

ABOUT START AND THE 2023 START AWARD RECIPIENTS

A. MOE-AU Scholarship

The MOE-AU Scholarship provides support at the undergraduate level, to help prepare recipients for future academic careers. Recipients also receive academic mentorship and developmental opportunities from their paired AU. The MOE-AU Scholarship sponsors recipients for up to four years of undergraduate studies, after which the scholar is expected to apply for and obtain an AU-sponsored postgraduate scholarship to pursue a PhD. There are three recipients for this scholarship this year.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Christopher <u>Ong</u> Xianbo	Physics, University of Oxford, UK	NTU
2.	<u>Wong</u> Zi Bin Matthew	Earth Sciences, University of Saint Andrews, UK	NTU
3.	Hannah <u>Lim</u> Xu En	Chemistry and Biological Chemistry with second major in Food Science and Technology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	SIT

B. Overseas PhD Scholarship recipients

The Overseas PhD Scholarship supports Singaporeans who have been accepted for doctoral training at a leading overseas/local academic/research institution. The scholarship provides support for up to five years in terms of stipends/salaries, overseas maintenance allowances, conference and fieldwork grants, airfares and other compulsory fees depending on the scholar's institution of study. Upon receipt of the scholarship, scholars will be paired with a local AU. MOE funds 50% of the scholarship while the paired university funds the other 50%. Scholars will return to their paired university as faculty members upon completion of their doctoral training to serve their bond. There are six recipients for this category in 2023.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	Eugene <u>Ho</u> Wei Kang	Philosophy, New York University, USA	NTU
2.	Nicole <u>Yow</u> Wei	History, Yale University, USA	NTU
3.	<u>Wong</u> Yew Chong Kester	Artificial intelligence, University College London, UK	NTU/NIE
4.	Bryan Benjamin <u>Goh</u> Yu Xian	History, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, USA	NUS
5.	<u>Loh</u> Yun Lei Hannah	<i>TBC</i>	SIT
6.	<u>Yoong</u> Joon Wei Aaron	Law, Harvard University, USA	SMU

C. Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship recipients

The Postdoctoral Fellowship supports Singaporeans who have just been conferred a doctoral degree and have been accepted for postdoctoral training at a leading overseas/local academic/research institution. The Scholarship provides support for up to two years in terms of stipends/salaries, overseas maintenance allowances, conference and fieldwork grants, airfares and other compulsory fees depending on the scholar's institution of study. MOE funds 50% of the fellowship while the paired university funds the other 50%. Scholars will return to their paired university as faculty members upon completion of their postdoctoral training to serve their bond. There are four recipients for this fellowship in 2023.

No.	Name	Course of Study and University	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Leong</u> Shi Xuan	Automated Chemistry and Machine Learning, University of Toronto, Canada	NTU
2.	<u>Tan</u> Wei Ming, Matthew	Mechanics of Soft Materials and Developing Functional Natural Polymers for Applications, Harvard University, USA	NTU
3.	Harisan Unais Nasir	Bioethics, National Institutes of Health (Bethesda MD), USA	NUS
4.	<u>Yip</u> Zhen Yuan Brandon	Philosophy, Australian Catholic University, Australia	SMU

D. Early Career Awards

The Early Career Award supports Singaporeans who have completed their PhD and/or post-doctoral training but have yet to be appointed to the tenure track in the Singapore AUs. Recipients of such awards will be expected to teach and conduct research, with the objective of helping them establish a competitive portfolio for consideration for appointment on the tenure-track at the AU thereafter. The award provides support for up to three years in terms of salaries/stipends and research grants. MOE funds 50% of the award while the paired university funds the other 50%. There are three recipients for this award this year.

No.	Name	Research Area	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Phang</u> Mei En Rachel	Law	SMU
2.	<u>Cheng</u> Nien Yuan	Theatre and Performance Studies	SUTD
3.	Geraldine <u>Quek</u> Cai Ting	Indoor Environmental Quality and Occupant Health	SUTD

E. Inauguration Grant recipients

The Inauguration Grant aims to attract Singaporean academics to join our AUs as pre-tenure Assistant Professors. Under the grant, each recipient will receive a cash bonus, to be given out in two tranches. The recipient will receive the first payment after two years of service, and the second payment after another two years of service. 50% of this cash bonus will be funded by MOE and the other half by the awarding AU. There are eight recipients for this category.

No.	Name	Research Area	Paired Autonomous University
1.	<u>Teng</u> Soek Po, <u>Phillis</u>	Biomechanics, Human Perception and Mechanical Design	NTU/NIE
2.	<u>Sing</u> Swee Leong (Sun Ruilong)	Enabling Material Development and Creating Strategic Values for the Industry through Advanced Manufacturing	NUS
3.	<u>Tan</u> Weiming	Commercial Chancery Law	NUS
4.	Aileen Eugenia <u>Scully</u>	Physiotherapy	SIT
5.	<u>Chen</u> Kan	Computer and Electronics Engineering	SIT
6.	Nadya Shaznay <u>Patel</u>	Critical Design Futures Thinking	SIT
7.	<u>Tong</u> Rong	Multilingual Speech and Language Processing	SIT
8.	<u>Wong</u> Choon Kit	Bio-Valorization and Smart Biosensors	SIT