

FAQs



ON GRADUATE EDUCATION ADMISSIONS

Q: When can I apply for the programme?

A: We have two intakes a year—in January and August. You are advised to visit the NIE Website and look out for announcements in April/May and October/November to confirm if the programme will be open for application at any particular intake.

Application periods for the January 2026 Intake:

- Masters by Coursework : **5 May – 19 June 2025**
 - Doctor in Education : **5 May – 19 June 2025**
 - PhD and Masters by Research : **5 May – 24 July 2025**
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Q: How can I apply for admission?

A: Applications are to be made online at:

<https://ntu.sg/NIEGradProgIntake>

Q: Is there an application fee?

A: The application fee for graduate programmes will be as follows:

Programme	Application fee (inclusive of GST)
PhD and Masters by Research	\$50
Masters by Coursework (MOE subsidised)	\$50
Masters by Coursework (Self-financing)	\$100
Doctor in Education	\$100

If Masters by Coursework applicants put in two programme preferences with one MOE subsidised programme and one self-financing programme, the higher of the two application fees will apply.

Q: What are the entry requirements?

A: For Doctor in Education (EdD)*:

You must hold a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree with good grades from an approved university which we judge to be of satisfactory standing, plus at least four years’ relevant experience in education or education-related fields. You may, in addition, be required to pass an approved English language test at a specified level and other prescribed tests. You will be interviewed by the Academic Department that offers your selected specialisation courses, and may be required to have gained educational and work experience as a prerequisite to these courses.

For Masters by Coursework:

Please refer to the relevant programme webpages for the specific requirements for individual programmes:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/nie/programmes/graduate-education/graduate-programmes>

For Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)*:

A Bachelor’s degree with honours at least at Second Class Upper level, a Master’s degree in the relevant areas and the ability to pursue research in the candidate’s proposed field of advanced study. Shortlisted applicants will undergo an interview session as part of the selection process.

For Masters by Research*:

A Bachelor's degree with honours at least at Second Class Upper level in the relevant areas and the ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study. Shortlisted applicants will undergo an interview session as part of the selection process.

***Note:** You are advised to browse through the following NIE webpages (depending on your research interest) to contact a potential supervisor from NIE before making a formal application. As a guide, you may wish to briefly introduce yourself, explain your research interests and mention the potential supervisor's research that you find interesting.

For EdD programmes:

Please contact the appropriate research programme leaders listed in this [link](#) for advice.

For PhD & Masters by Research programmes:

Please click [here](#) for list of potential supervisors. You may also contact the appropriate research programme leaders listed in this [link](#) for advice.

Q: What are the IELTS / TOEFL requirements for admission?

A: Graduates of universities with non-English medium of instruction are required to submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score. These tests dates must be no more than two years before the date of application.

	Minimum TOEFL Score		Minimum IELTS Score
	Paper and Pencil Examination	Internet-Based	
Master of Arts (Teaching Chinese as an International Language)	500	61	6.0
Other Masters by Coursework	580	92	6.5
Doctor of Philosophy and Masters by Research	600	100	7.0
Doctor in Education	600	100	7.0

Q: How long is the candidature period?

A: Generally, the candidature periods are as follows:

	Masters by Coursework		Masters by Research	PhD	EdD
	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
Full-time	1 year	2-3 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 5 years	Up to 5 years
Part-time	2 years	4 years			

However, the candidature period for some programmes may differ slightly. Please refer to the relevant programme webpages for details.

Q: What are the GRE / GATE requirements for admission into PhD and Masters by Research?

A: Except for graduates of the Autonomous Universities in Singapore, applicants pursuing research programmes are required to submit a good Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score, the test taken not more than five years before the date of application.

In lieu of GRE, applicants from India may use the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) score of at least 90%, the test taken not more than three years before the date of application.

GRE - Minimum score of 319 for both Verbal and Quantitative sections. Minimum score of 3.5 for Analytical Writing section.

Autonomous Universities refer to Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD).

Q: Can an International Student apply to study part-time in NIE?

A: The Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) does not issue Student Pass for part-time programmes. An international student who wishes to pursue the part-time programme must have either a valid Employment Pass or Dependent Pass from ICA to reside in Singapore throughout the course of study. If the validity of the Employment Pass or Dependent Pass expired before the student can complete the part-time programme, NIE will have to withdraw him/her from the programme as he/she does not have a valid pass to stay on in Singapore.

For international students who are offered full-time study with the Institute, they will be issued Student Pass by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) in order to remain in Singapore throughout the course of study. The issuance of the Student Pass is subject to the medical clearance of the international students.

Q: Can I get my reporting supervisors of my organisation or friends to write the academic referee reports required for PhD and Masters by Research programmes?

A: Applicants pursuing research programmes are required to submit two academic referee reports to support their application.

An academic referee must be a faculty member who has taught you before in an academic capacity and be able to write about your academic capabilities as well as your suitability for graduate education.

Hence, you cannot get the reporting supervisors of your organisation, colleagues or friends to write the referee reports.

Q: What are the fees payable for the programmes?

A: Fees are reviewed every academic year. More details can be found at:

NIE website (www.ntu.edu.sg/nie) > Admissions > Graduate Education > Tuition Fees

Payment of fees can be done by Interbank GIRO or credit card online. We also accept NETS and credit card in-person at the NIE Office of Academic Administration and Services.

Q: Is the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy applicable to the graduate programmes?

A: The SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy is applicable only to the Masters by Coursework (MOE-subsidised) programmes, namely:

- Master of Education
- Master of Teaching

Singaporean students aged 40 years and above will pay fees that are 60% lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other Singaporean students who are below 40 years old. However, this is not applicable to students paying non-subsidised fees. For more information, please visit www.skillsfuture.gov.sg.

Q: Can SkillsFuture Credit be used for the graduate programmes?

A: Yes, it is applicable to all graduate programmes offered by NIE.

SkillsFuture Credit is a grant from the Government to Singapore Citizens aged 25 and above.

For more information, please visit www.skillsfuture.gov.sg.

Q: Are there any incentives applicable to graduate programmes?

A: Starting from Academic Year 2025, the following incentives are applicable to Self-financing Masters by Coursework programmes:

(i) Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents

Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents who enrol in self-financing master's by coursework programmes at NTU/NIE will enjoy a \$5,000 subsidy. An additional fee subsidy of up to S\$10,000 is available for qualifying Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents in need of financial aid.

(ii) NTU/NIE Alumni

NTU/NIE alumni will receive 10 per cent tuition fee rebate.

Q: When will I know the results of my application?

A: Generally, applicants will receive the application outcome via email as follows:

	January Intakes	August Intakes
Masters by Coursework	September	April
Doctor in Education	September	-
Doctor of Philosophy and Masters by Research	October	May

Q: Are there scholarships available?

A: Please refer to the following website for the list of scholarships/grants offered by NIE and external agencies:

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/nie/admissions/graduate-education/scholarships-awards>

Please note that the University does not provide any assistance towards all travels or other costs nor does it guarantee employment to scholars on the successful completion of their degree candidature.

The following is a list of the scholarships administered by the Institute. Please visit the NIE Website for more details:

Programme	Scholarship
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Arts (Applied Psychology)• Master of Arts (Counselling and Guidance)• Master of Arts in Humanities Education• Master of Arts in Professional Education (Training and Development)• Master of Education (Early Childhood)	Ong Tiong Tat Master's Degree Scholarship/ Irene Tan Liang Kheng Master's Degree Scholarship ¹
Masters by Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pradap Kow Scholarship²• Nanyang Technological University Research Scholarship³• NIE Masters by Research Scholarship³
Doctor of Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nanyang President's Graduate Scholarship³• Provost Graduate Award⁵• Nanyang Technological University Research Scholarship³• NIE PhD Scholarship³
Doctor in Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tan Poey Quee Doctor in Education Scholarship⁴

1 Open to full-time and part-time applicants who are Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents. There is no separate application form. You may apply for the scholarships by indicating in the online application form.

2 Open to full-time and part-time applicants. Applications must be made on the prescribed forms (available in NIE website) and uploaded to the online application system for admission.

3 Open to full-time applicants. There is no separate application form. You may apply for the scholarships by indicating in the online application form.

4 Open to full-time and part-time applicants. The application form is available in the NIE Website.

5 Not open for application. Awarded only via nomination.

Q: Who can I contact if I have enquiries on the programmes?

A: For admission and application related enquiries, please write to nieadmpp@nie.edu.sg.

For administrative matters related to the programme such as time-table, study plans, please write to gradstudies@nie.edu.sg.

For academic specific enquiries relating to the programme such as curriculum requirements, you may contact the respective programme leader. Please refer to the relevant programme webpage and select 'Additional Information' tab for the email address of the respective Programme Leader(s)
