

**DATA-SCIENCE-NGS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Each Data-Science Scholarship (“Scholarship”) will provide the following for the PhD student:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Value</u>
<i>for PhD studies carried out locally, for a maximum of four years</i>	
(a) Tuition Fee, on a yearly basis throughout the period of the award	In full ¹
(b) Research Allowance	Capped at S\$6000 per candidature ²
(c) Stipend on a yearly basis	
- Singapore Citizens ³	S\$42,000
- Singapore Permanent Residents and	S\$38,400
- International Students	S\$36,000

2. The above items and their rates are subject to applicable conditions and adjustments by IDS and NGS.
3. The effective date of the Scholarship for incoming students will be the commencement date of the relevant semester or the actual date of registration, whichever is later.
4. The Scholarship is tenable only at the National University of Singapore and the awardee must reside in Singapore for the duration of the Scholarship. As full-time students, awardees are expected to report to their Department of study and/or supervisor at the University during the period of the Scholarship, except during periods of approved leave.
5. The Scholarship is for PhD studies in science, engineering, data-science and related aspect of medicine, at the National University of Singapore Graduate School for Integrative Sciences and Engineering (NGS). 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. The award is subject to review on an annual basis.
6. Awardees must register as full-time students with NGS, and carry out their research in laboratory approved by Data-Science Institute (IDS). The choice of the thesis supervisor and of members of the Thesis Advisory Committee is subject to approval of NGS and IDS. Scholars shall not change their research project topic without obtaining prior written permission from NGS.

¹ The following fees are NOT borne by NGS or Data-Science

- One-time fees to be paid for Registration and Thesis Examination have been annualised and apportioned over the semesters

- Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees (MMFs) comprise (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.

² For research related expenses on a reimbursement basis.

³ 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 set by CPF, on top of the monthly stipend received.

7. Awardees will undertake coursework as prescribed by NGS and IDS.
8. Awardees must fulfil the NGS CAP requirement of at least 3.8 for every semester and must take the PhD Qualifying Examination within 18 to 24 months from the date of enrolment, failing which the scholarship award may be withdrawn.
9. International Students awarded the Scholarship, who are admitted from AY2014/2015, must perform the requirements of the **Graduate Assistantship Programme** as set out in the **Annex**.
10. The awardee is to note that:
 - (i) the total time spent on work done under the Graduate Assistantship Programme and any other form of paid or unpaid work (subject to prior written approval of the University), shall not exceed 16 hours a week;
 - (ii) the total hours required under the Graduate Assistantship Programme is completed before thesis submission or six (6) months before the expiry of the scholarship, whichever is earlier; and
 - (iii) the awardee shall be remunerated for work done in excess of the hours required under the Graduate Assistantship Programme at a rate in accordance with the Part-Time Appointment Scheme. Any remuneration paid will be subject to tax where applicable.
11. Awardees who are Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents are required to assist in undergraduate teaching, fulfilling a minimum of 40hrs, usually to be completed by the end of the second year of enrolment at NGS. At least 20 hours should involve demonstrating/lecturing/tutorials only. The rest may be completed by mentoring peers or by supervision of UROP /Honours/JC Students. Note that marking hours cannot be clocked to fulfill the teaching requirement. These must be done without any remuneration.
12. If the awardee wishes to perform teaching/ laboratory supervision/ research duties and other developmental assignments on top of the hours required by the Head of Department, the awardee 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 awardee 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
 - (iii) the awardee shall be remunerated for work done in excess of the hours required by the Head of Department at a rate in accordance with the Part-Time Appointment Scheme. Any remuneration paid will be subject to tax and Central Provident Fund contributions, levies and donations, where applicable, in accordance to the Central Provident Fund Act.
13. Save as provided for in Clause 10 and 11 above, the awardee 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 awardee

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.

14. The awardee will automatically cease to receive the monthly stipend, tuition fee subsidy and allowances under the Scholarship:
 - (i) upon the date of conversion of his/her candidature from full-time to part-time (the awardee must obtain, by way of a written request through the supervisor(s) and Head of Department, for such a conversion;
 - (ii) the awardee transfers his/her candidature from a PhD to a Master's degree programme;
 - (iii) where the awardee submits his/her thesis for examination, upon the date of receipt of thesis examination form (*completed and endorsed*) by the Student Service Centre;
 - (iv) upon the expiry of the tenure of the Fellowship as described in clause 4 above;
 - (v) upon the withdrawal from or failure of the awardee to complete his/research programme, for whatever reason;
 - (vi) upon the termination of candidature of the awardee at the University, for whatever reason.
15. The University reserves the right to reduce or withhold the stipend and/or the tuition fee subsidy, and/or suspend or terminate the Fellowship
 - (a) immediately without notice if the awardee:
 - (i) commits a criminal offence;
 - (ii) is found to have committed a disciplinary offence pursuant to the University's Statutes and Regulations;
 - (iii) participates in activities or acts in a manner which is, or is likely to be, adverse to the interest of the University, or which cause, or is likely to cause, embarrassment to the University;
 - (iv) in the view of the University, conducts himself/ herself in a manner unbecoming of an awardee;
 - (v) in the view of the University, does not progress satisfactorily in his/her programme of study;
or
 - (vi) breaches any of the terms and conditions herein;
 - (b) at any time by giving one month's notice in writing to the awardee without assigning any reason.
16. The awardee may terminate the Scholarship by giving one month's notice in writing.
17. If the Scholarship is suspended or terminated for any reason whatsoever, the awardee shall only be entitled to the stipend and/or tuition fee subsidy up to the date of suspension or termination of the

Scholarship. If an excess amount has already been paid to the awardee, then he/she must immediately refund the excess amount to the University.

18. The awardee will need to pay the fees for Transfer of Module Credits should the awardee fail to complete the research programme and wish to transfer the module credits/grades earned during his/her period of Scholarship to a Master's by coursework programme.
19. Miscellaneous Student Fees would be deducted from the awardee's monthly stipend at the beginning of each semester.
20. The University does not provide any additional assistance towards travel or living costs nor does it guarantee employment to the awardee on the successful completion of his/her degree.
21. No delay or forbearance on the part of the University to enforce any of its rights and remedies for any breach by the awardee of any of these terms and conditions shall in any way affect or prejudice the University's rights or remedies in respect of such breach, nor will the University's rights and remedies in respect of any other or subsequent breach of these terms and conditions by the awardee be affected or prejudiced.
22. The University may at its discretion, vary these terms and conditions, or amend or issue additional guidelines with respect to the Fellowship, from time to time with notice. All such guidelines shall be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of the Fellowship. If the awardee does not accept such variation, amendment or issuance, he/she is entitled to terminate the Fellowship in accordance with clause 12 above. Where the awardee continues to accept the monthly stipend and/or the tuition fee subsidy after such notification, he/she shall be deemed to have accepted such variation, amendment or issuance.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAMME

Since AY2014/2015, all International Students awarded the NGS Scholarship are required to perform duties under the Graduate Assistantship Programme as set out in the table below.

Total Hours Required to Serve during Candidature
312 hours

The below table sets out the maximum hours that can be clocked under the respective categories:

Mode of Clocking Graduate Assistantship Programme Hours (per candidature)	Hours	Remarks
Teaching/Laboratory Supervision (max.100%)	up to 312	Official office hours and preparation of the class can be taken into account. As a guide, preparation time taken for the assignment should not take more than half of the time required for the assignment.
Research Assistant (RA) duty, inclusive of research supervision (max.30%)	up to 94	The quality of the research supervision or research assistant duty needs to be endorsed by the student's supervisor(s). No preparation time is to be clocked in this assignment. The research assistant duty should go beyond the scope of the research project undertaken by the student to fulfil the requirement of the graduate programme.
Other developmental assignments (max.20%)	up to 62	Other assignments with developmental value approved by the Vice-Dean.
Total Hours	312	

- 1) The awardee will not be paid any remuneration for the hours clocked under the Graduate Assistantship Programme.
- 2) The awardee should work with the supervisor(s) on the plan to fulfil the required hours on a yearly (Academic Year) basis.
- 3) The awardees have to complete at least half of the required hours (156) by PQE (2-year point) or 208 hours by the end of the 3rd year."
- 4) The duties can only be clocked for work done deemed satisfactory by the University.
- 5) If the required hours are not met according to the annual plan or the quality of the work done is unsatisfactory, NGS can
 - (a) reduce or withhold the stipend, and/or the tuition fee subsidy, and/or terminate the Scholarship; and or
 - (b) withhold the transcript (both official and unofficial) and student status letter, conferment letter until the requirements are met.

Important Matters to Note

A. Period of Candidature

The candidature will commence from the first day of the semester, i.e. **10 August 2020, OR** date of enrolment, whichever is later. The maximum candidature period for PhD is five (5) years. The thesis is due for submission **not later** than the maximum period of candidature.

Please note that unless granted approval by the University, no student may concurrently be a candidate for more than one degree or enrol as a candidate of NUS and of another university or institute.

B. Award of Scholarship

Please refer to **Appendix 1** for the Terms & Conditions of NGS-IDS Scholarship. The effective date of the award is either the first day of semester i.e. **10 August 2020, OR** date of enrolment, whichever is later.

C. Coursework and other requirements

All NGS students are required to fulfil 30 MCs. The 30 MCs comprises the following modules and the other 8 MCs may be free electives, that are related to the student's research topic, subject to the supervisor's approval.

- (1) Two (2) compulsory NGS modules (4 MCs)
 - **GS6883A Interface Sciences and Engineering (2 MC)**
 - **GS6889B Academic Skills and Research Ethics (2MC)**

- (2) One (1) module from Faculty of Science (4MCs). Choose one from the following:
 - **ST5222 Advanced Topics in Applied Statistics**
 - **ST5223 Statistical Models: Theory/Applications**
 - **ST5210 Multivariate Data Analysis**

- (3) One (1) module from School of Computing (4MCs). Choose one from the following:
 - **CS5339 Theory and Algorithms for Machine Learning**
 - **CS5242 Neural Networks and Deep Learning**
 - **CS5344 Big Data Analytics Technology**
 - **CS5228 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining**

- (4) One (1) module from Faculty of Engineering (4MCs). Choose one from the following:
 - **EE5907 Pattern Recognition**
 - **EE5310: Communications Networking Fundamentals***
 - **EE5137: Stochastic Processes**

- (5) One (1) module from School of Business (4MCs). Choose one from the following:
 - **BZD6003 Applied Econometrics I**
 - **BZD6004 Applied Econometrics II**

- **BZD6011 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods**
 - **FIN6004 Empirical Asset Pricing and Microstructure***
- All NGS-IDS students are also required to pass a PhD Qualifying Examination **no later than 24 months** from the date of admission. Refer to NGS website_ http://www.nus.edu.sg/ngs/phd_qualify_exam_ngss.html for more detailed information
 - Awardees who are Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents are required to assist in undergraduate teaching, fulfilling a minimum of 40hrs, usually to be completed by the end of the second year of enrolment at NGS. International Students awarded the Scholarship, who are admitted from AY2014/2015, must perform the requirements of the **Graduate Assistantship Programme** as set out in the **Annex**.

We do expect our students to maintain high standards of academic performance. Please refer to **Appendix 3** for the **NGS Policy on Academic Performance**.

D. Transfer of Credits

The request / application has to be submitted to NGS **within the first semester of enrolment**. **For students admitted in August, transfer of credit request to NGS has to be submitted latest by December**. Applications received thereafter will not be entertained.

Request of Transfer of Credits or Exemption of modules will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

E. Lab Rotation and Supervisors

All new students have to undertake **two (2) laboratory rotations (LR) in two different labs, within the first 4 months of their candidature, subject to IDS' approval**. Each rotation has to last **at least 2 months**.

Students may conduct more than two LRs, if either one (or both) labs are deemed unsuitable. Students should nominate their IDS supervisor only **AFTER** they have completed their LRs. The nomination of supervisor has to be confirmed by 01 January 2020 for students enrolled in the August 2019 intake.

Only **IDS Directors, Faculty Fellows and Faculty Affiliates** are eligible to be the main supervisors of students in the program.

- <http://ids.nus.edu.sg/people-directors.html>
- <http://ids.nus.edu.sg/people-fellows.html>
- <http://ids.nus.edu.sg/people-affiliates.html>

Non-IDS affiliated faculty may be co-supervisor of the students, subject to the approval by the students' main supervisor.

F. Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC is responsible for helping to monitor the student's progress.

The Thesis Advisory Committee must be formed **within 2 months** (or 01 March) after the student has confirmed his/her supervisor. The TAC should consist of a supervisor, co-supervisor (if any) and at least two other non-supervisory members (capped at 5 persons in the TAC). At least one member of the TAC should be from a different Faculty/School to that of the student/supervisor. The TAC Chair does not need to be an IDS Faculty/Affiliate or Director. However, students should seek the advice of IDS/NGS to confirm before they submit their nomination of TAC.

The student or Chair of the TAC may call for the TAC meetings which has to be held on a **regular** basis (at least once every six months or once per semester - approximately in July and December), and all supervisors and co-supervisors must be present at the meeting, more frequently if the student is known to be having problems.

Policy on Academic Performance

Criteria for candidature and graduation:

1. Coursework grades should not fall below a Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.8 and higher grades in certain modules may be required.
2. Students whose CAP falls below 3.8, will be issued with a warning letter at the end of that semester for poor performance. The letter will state that the students' candidature may be terminated at the end of the following semester if CAP remains below 3.8. Students will be counselled by subject and course co-ordinators.
3. To graduate, a student must obtain a CAP of 3.8 and above.

Grades and their respective grade points given are as follows:

Grade	Grade Point
A+	5.0
A	5.0
A-	4.5
B+	4.0
B	3.5
B-	3.0
C+	2.5
C	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0.0

CAP Requirements and Policies

Effective from AY2011/12 Semester 1 (August 2011)

1. CAP review for students will be done at the end of every Semester 1 & 2 of the Academic Year (AY) after the official release of the examination results (excluding Special Term 3 & 4).
2. NGS does not practice the Best Cap Calculation policy. All modules read will be used for the computation of the students' CAP, unless the module(s) is graded as S/US or CS/CUS.
3. Students whose performance is under review by NGS are required to read at least 1 module every semester.
4. For students who fail to meet the CAP requirement of 3.80 for every semester, appropriate actions will be taken as follows:

1st academic warning:

- A warning letter will be issued via email (cc. supervisor).

2nd academic warning:

- A warning letter will be issued via email (cc. supervisor).
- Educational Allowances (EA) will be suspended.

3rd academic warning:

- A warning letter will be issued via email (cc. supervisor).
- Educational Allowances (EA) will be suspended.
- For students with:

1. CAP between 3.50 - 3.79

Reduction of Research Scholarship (RS) stipend to faculty level:

S\$2000 per month for International Student

S\$2200 per month for Singapore Permanent Resident

S\$2300 per month for Singapore Citizen

2. CAP below 3.50

Termination of RS and Candidature by Registrar's Office (RO).

* NGS will not consider any appeal from students under the 2nd and 3rd academic warnings for waiver of any penalty as stated above.

PRE-ENROLMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Pre-Enrolment Medical Examination (for All Students)

1. All Undergraduates and Postgraduates matriculating are to complete their medical examination before entering the university.
2. Female candidates should note that monthly menstrual cycles do affect results of urine tests. Hence, you are advised to schedule an appointment that is five to seven days after the last day of your period. Should the duration coincide with your scheduled medical appointment, you may proceed with the examination and your urine test will be re-scheduled to a later date.
3. Candidates are encouraged to wear loose clothing that you can easily remove. Additionally avoid any excess jewellery or other things that may prevent a proper medical examination. These may include necklaces or body piercing that must be removed prior to an X-ray procedure

No fasting is required for the medical examination.

You are required to bring the following items(s) when you have your medical examination at UHC:

- Singapore Identity Card or Passport
- Medical history/reports written in English (if any)
- Cash or NETS card
- NUS Medical Examination Form with Part I completed
- Prescription eyewear / contact lens

Note: Pls return the Admission Medical Examination Report Form to University Health Centre (UHC).

Incoming Matriculating Students (August)

Pre-admission medical examination for incoming matriculating students are held from May to early August. Appointments are available for registration in early April.

There is often an increase in patients in the later weeks of July and early August as the international students arrive and ready themselves for school. As such, Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents are encouraged to complete your pre-admission medical examination in May, June and early July.

Private Physician

If you have chosen to undergo your pre-admission medical examination with a private physician, do note that submitted forms should include the following:

- Part I of the Medical Examination Form would have to be completed by you, the student.
- Part II of the Medical Examination Form would have to be completed by a registered health physician.
- Only original chest X-ray reports are accepted and must be attached with the completed Medical Examination Form. X-ray films will not be considered and cannot be used as a substitute to the report.
- Any completed medical and X-ray reports must have a validity date of 6 months or less.
- Completed Medical Examination Form and Chest X-ray reports must be submitted to UHC within the stipulated time frame.
- All reports must be submitted in the English language. No other languages will be accepted for consideration.

While most submitted reports generally fall within the accepted guidelines, you may be required by the university and UHC to undergo further medical examinations or tests if your earlier medical results are incomplete or unsatisfactory. For your convenience, we encourage incoming students to proceed with your medical examination at UHC.

Medical Examination for International Students for Student Pass

All international students must include a HIV test for the application of the Student Pass.

The HIV test and medical examination can be done in your home country or in Singapore, including at UHC. The medical practitioner will have to complete 2 forms – (a) the Pre-enrolment Medical Report Form (NUS) and (b) the medical report form for the Student Pass application (ICA), which is sent to you with the Offer Letter of Admission. The medical report must be completed in English.

The original copy of both the radiologist report on the chest x-ray and the laboratory report on the HIV test must be attached to the completed medical report and submitted to the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority on the registration day.

The UHC is located at:

**University Health Centre (UHC)
Level 1, Wellness office
20 Lower Kent Ridge Road
Singapore 119080**

The medical check-up consists of the following

- Physical Examination
- Laboratory Examination*
- Chest X-ray
- HIV Test (for international students only)

*Note: Female students: please inform the staff if you have your menses within the past 5 days or if it is still ongoing.

The cost of the medical examination will be borne by students. The rates* at UHC are as follows:

Standard Medical Examination (includes Chest X-Ray)	\$40.00
Medical Examination without Chest X-Ray	\$26.00
Standard Medical Examination with Student Pass Examination	\$55.00

* Prices are subjected to prevailing GST and change without prior notice

** Please retain receipt for future reference.

Collection of Report

There is no need to return to the clinic for collection of results, as UHC is the collection centre.

Type of Report	Processing Time
Pre-Admission Medical Exam Report	No collection is required. Your medical exam result will be reported to the relevant faculty/department
Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) – Student Pass Medical Report	5 working days

Immunisation Screening Report, if any
(e.g.: Hepatitis B, Chickenpox and Rubella) 10 working days

** Please bring your Identity Card or Passport for verification purposes. You are required to prepare an authorization letter if you are sending someone to collect your reports on your behalf.*

Students who did not complete their medical examination at UHC will have to submit the following to UHC:

- (a) Completed **Admission Medical Examination Report - Graduate Students**
(available at UHWC or at <http://nus.edu.sg/uhc/images/downloads/Graduate.pdf>)
- (b) Original copies of the **reports** on the laboratory tests and chest X-ray

Graduate students who are NUS staff members or are being employed in local companies can be exempted from the pre-enrolment medical examination if they have done a similar medical check-up not more than 12 months before the time of registration.

- *Note:** (a) *NUS staff members* need only to **indicate the date and venue of the medical examination done earlier and complete Part II of the Pre-enrolment Medical Examination Report Form;**
- (b) *Non-NUS staff members* are required to **submit documentary proof** (e.g. certification letter from the employer with date of medical examination) **and complete Part II of the Pre-enrolment Medical Examination Report Form.**

Things to note:

- i) International students applying for student pass, especially those who wish to do the check-up in their own country, the doctor will have to complete 2 forms (NUS & ICA).
- ii) All students (including those exempted from the pre-enrolment medical exam) will have to complete **Part II** of the form (Medical History & Declaration at page 2).
- iii) The completed pre-enrolment medical exam form (the one for student pass) should be submitted to ICA.

Please check the UHC webpage

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/services/preexams.html/> if you require more information.

Note: NGS reserves the right to suspend the student's stipend if the student fails to complete the pre-enrolment medical examination prior to entering the National University of Singapore.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO NOTE DUE TO COVID-19

Overseas Travel Declaration System (OTD)

In view of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, all incoming students from Semester 1, AY2020/2021 are **required to declare their travel plans in the Overseas Travel Declaration (OTD) system** before they can proceed with online Registration (Part One).

Do note that the completion of OTD is **mandatory** for all incoming students.

For existing NUS students who have previously submitted travel plan(s) and will be enrolling in a new NUS programme/course in AY2020/2021, you are also required to login to the OTD system using your NUSNET ID to declare your travels.

For new students

Please login to the [OTD \(Applicants\)](#) system (from 01 June 2020 onwards) using the following:

1. Application Number
2. Application Password/PIN
3. Select your student category

OR

For new students

Please login to the [OTD \(Applicants\)](#) system (from 01 June 2020 onwards) using the following:

4. Email address (same as the one used for your NUS application)
5. Enter the OTP sent to your above email address.
6. Enter your Registration ID.

For existing NUS Students

Please login to the [OTD \(Students\)](#) system (from 01 June 2020 onwards) using your NUSNET ID. Any declaration made before 01 June 2020 will **not** be considered as valid.

Obtaining Approval from Ministry of Education (MOE) to enter Singapore

New International Students (IS) holding Student's Pass (STP) with In-Principle Approval (IPA) from ICA are allowed to matriculate into NUS from abroad to start e-learning, but **they can only enter Singapore with MOE's Entry Approval**.

Important Note

- IS should **NOT** buy their air ticket, until their approval from MOE is obtained.
- IS should submit their OTD first with the planned dates of arrival. Once MOE has given the approval, IS may amend their travel dates via the OTD system.

IS on PhD Research Scholarships (RS) whose entry into Singapore for the start of AY2020/AY2021 may be delayed because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Note that in usual circumstances, matriculation means PhD candidature officially begins and tuition fees are charged. For Research Scholars, tuition fees are covered by scholarship funding and monthly stipend payments can commence.

For incoming IS on RS who are delayed, the following will apply:

1. Suspension of stipend support (typically 48 monthly payments) until they physically arrive in Singapore. The stipend payment will start 1 day after their arrival in Singapore. For e.g. *Student physically arrives on 01 September 2020, their scholarship payment will start on 02 September 2020 and end on 01 September 2024. In other words, the scholarship clock starts on 01 September 2020*
2. Suspension of tuition fee support (typically 8 semesters) to coincide with the above (Miscellaneous Student Fees will also be deferred until stipend payments commence as these fees are typically deducted from the stipend);
3. In order to participate in e-learning, matriculation at the start of AY2020 Sem 1 will be allowed, but the tuition fee requirement will be waived until suspension of stipend and tuition fee support is lifted. In such a case, the candidature clock will start counting from 10 August 2020 until 09 August 2025 (i.e. 60 months) The scholarship clock will not start counting until the student arrives physically in Singapore.