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NTU Singapore launches new scholarship to nurture students' non-academic talent

- *Stellar academic performance not a requirement*

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is launching a scholarship that focuses on developing students' strengths in non-academic fields.

The **NTU Talent Scholarship** is the University's first scholarship that focuses on non-academic achievements, moving away from an emphasis on grades to take on a broader, more inclusive definition of meritocracy. It is awarded to undergraduates who are outstanding in their own fields and have made a significant societal impact representing NTU Singapore or the country.

This includes but is not limited to artistic individuals such as musicians, filmmakers, and writers; sporting professionals, leaders, and community builders, which could include entrepreneurs, healthcare advocates, and active volunteers.

Unique to the scholarship is a grant of up to \$5,000 that scholarship recipients can apply for and use to further develop their talent, be it through participating in competitions, or coming up with a social initiative that will benefit the community.

This new offering comes amid Singapore's move to expand the definitions of success beyond academic achievements, and go beyond grades towards a meritocracy of skills, where everyone is given the chance to fulfil their potential regardless of where they start in life.

NTU Acting President, Deputy President and Provost Professor Ling San said: “In 2019, NTU introduced a broader admissions process to gradually move towards a more holistic education that goes beyond grades by progressively extending aptitude-based admissions to at least half of our intake each year. Under the education pillar of the NTU2025, the University’s five-year strategic plan, we have also been going beyond a focus on grades to broaden our range of learning programmes outside the classroom and offer students experiential learning and unique learning opportunities. The NTU Talent Scholarship complements these efforts by developing and celebrating our students’ passions, interests, and strengths, and recognising them through meritorious yardsticks that go beyond success in academic achievements.”

The NTU Talent Scholarship is open to students of all qualifications.

It will be offered in January 2024 as a mid-term scholarship, while the full-term option will be available from August 2024. For a start, 30 scholarships will be awarded during the mid-term offering, with the number expected to increase for the full-term scholarship.

On top of the talent grant of up to \$5,000, which is subject to approval, scholarship recipients will also get full coverage of subsidised tuition fees, a living allowance of \$6,500 every academic year, as well as an accommodation allowance of up to S\$2,000 per academic year for those who stay on campus. Those offered a full-term scholarship will also get a one-off computer allowance of S\$1,750.

Students will be evaluated based on their personal statement and testimonials, as well as criteria such as:

- the scale of competitions, performances, or exhibitions they have participated in,
- the level of recognition, commendation, or recommendation from external bodies,
- impact, originality, and rigour of services offered,
- diversity and scope of service beneficiaries, and
- demonstrated leadership/ entrepreneurship.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Medicine, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges.

NTU is also home to world-renowned autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

Ranked amongst the world's top universities, the University's main campus is also frequently listed among the world's most beautiful. Known for its sustainability, over 95% of its building projects are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a medical campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

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