

The deadline for the referees to submit the recommendation letters can be one week or even more time after you submit the applications. You just need to submit the applications before the deadline. The recommendation letters can come much time later.

Please note you can apply to BOTH 1 and 2 below. This increases your chance of joining NTU for a PhD study with full scholarship.

1. For the Alibaba-NTU Talent Programme, the deadline for the January 2021 intake is 30 July 2020. Visit <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/alibaba-NTU/PhD-application/Pages/index.aspx>

or a backup site: <https://tinyurl.com/AlibabaNTU>

The application process for the Alibaba-NTU Talent Programme, described at the above link, is completely different from the following application explained in detail in the rest of the document.

2. For **PhD study at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) via the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) scholarships**, please submit your online application to A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS) and A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS) **by 11:59PM (Singapore time zone) of 31 July 2020 (Friday, Hari Raya Haji, a Public Holiday)**. Please follow the detailed steps below to submit your application, if you want to pursue a PhD study in the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCSE) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), under the supervision of Prof ZHAO Jun (Homepage: <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/>). PhD topics offered by NTU Prof ZHAO Jun can be found at <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/PhDtopics.htm>

In the application, you also need to provide the following particulars of two referees:

Name of Referee, Organization, Occupation, Relationship, Email Address, Telephone Number, and Number of Year(s) Known.

After you submit the application, the system will send requests of recommendation letters to the email addresses of referees that you input in the system. Please ask your two referees to submit recommendation letters by 7 August 2020.

After you submit the application, please also remember to send an email to JunZhao@ntu.edu.sg or contact NTU Prof ZHAO Jun via other ways listed at <https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/>

Please find below some mandatory fields that you need to answer in the online application system. Suggest you to prepare the answers offline. Then copy and paste them in the online application system. Do not spend much time preparing the answers when you are logged in the online application system, because the system may consider you inactive for much time and log you out, which may cause your answers unsaved.

Mandatory Question: What are your career aspirations?

Answer: [Your answer should be at most 3000 words].

Mandatory Question: Share with us one skill, talent, or expertise you would like to develop and enhance if you have the available resources.

Answer: [Your answer should be at most 3000 words].

Mandatory Question: Briefly describe how your participation in past projects/activities demonstrates your passion for a research career in computing and information science and how you would contribute to A*STAR.

Answer: [Your answer should be at most 3000 words].

The official website for A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS) is <https://www.a-star.edu.sg/Scholarships/for-graduate-studies/a-star-cis-scholarship>

The official website for A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS) is <https://www.a-star.edu.sg/Scholarships/for-graduate-studies/a-star-graduate-scholarship-singapore>

Each scholarship includes full tuition fee support and a monthly stipend up to S\$5,000.

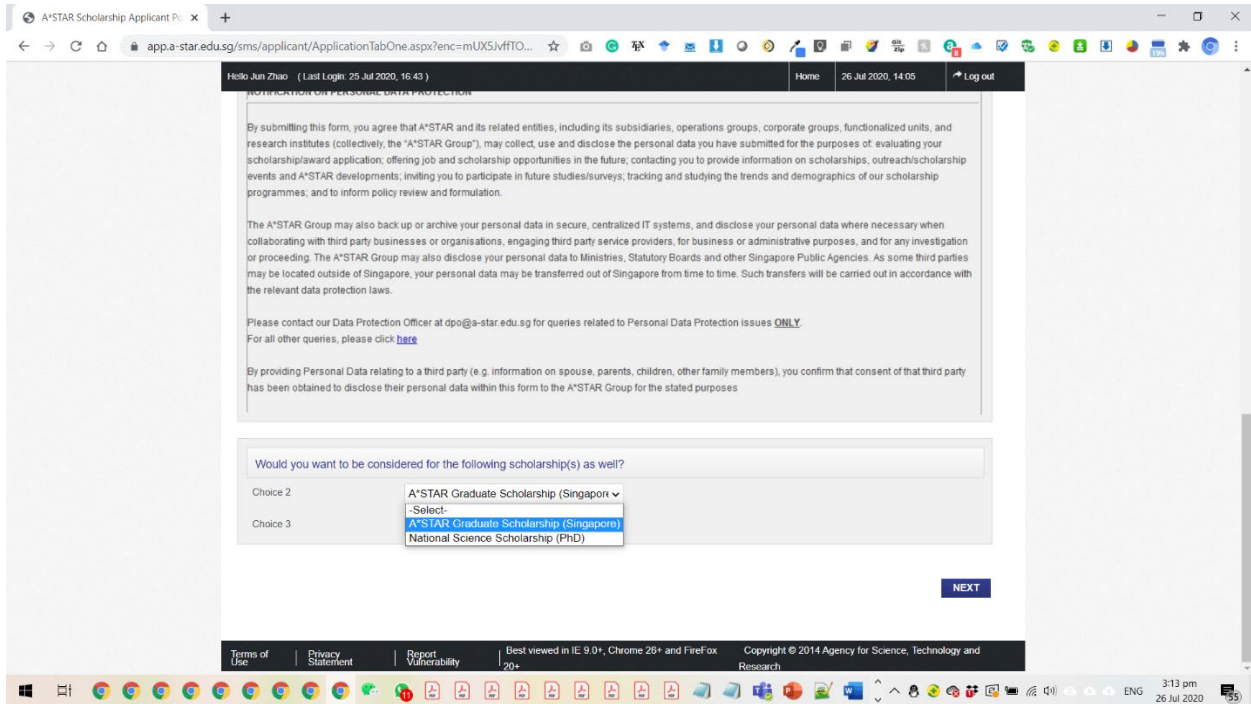
Visit <https://app.a-star.edu.sg/sms/applicant> and login to the system (please register an account if you do not have one)

On the page below: Click "Apply to A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS)"

The screenshot shows the A*STAR Scholarship Application portal. The header includes the user's name (Hello Jun Zhao), last login time (26 Jul 2020, 14:05), version (AP), and current date/time (26 Jul 2020, 15:03). The main navigation menu on the left includes Home, Apply to Scholarships, My Applications, and Account. The main content area displays a table of available scholarships, categorized by Pre-Universities, Undergraduate Studies, PhD Studies, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and International Awards. The 'A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS)' is highlighted in the PhD Studies section.

Description	Application Deadline	Action
Pre-Universities		
A*STAR Science Awards (JC)	(Application is closed)	--
A*STAR Science Awards (Polytechnic)	(Application is closed)	--
A*STAR Science Awards (Upper Secondary)	(Application is closed)	--
Undergraduate Studies		
National Science Scholarship (BS)	01-Mar-2021	Apply
National Science Scholarship (BS) Mid-term (Mid-Term NSS(BS))	(Application is closed)	--
PhD Studies		
A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (Singapore)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
A*STAR-Warwick EngDoc Programme (AWP)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
National Science Scholarship (MD-PhD)	(Application is closed)	--
National Science Scholarship (PhD)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
Postdoctoral Fellowships		
A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS-PDF)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
A*STAR International Fellowship (AIF)	31-Jul-2020	Apply
International Awards		
A*STAR Research Attachment Programme (ARAP)	31-Mar-2021	Nomination Only
Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA)	01-Dec-2020	Apply
Singapore International Pre-Graduate Award (SIPGA)	31-Mar-2021	Nomination Only

On Page 1 of the application system (screenshot below):
For Choice 2, Select A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS);
For Choice 3, Select National Science Scholarship (PhD);




Throughout the application, you will see

* Mandatory Field

 Click to delete if not applicable

This means:

If you keep a field with * , you have to fill in the field.

If you do not want to fill in a field with * , **you can click  to delete the field.**

Page 2 of the application system is the tab of "Personal Info".

Page 3 of the application system is the tab of "Education Details".

Page 4 of the application system is the tab of "Education (Others)".

Page 5 of the application system is the tab of "Languages / Awards / CCA".

Page 6 of the application system is the tab of "Career".

Page 7 of the application system is the tab of "Education Plans".

For "Name of University", select "Nanyang Technological University".

For "School/Department", select "NTU School of Computer Science and Engineering (NTU SCSE)".

For "Proposed Research Area", input "Federated Learning". Please visit

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/FederatedLearning.htm>

For "Start Date", select "11-Jan-2021".

For "End Date", select "13-Dec-2024".

For "Application Status", select "Yet to apply" if you have not yet submitted a separate application to the PhD program of NTU School of Computer Science and Engineering (NTU SCSE). The application to the PhD program of NTU SCSE is not urgent. Even when the official deadline has passed, you can still apply to the PhD program of NTU SCSE any time in August or September:

<https://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/graduate/R-Programs/R-WhenYouApply/Pages/R-ApplyOnline.aspx>

However, for the application to the A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS) and A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS), the deadline of **11:59PM (Singapore time zone) on 31 July 2020 (Friday, Hari Raya Haji, a Public Holiday)** is strict.

Note that with an offer of ACIS or AGS, you do not need to fulfill the NTU SCSE requirements of TOEFL/IELTS and GRE scores.

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Agency for Science, Technology and Research SINGAPORE

Scholarship Application

Instructions Personal Info Education Details Education (Others) Languages / Awards / CCA Career **Education Plans** Research

Essay/Referee Declaration

Scholarship Title: A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS)

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INTENDED UNIVERSITY
 (To be listed in order of preference)

Name of University	School/Department	Proposed Research Area	Start Date	End Date	Application Status
Nanyang Technologi	NTU School of C	Federated Learning	11-Jan-2021	13-Dec-2024	Yet to apply

ADD ENTRY

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD APPLICATIONS MADE TO A*STAR

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PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP / AWARD APPLICATIONS MADE TO OTHER ORGANIZATION(S)

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Page 8 of the application system is the tab of "Research".

For "Project Type", select "Non Thematic Program".

For "Main Supervisor's Information":

For "Name", input "ZHAO Jun".

For "Institution Name", select "Nanyang Technological University".

For "Email Address", input "JunZhao@ntu.edu.sg".

For "Contact No.", input "8648 3534" (it will show (864)-835-34_____, which is fine).

For PhD Topic and PhD Research Proposal, you can use the writeups at

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/PhDtopics.htm>

Page 9 of the application system is the tab of "Essay/Referee".

Mandatory Question: Share with us one skill, talent, or expertise you would like to develop and enhance if you have the available resources.

Answer: [Your answer should be at most 3000 words].



Mandatory Question: Briefly describe how your participation in past projects/activities demonstrates your passion for a research career in computing and information science and how you would contribute to A*STAR.

Answer: [Your answer should be at most 3000 words].

You also need to provide the following particulars of two referees:

Name of Referee, Organization, Occupation, Relationship, Email Address, Telephone Number, and Number of Year(s) Known.

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Scholarship Title: A*STAR Computing and Information Science Scholarship (ACIS)

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

Share with us one skill, talent, or expertise you would like to develop and enhance if you have the available resources. *

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Briefly describe how your participation in past projects/activities demonstrates your passion for a research career in computing and information science and how you would contribute to A*STAR. *

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ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL REFEREES

Provide particulars of two persons who are able to comment on your character, research ability, academic standing and professional competency.

Name of Referee *	<input type="text"/>	Organization *	<input type="text"/>
Occupation *	<input type="text"/>	Relationship *	<input type="text"/>
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Telephone No. *	<input type="text" value="()- -"/>	Year(s) Known *	<input type="text"/>

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After you submit the application, please do the following:

Log in to the ACIS submission system, download the submitted application file, and send the file to JunZhao@ntu.edu.sg

There should be a Word file for you to download.

You may also contact NTU Prof ZHAO Jun via other ways listed at

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/JunZhao/>