

FAQ

NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships

Q: Who can apply for NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships?

A: To qualify for the scholarships, you must have a minimum 2nd Class Upper Honours degree or equivalent at Bachelor's level. Good GRE test score and/or good TOEFL score for applicants whose mother tongue is not English. Please note that your PhD studies should be in areas related to Clean Energy.

Q: My examination results are not available yet. Can I apply for NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships?

A: At the time of application, if you have not yet completed your undergraduate degree programme, you will need to furnish documentation from your university that you are on track to get a minimum 2nd Class Upper Honours degree or equivalent.

Q: Can I apply for the NRF (CE) Overseas PhD Scholarship if I am not a Singaporean?

A: If you are selected to be a CEPO scholar, you must apply to be a Singapore Citizen before you embark on your overseas PhD studies.

Q: Can I apply for the local PhD if I am not a Singaporean?

A: The NRF (CE) Local PhD Scholarship is open to all nationalities. Foreigners who take up the scholarship are expected to become Singapore PRs within 2 years of completion of studies.

Q: What qualities do you look for in a scholar?

A: In addition to academic excellence and a passion for science and research, we are looking for people who are driven and committed to serve Singapore. He/she will have a big role to help Singapore stay competitive in Clean Energy.

Q: I am currently holding a scholarship for my undergraduate studies from other government ministries/agencies, can I still apply for NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships?

A: Please clarify with your sponsoring organization before applying. If there are no objections on their end, we are open to you serving both bonds concurrently.

Q: I am currently studying/based overseas. Do I have to make a physical appearance for an interview if I am shortlisted?

A: It would be ideal if you could meet the interviewers personally. If this is not possible, the initial interview can be conducted via teleconferencing but for the final round of interview, we would require your physical presence.

Q: Do I need to secure a place at university before applying for the scholarships?

A: You should at least be in the process of applying to the universities, with an idea of what you would be studying. It would be great if you have secured a place already in one or more overseas/local universities by the time of your application submission, but we recognize that this may be difficult.

Q: How can I apply for NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships?

A: Please fill up the application form and submit it with supporting documents to the following address (please indicate the scholarship applied to, i.e. "NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships" on the top left hand corner of the envelope):

Clean Energy Programme Office
My SingPost Box 880108
Singapore 919191

Supporting documents include:

- a) A certified true copy of your NRIC or Passport
- b) A certified true copy of NS certificate (if applicable)
- c) A certified true copy of GRE results
- d) A certified true copy of TOEFL results (for applicants whose degree is from a university where English is not the main medium of instruction)
- e) A certified true copy of "O" level results or equivalent
- f) A certified true copy of "A" level results or equivalent
- g) Certified true copies of award/prizes and certificates (if any)
- h) Certified true copies of university transcripts and degree scrolls
- i) Two letters of recommendation
- j) List of publications (if any)
- k) Letter of Admission/Acceptance to university (if any)
- l) Your answers to the questions posed in the application form that should be submitted on separate sheets
- m) Two passport-sized photographs (non-returnable)
- n) Any other relevant documents

Note: Application form and supporting documents are non-returnable.

Q: When does application open and what is the deadline for applications?

A: Applications are open throughout the year. For admission for the Academic Year starting in August 2010, the closing date for applications is 28 February 2010.

Q: Can I apply for other scholarships in addition to NRF (Clean Energy) PhD Scholarships?

A: Yes, but you can only hold one award.

Q: When will I be informed whether I'm short-listed?

A: If you are shortlisted, you will be informed within 2 months of the application closing date to attend an interview.

NRF (Clean Energy) Company Scholarships

Q: What are the selection criteria for companies?

A: Companies to be considered for this programme should be key companies that have a reputation for or that can demonstrate professional personnel management to ensure that the scholars are gainfully employed. The companies should preferably be well-established and have a sizeable operation in Singapore or are considering new investments / projects in Singapore.

Q: How can interested individuals apply for these scholarships?

A: Each of our partners (companies) will have their own requirements and will conduct their own recruitment rounds, either through the web, or newspapers, or through the universities.

Q: Does this scheme support overseas studies?

A: This scheme is currently only open for both Masters and PhDs studies in Singapore (i.e. NTU and NUS).

Q: Is there a bond for NRF (Clean Energy) Company Scholarships?

A: The scholars would be bonded to work at the participating company either at the company's local operations (for foreign / local companies) and / or overseas operations (for Singapore companies) upon graduation. The bond period would be 2 years for local Masters and 3 years for local PhDs.

Q: How can I find out more information on the list of partners (companies)?

A: A list of participating companies will be posted on this website after they are approved..

Q: When does application open and what is the deadline for applications?

A: Applications are open throughout the year for interested companies. You can contact EDB for further discussions.

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