

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(SFA Undergraduate Scholarship)

Eligibility and Application

When is the application period?

There are two application windows for the SFA Undergraduate Scholarship, after the release of the GCE 'A' Level results in Singapore, and in the third quarter of the calendar year. If you are interested in the undergraduate scholarship offered by SFA, you may apply through the open application in which you will undergo activity-based assessments, aptitude tests and interviews.

I have commenced my undergraduate studies at a university. Can I apply for the Postgraduate scholarship?

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

I have already obtained a degree. Can I apply through the same channel?

For applicants who are interested to apply for the SFA Postgraduate Scholarship, SFA offers local/overseas postgraduate scholarships at the Master's or PhD level.

Do I need to secure an offer from a university before applying for the 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 Undergraduate Scholarship is open to Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents intending to take up Singapore citizenship. We welcome individuals with good academic results and good CCA records to apply for the scholarship if you have a passion to contribute towards our mission of ensuring and securing a supply of safe food.

If I'm going for my National Service (NS), do I apply after I have received my GCE 'A' Level results or after I've completed NS?

You may apply before your enlistment by sending in your application after you have received your 'A' Level results. You may also apply while you are serving your NS. Please note that no deferment of NS is allowed.

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

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

Selection

When is the selection period?

There are two selection periods for the SFA Undergraduate Scholarship, after the release of the GCE 'A' Level results in Singapore, and in the third quarter of the calendar year. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted before end-April and end-September, based on the timing of their application.

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 undergraduate 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.

You will also be required to undertake an internship with SFA during one of your term break while you are studying (typically at the end of your first or second year).

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.

Terms and Conditions

Is there any penalty if I break the bond?

Our scholars will be required to repay liquidated damages comprising the scholarship award quantum with interest compounded annually.

Can I continue to pursue a post-graduate degree immediately upon my first degree?

Our scholars may get the opportunity to pursue post-graduate degrees immediately after the undergraduate studies. This sponsorship is subject to approval and the scholar's fulfilment of certain criteria.

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