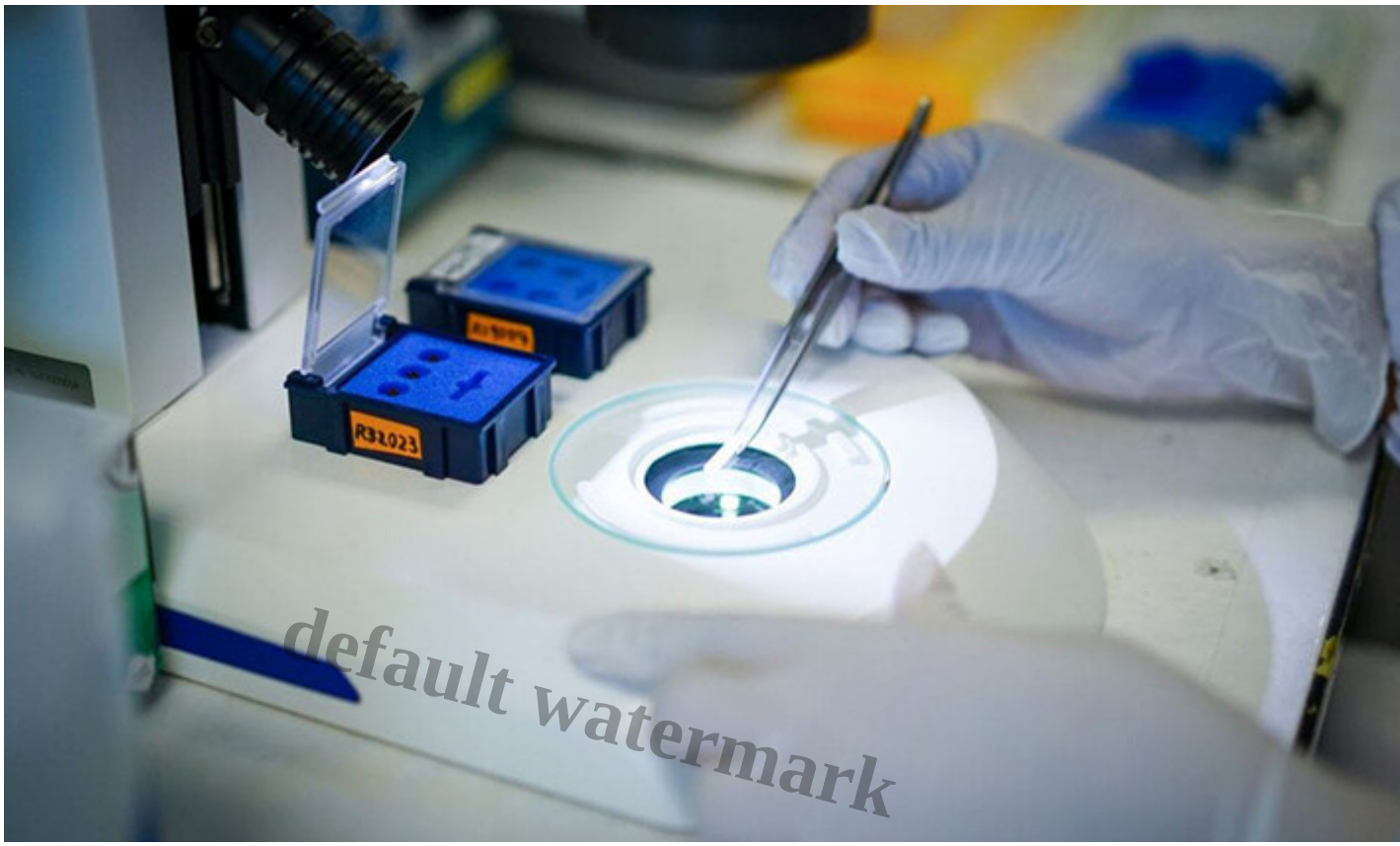
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Who can apply, and the catch on selection

You need Honours (Highest Distinction) or equivalent at Bachelorâ??s level. Final-year students can apply, but they must submit official documentation showing they are on track for Highest Distinction.

The catch is that the scholarship is by nomination only. Shortlisted candidates are interviewed and evaluated by the university, and the outcome comes by email together with the admission offer. So treat the scholarship as part of a strong PhD application, not a separate form you can fill in after you get a place.

Do the sums early. At S$5,300 a month, a Singapore Citizen scholar receives S$63,600 a year before the CPF contributions and the tuition coverage. With the allowances, the package is a proper salary-replacement offer for anyone leaving work to do a PhD.



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Documents, bond and terms

Prepare these before the portal deadline:

- Identification documents
- Education qualifications, with an official English translation if needed
- A research proposal
- Two referee reports
- A resume, publications and test scores such as IELTS, TOEFL, GRE or GMAT where applicable

The award runs for one year initially and is renewable based on good progress, up to a maximum of four years, subject to school decisions and research funding. There is no bond. International students must do teaching or lab supervision under the Graduate Assistantship Programme, while it is at the schoolâ??s discretion for Singaporeans and PRs.

NTU says it may change coverage, terms and stipend amounts at any time. New students should update their Singapore bank details in GSLink before the 15th of the semester start month to avoid stipend delays.

Other scholarships to compare

If you are weighing a PhD against a scholarship that comes with a service commitment, our guide to PSC scholarships for 2027 and their bonds shows the other end of the spectrum. For readers heading to a diploma first, there is also the ITE Progression Award.

For NPGS questions, NTU lists its main line on (65) 6791 1744 and the Novena Campus on (65) 6513 8572. The page does not give a scholarship-specific email, so apply through the online portal linked from NTUâ??s NPGS page. Since the window runs through the year-end holidays, aim to submit your research proposal and referee requests well before the last week of December.

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