



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NTU Singapore's Class of 2021 continues to be in demand and earn higher salaries**

**Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)** graduates continue to be sought after by employers amid the pandemic, with more than nine in 10 graduates from the Class of 2021 in the labour force employed within six months after completing their final examinations.

4,292 NTU Singapore graduates responded to the 2021 Joint Autonomous Universities Graduate Employment Survey (JAUGES) jointly conducted by NTU and the other Autonomous Universities. This also includes 24 Biomedical graduates and 65 Medicine graduates from the Class of 2020 who took part in a follow-up survey.

Despite the pandemic, NTU's Class of 2021 earned higher salaries, with a mean gross monthly salary of \$4,000 for fresh graduates in full-time permanent employment<sup>1</sup>, an improvement of 4.2 per cent from \$3,840 in 2020. Their median gross monthly salary was also higher at \$3,750, up from \$3,660 in 2020.

Fresh graduates in Business & Computing (double degree) earned the most among their 2021 graduate peers with a median gross monthly salary of \$6,300, compared to \$5,400 in 2020. This was followed by Medicine graduates with \$5,500 after completing their one-year housemanship or first-year residency, and Computer Science graduates with \$4,800. The other top earners were those who graduated from Engineering and Economics (double degree) and Accountancy & Business courses.

**Professor Tan Ooi Kiang, NTU's Deputy Provost (Education)** said: "The latest employment survey results show that NTU graduates have demonstrated resilience amid the pandemic by continuing to be a top choice among employers, despite mounting competition in the job market. The results also suggest that NTU's focus on interdisciplinary education, in addition to global and industry exposure, has helped our students develop skills and competencies that make them stand out from the crowd."

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<sup>1</sup> Full-time permanent employment refers to the number of graduates working on a full-time permanent basis, as a proportion of graduates in the labour force (i.e. those who were working, or not working but actively looking and available for a job).

Besides graduates from National Institute of Education (NIE) and Medicine who achieved 100 per cent overall proportion in employment<sup>2</sup>, other courses with the highest overall proportion in employment include Accountancy & Business (99.2%), Maritime Studies (98.4%), Civil Engineering (97.7%), Accountancy (97.7%), Computer Science (97.0%), and Communication Studies (96.9%).

## Preparing graduates for an unpredictable world

NTU places a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary skills, along with disciplinary and domain expertise to prepare future-ready students with character, competence and cognitive agility who adapt to an unpredictable and fast-changing world.

One graduate who has benefitted from this is Business & Computing (double degree) graduate Lee Chong Yan.

Chong Yan, who is now a software engineer at multinational tech company Bytedance, said: “My Business & Computing double degree has given me a good balance of soft and hard skills. Computing has equipped me with the technical competencies required of me in my role. At the same time, with products getting internationalised and increasing collaboration with cross-regional teams, the job of a software engineer has evolved to also require managerial skills and resourcefulness, which is something my business background has prepared me for. NTU also provides rewarding overseas internship opportunities to widen our perspectives of the working world. My internship stint in the United States with global data storage company Seagate, sourced by NTU, helped me to develop a global mindset and cultural intelligence.”

As part of the vision articulated in the **NTU 2025 strategic plan** to foster stronger interdisciplinary synergies across academic units in education, research, and innovation, NTU recently launched the School of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, and Biotechnology (CCEB), a new interdisciplinary school set up jointly by NTU’s Colleges of Engineering and Science. The CCEB will start taking in students in the new academic year in August.

This follows NTU’s introduction of a new interdisciplinary collaborative core (ICC) requirement in the undergraduate curriculum last year. As part of the ICC, the University curated seven new core courses that focus on either key transferable skills or global challenges.

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<sup>2</sup> This refers to the number of graduates working in full-time permanent, part-time, temporary employment or freelancing, as a proportion of graduates in the labour force (i.e. those who are working, and those who are not working but are actively looking and available for work) as at 1 November 2021.

Scheduled over the first two years of study, there will be deliberate mixing of students from different disciplines and team-based projects or assignments in these ICC courses to immerse students early in interdisciplinarity learning.

The JAUGES results for NTU is available at: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/overview/autonomous-universities/ntu>

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***About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore***

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, established jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class 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).

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) buildings, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

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.

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