

TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU

Temasek Foundation International Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking Programme @ NTU

AY2018, Semester 1 (July – December 2018)

What is TF Intl LEaRN?

The Temasek Foundation International Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking Programme @ Nanyang Technological University (TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU) is funded by Temasek Foundation. The goal of this scholarship programme (TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU) is to build bridges among student leaders in Asia, with an aim to achieve the following:

- 1. Develop a global mindset by acquiring a better appreciation of another culture, lifestyle, language, and enriching their leadership skills.
- 2. Form a sustained network amongst regional LEaRN participants.
- 3. Work together towards regional connection and development of Asia.
- 4. Build capability and learn whilst involved in the immersion programme.

TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU serves to provide a total experiential learning platform for the talented young leaders of the future from Asia, an opportunity to immerse a semester at NTU.

The total experiential learning platform is achieved through the amalgamation of semester course work, community service learning, cultural exchange activities, projects and host family experience in Singapore.

Asian undergraduate students selected to participate in TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU will develop a strong sense of cross-cultural intelligence, gain a global mindset with sustained network of friends for regional networking among the development of Asia.

40 selected Asian undergraduate students will be offered to study a semester at NTU with tuition and living expenses covered.

Applications for AY 2018, Semester 1 (27 July - 7 December 2018) are currently open!

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No. of Awards	 The TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU programme is only offered in Semester 1. Up to 40 TF Intl LEaRN scholarships will be awarded for AY2018-2019.
Quantum	 Each TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU grant is tenable for one academic semester at NTU in Singapore. Each TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU grant (up to \$\$6,500) is aimed at subsidising the TF Intl LEaRN Scholar's airfare, accommodation, living expenses (including books and transport), and programme fees. It shall cover the following: Economy Class air ticket subsidy of up to \$\$1,000 (applicable for travel from home country to Singapore and back) On-Campus Accommodation Fee Living cost of \$\$2,500 (2 disbursements – August & end-October) Programme Fees (e.g. tuition fees, activities, projects, etc.)
	On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for all TF Intl LEaRN scholars.
Nomination & Application Deadlines	 Nomination Deadline: 20 March 2018 (For partner university to submit list of nominees to NTU) Online Application Deadline: 30 March 2018 (For student applicant to submit online application together with required documents) Invitations for nominations and applications will be emailed to the International Relations Office of NTU's Asian Partner Universities for internal dissemination.

Eligibility

- Open to nationals of member countries of Asia (except Singapore) to pursue a semester of coursework at NTU.
- Applicants must be a full-time Undergraduate student in one of NTU exchange partner institutions.
- Have completed 2 semesters of study at home university, with proof of results.
- NTU will only review student applications that are nominated and formally submitted to NTU Office of Global Education & Mobility Education (OGEM) by the exchange coordinators of partner universities.
- Each NTU partner institutions should not submit more than number of nominations requested. A selection process (see page 10) will be held and only selected candidates will be awarded the scholarship.
- Each nominee should be from different faculty/schools within the nominating university.
- Applicants should possess the following:
 - a) An excellent academic record within the top 5% of cohort
 - b) A very good command of the English Language (see "English Proficiency Requirement" on page 5)

- c) Hold leadership positions in any of the university student activity clubs and/or involved in community service
- A Recommendation Letter from a faculty of the host institution and a CV of the nominee's accomplishments.
- See below for the **requirements** of the TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU programme and the required **documents** for the application.

Requirements

A. Semester Course Work

LEaRN scholars must take a minimum of <u>12 AUs</u> (approx. 3 to 4 examinable courses) and maximum 20AUs (approx. 4 to 5 examinable courses). Students are not allowed to audit any subjects. They should also aim to excel in the courses chosen.

B. TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU Events & Activities

LEaRN scholars are required to participate in <u>ALL</u> activities such as Orientation, Singapore Tour, Networking Session and Farewell Event organised during the semester.

C. Reflections and Journal Reports

LEaRN scholars are required to periodically write down their reflections as well as to produce a journal with photos of **1,500-2,000 words** at the end of the TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU on their Singapore immersion, community service learning, projects and host family experiences.

D. Community Service Learning

Apart from semester course work at NTU, each LEaRN scholar is required to spend a <u>minimum of 15 hours</u> on community service during the semester.

E. LEaRN Mentor Programme

Each LEaRN scholar will be paired with a NTU faculty mentor to cultivate a deeper understanding of living and studying in Singapore. LEaRN scholars are strongly encouraged to continue to be engaged with their mentors and fellow LEaRN scholars following the end of TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU programme.

F. LEaRN Projects

To hone their leadership and project management skills, LEaRN Scholars will be divided into 3 core project teams to work on projects such as the Memoir, Video and the Farewell event. Each team will work on their respective projects to conceptualise, plan and execute the project, with guidance provided by NTU's Office of Global Education & Mobility.

G. Temasek Learning Journey

LEaRN scholars **must** be prepared to attend a **1-day programme or two half-day programme** to learn more about the work of Temasek Foundation International and the Temasek group of companies. The programme includes visits to flagship Singapore companies such as Singapore Power, Singapore Airlines, and CapitaLand etc.

H. International Leadership Forum

LEaRN scholars are required to participate in the **1-day** TF Intl LEaRN Leadership Forum. This forum brings together inbound and outbound scholars to present their views around a chosen theme and gives them the opportunity to network and exchange views and ideas with industry professionals around the theme.

I. TF Intl LEaRN Sharing Sessions

After the TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU Programme, LEaRN scholars must be prepared to:

- share their LEaRN experiences through seminars, blogs, university websites, presentations at their home university and country.
- stay in touch with their fellow scholars and mentors.
- periodically complete online surveys regarding their progress and development.

How to Apply

Application Process

(Please note that the LEaRN application must be submitted electronically together with the relevant documents)

- Only applicants who have been officially nominated by their home institution to study at NTU via the TF Intl LEaRN Programme @ NTU are allowed to apply.
- Applicants are required to complete the online application form and upload all required documents.

Application Link: https://venus.wis.ntu.edu.sg/NG APP/Pages/Login.aspx

- In the online application form, please indicate that you are applying for the 'LEaRN Programme' found on *Home University* tab, under *Student Category*.
- LEaRN applicants should select at least 10 undergraduate courses during application stage for NTU school's review and approval. This is to ensure that you have an adequate number of approved courses prior to arrival at NTU. (Max. 20AUs; approx. 4 to 5 courses to be approved)
- LEaRN scholars are strictly prohibited from applying for postgraduate courses or restricted programmes (see page 5).

*Note: LEaRN scholars must register and complete a minimum of three (3) to four (4) examinable approved courses at NTU (minimum of 12 AUs) with proven results attained during the LEaRN programme.

Information & Supporting documents

All required information and documents as follows <u>must be submitted online</u> together with the application form:

- 1. Choice of at least 10 undergraduate courses for NTU School's review.
- 2. Scanned copy of the latest official transcript (signed by the Registrar and includes home university's seal) in English, reflecting all courses taken in PDF format (<600kb).
- 3. Clear, coloured passport-size photo in JPEG format (<60kb; 400(W) x 514(H) pixels) Click here for the photo guidelines.
- 4. Scanned copy of passport information page in JPEG format (<200kb). We need this information to prepare your Student Pass application. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the commencement of the programme in NTU.
- 5. Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) in PDF format (<600kb)
- 6. Proof of English proficiency (e.g. GCE 'A' Level General Paper, IELTS, TOEFL, SAT1, IB, and MUET)
- 7. A 200-word letter written by the applicant on why he/she deserves to be part of the **TF Intl LEaRN** programme. (List the leadership roles that you are currently

- undertaking, including involvement in any form of social or community service. In the application portal, look for the tab "Attachments", then upload your letter under "Other Documents".)
- 8. A Recommendation Letter from a faculty of the host institution and an outline of the nominee's accomplishments. (Upload your letter under "Other Documents".)

The mailing of original documents (hard copies) is NOT required.

Above documents are to be uploaded to the application portal by Friday, 30 March 2018.

English Proficiency Requirement

Non-native English speakers must have a minimum level of proficiency in English to undertake studies at the Nanyang Technological University. Students are expected to fulfill any of the following:

- General Paper of the Singapore Cambridge GCE 'A' Level Examination: A, B, C, D,
- EIELTS: a minimum of 6 for the Writing sub-test
- TOEFL: a minimum of 570 (paper) or 90 (internet) or 237 (computer)
- SAT1: a minimum of 600 for the Verbal section; or 7 for the Essay section
- IB: a minimum of 6 for Higher level English
- MUET: Band 6 and a minimum of 50 for writing
- GEPT: High intermediate Stage 2 consisting of writing and speaking modules (applies to students from Taiwan universities only)

Restricted Programmes

(Unavailable to TF Intl LEaRN students and Exchange students) Exchange students are not allowed to take <u>restricted programmes and courses</u>, namely:

- Nanyang MBA and Graduate Business Programmes
- School of Computer Engineering Graduate Programmes
- Masters of Science in Aerospace Engineering
- Graduate Diploma in Translation & Interpretation (HT5xxx)
- All courses from our 5 autonomous institutions the National Institute of Education*, the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering and Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine.
 - * Only NIE General Electives are available to exchange students
- Inter-semestral sessions
- Nanyang Business School Undergraduate Programmes
 - a) Core Courses are <u>unavailable</u> to non-Business students
 - b) Courses relating to the Singapore legislation, legal and accounting system, which may be relevant only in the Singapore context

Announcement of Results

All applications will undergo a stringent selection process and be reviewed by our selection committee. The announcement of TF Intl LEaRN Scholarship awardees will be sent to their home university via e-mail by **15 May 2018**.

Course Registration & Academic information

Semester Dates

AY2018-2019, Semester

(click to view Academic Calendar):

27 July 2018 - 7 December 2018 (20 weeks)

*Note:

- 1) Students who arrive in NTU <u>AFTER</u> the start of the semester, especially after add/drop period, shall not be allowed to change their pre-registered courses or request for new courses to read.
- 2) Students should be aware that there may be examination papers even on the last day of the semester. Hence, any return flight arrangements should be made after the semester date. NTU will not re-schedule examination dates and students who are registered for the course but fail to sit for the examination paper shall be deemed to have failed the examination.

Information on Course contents

Undergraduates

International Exchange Students can take **most** of the undergraduate courses offered in any of the four Colleges, subject to pre-requisites, vacancies and clashes of exam or class timetable. The NTU undergraduate course catalogue can be found at this <u>link</u>. You may use this catalogue to match course for AY2018/19.

Note: As updated course information for Semester 1 will only be available towards June 2018, kindly refer to <u>Academic Year 2017, Semester 1</u> as a reference for courses that will be offered in AY2018.

For other course information, please also refer to the <u>Curriculum Structure by Programme</u> webpage to view course contents listed by the respective schools and colleges in NTU.

Please also refer to the following <u>link</u> for a detailed list of undergraduate restricted courses **unavailable** to exchange students or highly popular courses with limited vacancies.

NTU Academic Unit (AU) System

NTU's courses are assigned credits based on the <u>Academic Unit (AU) System</u> (click to find out more). For a typical one-semester course, the number of academic units is calculated as follows:

- (a) 1 hour of lecture/tutorial per week: 1 AU
- (b) 3 hours of laboratory/fieldwork per week: 1 AU

Workload per semester

Exchange students typically take **3 to 5 courses per semester**, based on 3 or 4 AU per course.

You may not exceed a maximum of 20 AUs per semester.

LEaRN scholars are expected to sign up for at least three (3) to four (4) examinable courses (minimum of 12 AUs) whilst at NTU on the scholarship programme.

Course Selection (NOTE!)

LEARN Applicants <u>MUST</u> select at least <u>ten (10)</u> undergraduate courses <u>(in order of preference)</u> in the online application for approval. This is to ensure that you receive an adequate number of approved courses prior to arrival in NTU. Please check with your home university that the credits for courses you have selected in NTU can be transferred back to your home university and adds towards your academic progression.

Approval of courses is still required by the offering Schools in NTU and course approval does not mean you are guaranteed enrolment, as this would be subject to other factors such as NTU pre-requisites, vacancies available and clashes in your timetable.

If you do not have enough approved courses **prior** to arrival at NTU, you may still add on courses during the 2-week add/drop period for additional course(s). However, if you choose to apply for new course(s) **after** arrival at NTU, your reselection will only be processed if there are valid reasons.

Business/Accountancy Course Application

All exchange students who apply for the <u>Business/Accountancy</u> courses offered by Nanyang Business School are required to read through the School's <u>guidelines</u> carefully before course selection.

Receiving Application Results

If your application has been successful and you have been granted the scholarship, a notification will sent to the email address provided in your online application. TF Intl LEaRN Scholars will be given access and instructions to log on to the **NTU Inbound Study Abroad Portal** to view the following information and perform the following tasks required for enrolment:

- View and accept Offer of Admission
- View Letter of Enrolment
- Apply for Student Pass
- Apply for on-campus housing
- View list of approved UG courses
- Update personal particulars
- Submit health & medical information
- View information on Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (GHSI)
- Provide arrival details

Course Registration

LEaRN Scholars will be pre-allocated a number of their approved UG courses during NTU course registration period in <u>July 2018</u>, subject to the discretion of the offering Schools, vacancies available and no conflicts in class or examination timetable. You would have the opportunity to register additional approved UG courses during the Add/Drop period in the first two weeks of the semester.

Please note that some UG courses are highly popular (particularly Business, Accountancy & Sociology courses). While the University will try to meet demand wherever possible, TF Intl LEaRN scholars should not expect to be allocated all the initial courses selected and should therefore be flexible in their study plan.

Grading system

NTU uses the Grade Point Average (GPA) system in awarding grades as follows:

Letter Grade	Grade Point
A+	5.0
Α	5.0
Α-	4.5
B+	4.0
В	3.5
B-	3.0
C+	2.5
С	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0.0

Academic Transcripts

LEaRN scholars' academic transcripts will be delivered by mail directly to their home institution within <u>2 months</u> after the end of the semester.

In addition, a scanned copy of the academic transcript will be emailed to the International Office of the scholar's home university.

On-Campus Accommodation

On-campus housing for TF Intl LEaRN Scholars

- On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for all awarded LEaRN Scholars.
- Upon acceptance of scholarship, all LEaRN scholars are required to submit their housing application through the <u>Inbound Study Abroad Portal</u> before the stipulated closing date.
- You do not need to apply for on-campus accommodation separately through the Office of Housing & Auxiliary Services (OHAS) website. Those are meant only for FULL-TIME students, and not TF Intl LEaRN Scholars.
- NTU has 24 Halls of Residence that are home to some 14,200 undergraduates. They
 offer hostel styled accommodation and are co-ed by floor or wing.
- LEaRN Scholars will be allocated randomly to rooms in any one of NTU's undergraduate Halls of Residences based on double occupancy (twin-sharing), where 11 Halls are outfitted with air-conditioning. However, all rooms have ceiling fans.
- Request for specific room-mates or preferred Halls is not allowed.
- Further details on NTU Halls of Residences can be found at on the website.

Note

- Students with a medical condition and/or have specific requests will have to submit doctor's letter certifying the condition, which will then be verified by the NTU Medical Centre.
- Students are required to declare their medical condition and any related request when submitting their applications for TF Intl LEaRN @ NTU.

Furniture & fittings available in the room	 All rooms are furnished with a bed, mattress, study table, chair, wardrobe, bookshelf and soft board (to pin notes, etc). Each room is fitted with window coverings such as venetian blinds or curtains, lighting and a fan. <i>Note:</i> Bed-linen, blankets and pillows are <u>NOT</u> provided. There are phone jacks and Ethernet connections in each room. Other fittings may be provided and these vary from hall to hall. <i>Note:</i> Internet cables are <u>NOT</u> provided. Wi-Fi is not available in the room.
Personal Items to Bring or Purchase (not supplied in the room)	 Shower tote bucket and slippers Toiletries Towels, washcloths (recommended 2 sets) Single-size bed sheets/linen, blanket, pillow, pillow cases Laundry bag, detergent Clothes hangers and pegs Ethernet cable Padlocks You may refer to this website for more detailed information.
When can students move in to the Hall of Residences?	Usually <u>3 days</u> before commencement of the semester. The Office of Housing & Auxiliary Services would advise the scholar on the check-in date via the Inbound Study Abroad Portal. LEaRN Scholars who intend to arrive earlier than the check-in date and/or arrive after office hours shall have to source for temporary off-campus housing. A list of temporary off-campus housing can be found at this <u>link</u> .
Period of stay in Halls of Residence	Period of stay in the Halls of Residence is determined by the approved period of exchange as stipulated in the NTU Offer of Admission.

Pre-Departure and Arrival

- <u>A Pre-departure Guide</u> is available to all international students of NTU. All scholars are advised to read it carefully before arrival.
- Scholars should arrive on the date advised for their check-in to the Halls of Residence (usually three days before the commencement of the semester) in order to attend orientation.
- Scholars will be advised and updated on their arrival, housing and visa application matters through the **NTU Inbound Study Abroad Portal.**

For further enquiries, please email tflearn@ntu.edu.sg/tflearn