

## **FACT SHEET: NATIONAL INFOCOMM SCHOLARSHIP**

The National Infocomm Scholarship (NIS) was launched by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and the Infocomm industry in 2004 to develop Infocomm leaders for the local industry. It aims to make infocomm a top career choice among top students so as to create 'industry-ready' scholars to be injected into Singapore's infocomm industry and ensure that the industry has a fair share of top talent to sustain and grow its future. This year, 633 applications were received with 39 scholarships offered.

NIS offers the unique opportunity for scholars to be nurtured by leading infocomm Multinational Corporations (MNCs), local companies and government agencies during their course of study through internships. The Scholarship also allows top performing undergraduate scholars to move on to sponsored postgraduate studies.

The Scholarship covers both local and overseas studies. It provides an annual allowance, covers tuition and exam fees, hostel fees, six-month overseas attachment cost as well as an optional one year post-graduate study at the three local universities. The overseas NIS scholars will also enjoy overseas work stints with the sponsoring organisations.

There are three scholarship categories – Full, Partial and Flagship Infocomm Master's, each offering greater choice, scope and flexibility in carving a unique and exciting route to become an infocomm leader. Students with outstanding results can pursue one of the Flagship Infocomm Master's programmes at an accelerated pace – Singapore Management University-Carnegie Mellon University (SMU-CMU) Fast Track Programme; National University of Singapore-Carnegie Mellon University (NUS-CMU) Entertainment Technology Centre Programme in Interactive Digital Media; or Nanyang Technological University-Georgia Institute of Technology (NTU-Georgia Tech) Integrated Programmes.

Students who are keen to pursue an infocomm-related degree at top overseas universities and local universities (i.e. NUS, NTU and SMU) may apply for NIS. It is open to 'A' Level holders who possess a minimum of 3 As with a C5 or better for General Paper, and to Polytechnic graduates who have at minimum a 'Diploma with Merit'. A limited number of scholarships, known as partial scholarships, are also awarded to students in the final year of their Infocomm degree at the local universities (i.e. NTU, NUS, and SMU).

Participating organisations for NIS include Accenture Pte Ltd, Avaya Singapore Pte Ltd, Aztech Systems Ltd, Computer Associates Pte Ltd, DBS Bank Ltd, Frontline Technologies Corporation Ltd, Fujitsu Asia Pte Ltd, IBM Singapore Pte Ltd, IDA, Intel Technology Asia Pte Ltd, Microsoft Singapore Pte Ltd, NCS Pte Ltd, Novell Singapore, Oracle Corporation Singapore Pte Ltd, Singapore Computer Systems Pte Ltd and Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. Joining these 16 this year are five new organisations, namely Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies, ILOG, MediaCorp Technologies Pte Ltd, Singapore Power Ltd and StarHub Ltd.

For more information, please visit [www.ida.gov.sg](http://www.ida.gov.sg) or <http://talent.singaporeinfocomm.sg>.

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