

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(SFA Postgraduate Scholarship)

Eligibility and Application

I have commenced my postgraduate studies at a university. Can I apply for the Postgraduate Scholarship?

Mid-term applicants should have attained at least one semester of academic results at the point of application.

I have graduated and started working. Can I apply for the SFA Postgraduate Scholarship?

Applicants with prior industry experience/ working experience are welcome to apply for the Postgraduate Scholarship.

Do I need to secure an offer from a university before applying for SFA Postgraduate Scholarship?

No, you may apply for the university and the Scholarship concurrently. Scholarship recipients will be required to secure an offer to a relevant discipline of study for the award to be confirmed.

What are the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship?

The Postgraduate Scholarship is open to Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents intending to take up Singapore citizenship. We welcome individuals with strong academic results for the first degree to apply for the scholarship if you have a passion to contribute towards our mission of ensuring and securing a supply of safe food.

Is there a list of approved universities that I should apply to?

No. The Scholarship is offered for postgraduate studies at local and overseas universities.

Selection

When is the selection period?

The selection period opens annually in the third quarter of the calendar year. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted before end-October.

What is the selection process like?

Shortlisted candidates will undergo several selection rounds, including interview(s), activity-based assessment(s) and psychometric test(s).

How many postgraduate scholarships does SFA award each year?

The number of scholarship awards is dependent on the applicant cohort and organisational needs.

Career and Development

What are the career opportunities available when I return from my studies and start work?

SFA offers our scholars development opportunities including job rotations to different areas of work (i.e. operations, research & laboratory, and policy & planning), secondment to other agencies, technical and management training.

What will be the starting salary after I return to SFA upon completion of my studies?

Our salaries are competitive and will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

What developmental opportunities can I expect as an SFA scholar?

Our scholars are guided by mentors to help them pick up leadership skills and achieve their career goals. We also offer developmental opportunities such as job rotations within SFA, secondments to other organisations, as well as management and technical training.

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