

ANNEX C SKILLSFUTURE STUDY AWARDS

SkillsFuture Study Awards for ICT Sector

The SkillsFuture Study Awards (SFA) is part of the SkillsFuture movement to provide Singaporeans with opportunities to develop their fullest potential throughout life, regardless of their starting points. The Study Awards was approved by the Cabinet in Feb 2015 with the following objectives:

1. Encourage Singapore Citizens (SCs) to develop and deepen relevant skills needed in growth clusters; and
2. Support individuals' career progression and complement the broad-based government subsidies.

IMDA is responsible for the ICT sector and targets to give out 150 awards in FY16 to help professionals develop and deepen ICT skills.

Eligibility Criteria*

- Singaporeans with at least 3 years of ICT work experience
- Committed to deepening skills in the infocomm sector
- Courses should be relevant to the needs of the infocomm sector
- Not a previous recipient of any SkillsFuture Study Award
- Not a recipient of any Government-funded scholarship/sponsorship for the same course

*Refer to the website www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/infocomm for more details on the eligibility criteria.

Examples of Supported Courses

The following are some examples of courses that can be supported:

- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Computing in Software Security
- Master of Technology in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Computer Science

Programme Support

The SFA supports both local and overseas work-related education and training. Recipients of the SFA will receive a monetary award of \$5,000. This includes defraying cost of course fees, course materials and other out-of-pocket expenses, on top of existing government subsidies.

Programme Obligations

There is no bond imposed on recipients. However, recipients must complete the course and pass all examinations required (if any).

SkillsFuture Study Awards for the Media Sector

The SkillsFuture Study Awards for the Media Sector is administrated by IMDA for media professionals. It is aimed at further developing and deepening their skill-sets and competencies to better meet new challenges and developments in the media industry.

For FY2016 ending 31 March 2017, 70 SkillsFuture Study Awards for the Media Sector are to be provided. Applications opened in February and October 2016.

Eligibility Criteria*

- Singaporeans with at least 3 years' experience as a media practitioner (including media freelancers).
- Applicants must not have completed their course of study at application closing date.
- The course must be assessed to be relevance to the industry. Courses such as Diploma in Film, Sound and Video, Diploma in Multimedia and Animation, Bachelor of Arts in Game Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking and in areas such as data analytics, cloud computing, digitalisation and transmedia will be considered.
- The course should also be a full-time media course in Singapore leading to a diploma, degree or post-graduate qualification (excluding online courses).
- Applicants should not be a previous recipient of any SkillsFuture Study Award.

Please refer to the website <http://www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/media> for more details on the eligibility criteria.

Recipients of the Study Awards will receive a monetary award of \$5,000. This includes defraying the cost of course fees, course materials and other out-of-pocket expenses, on top of existing government subsidies.

Programme Obligations

There is no bond imposed on recipients. However, recipients must complete the course and pass all examinations required (if any).

SkillsFuture Study Awards for the Design Sector

Design Sector Overview

The Design sector can be categorised into Image-Making (Visual Communications, Packaging Design, Fashion Design), Object-Making (Industrial and Product Design, Furniture Design) and Place-Making (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Planning). The coming together of these disciplines often results in creative ideas and concepts that translate into innovative products and meaningful services.

To stay ahead of the competition, designers must improve the quality of their designs by deepening their skills and training. Cross-disciplinary skills will enable professionals to provide holistic design solutions, while understanding design business strategy will enable designers to better manage projects and understand clients' businesses. And with training in Design Management, Service Design/Experience Design, and Digital Design, designers will be able to tap opportunities for better product, service and process innovation.

Eligibility Criteria*

- Singaporeans with at least 3 years of work experience in an area of design
- Committed to deepening skills in the sector
- Has track record of contributing to learning and training of self and/or others
- Must not have completed course of study at the application closing date
- Courses should be relevant to the needs of the design sector
- Not a previous recipient of any SkillsFuture Study Award

*Refer to the website <http://www.skillsfuture.sg/studyawards/design> for more details on the eligibility criteria.

Supported Courses

- Local courses only
- Preferred Courses:
 - Business
 - Design Management
 - Digital Design
 - Service Design/Experience Design
- Other Courses Applicable:
 - Architecture
 - Fashion Design
 - Industrial Design
 - Interior Design
 - Landscape Design

- Urban Planning
- Visual Communications

- Types of courses applicable include certificate courses, specialist diplomas, degree programmes, postgraduate programmes etc.
- Courses should be minimally 1-month long for full-time and 3-months long for part-time
- Designers pursuing degree or masters programmes in design are strongly encouraged to apply for the DesignSingapore Scholarships.
- Online courses and conferences are not supportable

The following are some examples of courses that can be supported:

- BA of Arts (Honours) Graphic Communication
- BA Visual Communication with Business
- Master of Science (Integrated Sustainable Design)
- Specialist Diploma In Interior Landscape Design
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Communication Design

Programme Support

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Programme Obligations

There is no bond imposed on recipients. However, recipients must complete the course and pass all examinations required (if any).