

## **SCELSE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP/PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. The scholarship award is for PhD studies in the field of “*Environmental Life Sciences and Engineering*” at the National University of Singapore Graduate School for Integrative Sciences and Engineering (NGS). Research and training at SCELSE are multi-disciplinary, with students exposed to biological, mathematical, computational, physical, chemical and environmental sciences, as well as multiple engineering fields.
2. The programme is for a maximum of five years in duration. The PhD degree will be awarded by the National University of Singapore (NUS). The tenure of the award is four years, or up to the date of graduation, whichever is earlier. The scholarship is open to all nationalities.
3. Scholars will have to complete at least 6 graded courses with a minimum 18 academic units (AU) at NTU or the equivalent of 24 modular credits (MC) from courses chosen from within one or both universities (NUS and NTU).
4. Scholars must fulfil a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) or Cumulative Aggregate Point (CAP) of 3.8. Those whose CGPA or CAP do not meet the continuation requirements may have their candidatures terminated.
5. Scholars must take and pass the Written Qualifying Examination (QE) within 15 months from the date of enrolment in order to be confirmed, failing which the scholarship award may be withdrawn or his/her candidature might be terminated. Scholars should have completed 4 graded courses worth 12 Academic Units (AU) or 16 Modular Credits (MC) and a minimal of 3.8 CGPA/CAP to be eligible for the Written QE. Scholars must also take and pass the Oral Continuation Examination within 24 months from date of admission in order to continue with the PhD program. To be eligible for the Oral Continuation Examination, scholar must have fulfilled the Written QE outlined above and passed at least 6 graded courses, worth at least 18 AUs or 24MCs with a minimal of 3.8 CGPA/CAP, failing which his/her candidate may be terminated.
6. SCELSE students will need to fulfil a minimum of 40 teaching hours after Written QE. It is advisable for students to teach modules of their own research fields, involving demonstrating and tutorials. Helping faculty to mentor undergraduate and FYP/JC/poly students, as well as event duties involving conferences, workshops and seminars organized by SCELSE, both at NTU and NUS, or external societies/institutions/organizations may replace the teaching commitment but the maximum number of teaching hours claimable for such events is 10 hours and will be reviewed by the SCELSE Graduate Admissions and Academic Sub-committee, taking into consideration the portfolio and responsibility of the student for the event.

7. If the scholar wishes to perform teaching/ laboratory supervision/ research duties and other developmental assignments on top of the hours required by the Head of Department, the scholar is to note that:

- (i) the total time spent on teaching/ laboratory supervision/ research duties and other developmental assignments shall not exceed 16 hours a week (unless with the prior written approval of the University);
- (ii) the scholar shall only be assigned teaching/ laboratory supervision/ research duties and other developmental assignments if the supervisor(s) and Department are satisfied with his/her progress; and

8. The scholar may not accept employment, whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, fellowship, allowance or other award during the period of the Fellowship, without the prior approval of the University. In addition, the scholar cannot change to a programme of study different from that stated in his/her offer of admission letter or take up any additional course(s) without the prior written permission of the University.

9. The maximum award period is typically four years or 48 months, or up to the date of graduation, whichever is earlier. The award is subject to review on an annual basis.

10. Each scholar will receive the following:

<b>Items</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b><i>for PhD studies carried out locally, for a maximum of four years</i></b>	
(a) Tuition Fees	In full <sup>1</sup>
(b) IT allowance (on a reimbursable basis)	\$1,500
(c) Conference allowance (on a reimbursable basis)	Up to S\$8,000 for two major overseas conferences (each typically up to S\$4,000) during the four year period, preferably after passing PhD Qualifying Exams
(d) Stipends	- S\$2,000/month before Confirmation + S\$400/month payable in arrears*  - S\$2,500/month after Confirmation + S\$300/month
(e) Thesis preparation allowance	\$500

<sup>1</sup> The following fees are NOT borne by SCELSE

- One-time fees to be paid for Registration and Thesis Examination have been annualised and apportioned over the semesters
- Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees (MMFs) comprises (i) Student Services Fee (SSF); and  
ii) Health Service Fee (HSF)

Refer to <https://share.nus.edu.sg/registrar/info/gd/GD-MSF.pdf> for information on the Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees.

\*Progressive Stipends:

The total progressive stipends (of S\$400x no. of months within that semester) will be paid only at the end of the semester, after assessment of your CGPA/CAP score (minimum of 3.8).

11. The above items and their rates are subject to applicable conditions and adjustments by SCELSE.

12. SCELSE reserves the right to terminate the Scholarship at any time, if the scholar's progress is not satisfactory or for misconduct or conduct that brings NUS into disrepute.

13. SCELSE does not provide any additional assistance nor does it guarantee employment to the scholar on the successful completion of his/her higher degree candidature.

14. SCELSE shall be entitled to make and/or issue additional guidelines/revisions with respect to the Award from time to time, and to revise or amend such guidelines/revisions as it deems fit. All such guidelines/revisions shall be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of the Award.