(A) Infocomm Polytechnic (iPOLY) Scholarship

- 10 scholarships awarded in 2016.

The bond-free Infocomm Polytechnic Scholarship aims to attract more 'O' level students to pursue an infocomm-related courses at the polytechnic level. The scholarship seeks to develop industry-ready talents upon graduation through the building of their technical competencies and skills set as well as providing them with valuable industry exposure.

Programme Support

The scholarship covers full tuition fees, one-time computer allowance, courses and certifications sponsorship support, as well as overseas internship expenses of up to six months.

Eligibility Criteria

The iPoly scholarship is available to Singapore Citizens who possess good 'O' level results with an excellent Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) record as well as a strong interest in infocomm. Students must be accepted into one of the full-time infocomm-related diploma course offered at any of the 5 local polytechnics below:

Polytechnic	School	Course
Nanyang Polytechnic	Interactive & Digital Media	Game Development & Technology
	Information Technology	Information Technology
		Business Enterprise IT
		Financial Informatics
		Business Informatics
		Engineering Informatics
		Cyber Security & Forensics
		Business Intelligence & Analytics
Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Infocomm Technology	Information Technology
		Information Security & Forensics
		Financial Informatics

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		Multimedia & Animation
	Business & Accountancy	Business Information & Technology
	Engineering	Network Systems & Security
Republic Polytechnic	Infocomm	Information Technology
		Business Applications
		Business Information Systems
		IT Service Management
		Mobile Software Development
		Infocomm Security Management
		Interactive & Digital Media
Singapore Polytechnic	Digital Media & Infocomm Technology	Information Technology
		Infocomm Security Management
		Business Information Technology
	Business	Financial Informatics
	Design	Games Design & Development
Temasek Polytechnic	Informatics & IT	Information Technology
		Business Information Technology
		Cyber & Digital Security
		Mobile & Network Services
		Digital Forensics
		Business Intelligence & Analytics
		Financial Business Informatics
		Big Data Management & Governance
		Game Design & Development

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Programme Obligations

Scholarship recipients are required to fulfil the following conditions during their course of studies in lieu of a bond:
- To complete at least 1 course/certification as approved by IMDA;
- To volunteer in at least 1 infocomm event organised by Polys/IMDA/industry; and
- To either embark on a project with industry/IMDA-Labs OR complete an additional course/certification that is not taught in school, i.e. another programming language etc OR to participate in at least 1 infocomm-related competition.

(B) Media Education Scholarship

- 5 scholarships awarded in 2016.

The Media Education Scholarship (MES), co-sponsored by IMDA and established media companies, targets outstanding local students and media practitioners who seek to establish a long-term career in the media industry, and who wish to pursue full-time media-related undergraduate or postgraduate programmes at reputable Singapore or international universities.

Programme Support

MES offers scholarship for local and overseas studies, covering full tuition and other compulsory university fees by IMDA, as well as annual allowances to defray living expenses by co-sponsoring companies. An additional category, MES (Film), was introduced in 2013 following feedback from the film community. MES (Film) awards are for local and overseas studies, with full tuition and other compulsory university fees provided by IMDA. MES (Film) scholars are not co-sponsored by partner companies and therefore do not receive living allowances.

Eligibility Criteria

The MES scholarship is available to Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents who are interested in joining the Singapore media industry. They should possess good post-secondary exams results, leadership potential and strong industry or creative track record. Applicants should have applied to or be accepted by a reputable university for their studies. Male applicants should also have completed or are completing their National Service prior to the start of their studies.

Programme Obligations

Upon completion of their studies, MES scholars will serve a bond of three to five years with the co-sponsoring company, while MES (Film) recipients will be required to fulfil a two-year service commitment in Singapore's film industry by working on two projects.

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(C) National Infocomm Scholarship

- 9 scholarships awarded in 2016.

The National Infocomm Scholarship (NIS), launched in 2004, aims to develop infocomm leaders and ensure a future pipeline of talent for the infocomm industry. NIS offers the unique opportunity for recipients to be nurtured by leading global companies, local companies and government agencies during their course of study. Scholars will have the opportunity to be mentored through local/overseas work attachments of up to six months. At the end of their studies, all NIS scholars would go on to serve their bond with an industry organisation in an IT-related job role according to their aspirations and passion, as approved by IMDA.

NIS is open to students who have completed their junior college or polytechnic studies and are keen to pursue a full-time infocomm-related degree in either a local or foreign university, as well as existing undergraduates studying an infocomm-related degree. NIS offers full and mid-term scholarship for both local and overseas studies that covers the tuition and other compulsory university fees, as well as annual allowances to defray living expenses and funding support for professional courses and certifications. There are 4 types of scholarships under NIS, with the following bond period:

    a. Full Overseas scholarship – 5 years bond
    b. Fast Track Bachelors-Masters scholarship – 4 years bond
    c. Full Local scholarship – 3 years bond
    d. Mid-term Local/Overseas scholarship – 1 to 4 years bond dependent on the duration of sponsorship

Programme Support

NIS covers tuition and exam fees, hostel fees, annual living allowance and cost of the scholar's six-month overseas/local attachment.

Eligibility Criteria

NIS is open to Singaporeans who have completed their junior college or polytechnic studies and due to commence studies within one year. They should be keen to pursue a full-time infocomm-related degree in either a local or overseas university. Mid-term scholarships are also awarded to deserving existing undergraduates taking an infocomm degree in a local or overseas university.

Fast Track Bachelors-Master Programme

Four Fast Track Bachelors-Master Programmes are offered under the NIS programme. In collaboration with the local universities and top overseas universities, the programme allows scholars to obtain both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in an accelerated path.

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- *SMU-Carnegie Mellon University Fast Track Programme* awarding a Bachelor of Science (Information Systems Management) degree and a Master's of Science (IT related specialisations);

- *NUS-Carnegie Mellon University Entertainment Technology Centre Concurrent Programme in Interactive Digital Media* awarding a Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science) degree and Master of Entertainment Technology;

- *NUS-Brown University Concurrent Programme in Computational Biology* awarding a Bachelor of Computing (Computational Biology) and Scientiae Magister in Computer Science (Computational Biology); and

- *NUS-Brown University Concurrent Programme in Computer Science* awarding a Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science) and Scientiae Magister in Computer Science.

(D) National Cybersecurity Postgraduate Scholarship (NCPS)

- 9 scholarships awarded in 2016.

The National Cybersecurity Postgraduate Scholarship (NCPS) is offered jointly by the National Research Foundation (NRF), Prime Minister's Office, Singapore and Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) under the National Cybersecurity R&D Programme. It is a prestigious scholarship for graduates and working professionals who are keen to contribute and commit to the protection of Singapore's cyberspace.
Successful scholarship applicants may pursue their Masters (either through coursework or research) locally and/or Doctoral degrees (i.e. PhD), locally or overseas.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Be a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident. Applicants for part-time studies and overseas PhD scholarship must be Singapore citizens;
- Possess a strong interest in a infocomm/cybersecurity as a career; and
- Applicants must satisfy criteria for and seek admission into a full-time/part-time postgraduate cyber security related course in a reputable Singapore or overseas university (for PhD studies only)

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Cybersecurity Specialist Postgraduate Scheme (CSPS)

This scheme is applicable to working professionals who have the support of their employers to pursue full time Masters/PhD studies while being a full salaried employee of the company.

Criteria for Company
Companies must meet the following criteria:
- Be based in Singapore;
- Be committed to support applicants for the full duration of the full-time studies leading to the attainment of a Masters/PhD; and
- Commit to deploy the scholars in cybersecurity related job function for the period of bond upon graduation.

Support for companies from NRF and IMDA:
- Sponsorship for Applicant's full tuition fees; and
- Partial sponsorship for Applicant's monthly basic salary (Masters at S$1,500 and PhD at S$3,500).

Scholarship Coverage
Successful applicants will be given support for:

Programme	Coverage for Non-CSPS	Coverage for CSPS
Masters by Coursework (1-year full-time programme)	• Stipend	• Existing salary with CPF contribution provided by sponsoring company
	• Full tuition fees • Pre-studies allowance • Hostel fees • Local/Overseas attachment expenses (up to 6 months) • Sponsorship for courses and certifications • For Singaporeans & Singapore PR	
Masters by Coursework (2-year part-time programme)	• Full tuition fees • For Singaporeans only	• Not Applicable for CSPS
Masters by Research (2-year full-time programme)	• Stipend • CPF contribution (only applicable for Singaporeans)	• Existing salary with CPF contribution provided by sponsoring company
	• Full tuition fees • Pre-studies allowance	

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	• Hostel fees • Local/Overseas attachment expenses (up to 6 months) • Sponsorship for courses and certifications • For Singaporeans & Singapore PR	
Masters by Research (3-year part-time programme)	• Full tuition fees • For Singaporeans only	• Not Applicable
Overseas PhD (4-year full-time programme)	• Stipend • CPF contribution (only applicable for Singaporeans)	• Existing salary with CPF contribution provided by sponsoring company
	• Full tuition fees • Living allowance • Conference allowance • Travel allowance • Book allowance • Thesis allowance • Warm clothing allowance • Settling-in allowance • Baggage allowance • Computer allowance • For Singaporeans only	
Local PhD (4-year full-time programme)	• Stipend • CPF contribution (only applicable for Singaporeans)	• Existing salary with CPF contribution provided by sponsoring company
	• Full tuition fees • Conference allowance • Book allowance • Computer allowance • Thesis allowance • For Singaporeans & Singapore PR	
Local PhD (6-year part-time programme)	• Full tuition fees • For Singaporeans only	• Not Applicable

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Disciplines of Study

The scholarships are tenable at the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University and Singapore University of Technology and Design for Masters and Local PhD programmes.

For overseas PhD, the scholarships are tenable at any overseas universities renowned for cybersecurity studies, subjected to the approval of NRF and IMDA.

Upon completion of the Masters and/or PhD programme, scholars will contribute to the cybersecurity field with a Singapore-based company*+ (subject to approval) for a period according to the table below.

	Max. Duration of Sponsorship	Service Commitment Period
Masters by Coursework (Full-time)	1 year	1 year
Masters by Coursework (Part-time)	2 years	No bond
Masters by Research (Full-time)	2 years	2 years
Masters by Research (Part-time)	3 years	No bond
Local PhD (Full-time)	4 years	No bond
Local PhD (Part-time)	6 years	No bond
Overseas PhD (Full-time)	4 years	5 years

* Singapore-based companies refer to public sector organisation, local university, research institutions, local companies and international companies that have a base in Singapore.

+ Scholars under the Cybersecurity Specialist Postgraduate Scheme (CSPS) must serve their bond with the employer organisation.

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