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## Alibaba launches scholarship programme in S'pore

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The logo of Alibaba Group is seen at the company's headquarters in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, China.

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SINGAPORE — Chinese tech giant

Alibaba launched its first scholarship programme in Singapore on Monday (Sept 3) in partnership with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Economic Development Board (EDB).

The Alibaba Talent Programme, open to Singapore citizens and permanent residents looking to pursue postgraduate studies, will have its first intake in January next year. About 20 to 30 students are expected to be admitted.

The programme focuses on research and development, particularly in the field of computer science.

As PhD students, participants will spend their time at various Alibaba research facilities, including a joint Alibaba-NTU facility on NTU's campus, as well as the company's campuses in China.

They will be able to participate in research projects led by Alibaba and universities, "supported with access to large data samples and valuable business scenarios from Alibaba", NTU said.

Outstanding participants could be employed by Alibaba, it added.

To enroll for the programme, candidates must have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in computer science, electrical and electronic engineering, physics or other related subjects.

They will need to pursue postgraduate studies in areas such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, cloud computing and Internet of Things.

Applications close on Oct 31.

"Through this programme ... we want to identify and nurture the next generation of R&D talent from Singapore and further strengthen the research community here.

Developing new and disruptive ideas is crucial, and we are committed to nurturing talent who would be the driving force of the next-wave of technology innovation." – Ms Liu Xiangwen, senior director of

Alibaba's technology strategy  
department.

APPLICATION DETAILS:

- Applications open Sept 3 and close Oct 31. Applicants may visit <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/Alibaba-NTU/PhD-Application/>
- Applicants must be Singapore citizens or permanent residents who have graduated from any local university, or selected top-ranked universities overseas.
- If enrolled in the programme, scholars will have their PhD studies paid for and receive a monthly stipend of S\$5,000.
- The first intake will start in January 2019.