



Notice to foreign students based overseas

1. Foreign students based outside of Singapore are welcome to apply. Do note that the full application will include the first round of online technical assessments.
2. In light of current travel restrictions, overseas applications will only be processed after travel restrictions have been lifted.
3. Candidates will only be notified if successfully shortlisted.

Before Application

Q1. Who is eligible for the SGInnovate Summation Programme?

If you are a Singapore Citizen, Permanent Resident or Foreigner studying in Singapore, please refer to the FAQ for Local Students and Fresh Graduates. This FAQ is only for foreign students studying overseas.

All international students must satisfy the [Work Holiday Pass criteria](#):

- You must be a student or graduate aged 18 to 25 from a university in Australia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom or the United States with a strong technical background
- Additionally, your university needs to be recognised by the government of the respective ten countries
 - **For undergraduates:** you have been a resident and a full-time student of the university for at least three (3) months before applying for the pass
 - **For graduates:** you were a resident and a full-time student of the university
- Please refer [here](#) to check your eligibility as it will determine whether you are allowed to work in Singapore
- If you do not meet the above criteria for a Work Holiday Pass, you must be a Master's or PhD student with a strong technical background

Q2. Do all organisations offer the same projects?

No. Each organisation will provide its scope and specify the duration of the projects offered.

Q3. What are the types of project offered?

The Summation Programme offers projects in Deep Tech areas, such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, IoT, Robotics, Quantum, etc. The apprentice will take on technical roles within these project areas.



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Q4. What is the duration for the Summation Programme?

3 – 6 months with a required minimum commitment of three (3) months full-time. The duration of the programme may vary based on project requirements and your availability.

Q5. When will my Summation Programme start?

Start dates are flexible and should be agreed upon between the organisation and the apprentice prior to signing the agreement. However, apprenticeships must start by 28 Feb 2021.

Q6. Can I use this programme as a credit-bearing internship?

Candidates will have to check with their schools on the specific arrangement, SGInnovate does not decide on this.

Q7. What is the stipend amount that I will be receiving?

The total package amount varies based on candidate's education level:

Education Level	Monthly Total (SGD)
Undergraduate or fresh graduate [^]	\$3,000
Masters student or graduate [^]	\$4,000
PhD student or graduate [^]	\$6,000

[^] Note: Candidates who graduated within 12 months are eligible to apply.

Q8. When is the application deadline?

Please submit your completed application form by **18 Sep 2020 12:00PM (SGT)**. No submissions will be accepted after the stipulated deadlines. Applications will be processed every two (2) weeks on a rolling basis. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as projects and job vacancies will be closed once a match is found.

Q9. Can I amend my application after I have submitted it?

The system allows an applicant to edit his/her submission. However, only the last application submitted before the deadline will be considered.

Selection Process

Q10. How will I be matched to the project/organisation?

Applications will be evaluated against the respective criteria of each project that applicants have identified in their preference selection.

Q11. What are the technical skills required for this apprenticeship programme?

Programming related projects will typically require proficiency in at least one programming language. Ability to showcase relevant knowledge and/or experience related to the project is more critical. Please refer to this [link](#) see the specific eligibility criteria for the respective projects.

Q12. What is the shortlisting process?

There are two stages of the shortlisting phase:



Stage 1: Technical assessments

There will be **several assessments** that applicants will be taking based on the projects they are shortlisted for.

Stage 2: Interview

Shortlisted applicants who successfully pass technical assessments will be invited to attend interview sessions with organisations and a second interview with SGInnovate. The organisations may administer additional technical assessments during this phase.

Q13. How and when will I know the outcome of my application?

Applicants will be informed of their application status via email. Shortlisted candidates will receive additional instructions.

Post Selection

Q14. What will happen after I am selected?

Selected applicants will sign a contract with SGInnovate and the organisation before starting the apprenticeship.



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Q15. When and how will I be receiving my stipend?

The apprentice's monthly stipend will be paid out along with the organisation's monthly payroll.

Q16. Can I work remotely?

No, you must be on-site.

Q17. Are living and travel allowances provided?

For international students, each apprentice will be provided **one** (1) round-trip air ticket from their city to Singapore.

Apprentices will also be provided with a living allowance of **SGD\$1,000 / month** (up to a maximum of six (6) months). Apprentices are required to source for their own accommodation.

Our **designated travel agent** will purchase the air tickets on the apprentices' behalf. More details will be sent to the apprentices upon notification of their successful application.

Q18. Am I guaranteed a spot once I have accepted the offer from the organisation?

Yes. There will be a contract signed between the apprentice and the organisation, and another contract between the apprentice and SGInnovate. Despite accepting the offer, the apprentice is still subjected to securing a Work Holiday Pass in Singapore. All apprentices will need to provide us with an in-principle approval (IPA) letter to be guaranteed a spot in the organisation. More information will be shared later with the selected applicants.

Q19. When should I apply for the Work Holiday Pass?

Upon accepting the Summation Award, international students should apply for the Work Holiday Pass within one week of the acceptance or at the earliest possible date as allowed by the Singapore Ministry of Manpower (MOM), whichever date is the earliest. Note that there will be **three (3) weeks of processing time**. Please refer to this [link](#) for more information on how to apply.

We will arrange for the apprentice to come to Singapore **a few days before the Summation Programme officially starts**. This will give the apprentice ample time to open a bank account and get a Work Holiday Pass issued*. The apprentice will be able to move into their hostel upon arrival in Singapore a week before the official start of the programme.

**Note that apprentices will not be reimbursed for the issuance of the Work Holiday Pass and it is the responsibility of the applicants to apply and obtain it.*



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Q20. How much should I bring for the first month before receiving my stipend?

We recommend apprentices to bring at least **SGD\$1,500**. An international student in Singapore spends, on average, about SGD\$750 to SGD\$2,000 a month on living expenses. This amount will vary depending on the apprentice's lifestyle.

Here are some of the potential costs that apprentices will possibly incur. All apprentices are recommended to plan their budget well before coming to Singapore:

- **Opening of bank savings account** (depending on the bank of choice, apprentices might have to pay an initial deposit of SGD\$500-1000)
- **Work Holiday Pass** (one-time cost of SGD\$175 for issuance of pass)
- **Estimated living and transport expenses per month**
 - Meals: SGD\$300-450 (based on SGD\$10-15 per day for three (3) meals at a food court)
 - Transport: SGD\$50-100 (dependent on the mode of transport you take)
 - Personal expenses: SGD\$100-350 (e.g. clothes, toiletries, miscellaneous expenses)

More information will be sent to the apprentices when they are selected for the programme.

Q21. Do I need to pay income tax?

Apprentices are required to pay income tax at 15% rate of the total remuneration package that you receive, including monthly stipend, Summation award and living allowance unless exempted. Please refer to the [IRAS website](#) for details.

Q22. What will happen upon completion of the Summation Programme?

We will award all apprentices with a certificate of participation. Any working arrangement (for example, part-time work) beyond the stipulated duration will be arranged directly between the apprentice and the organisation. SGInnovate will not be involved.



Summation Programme Run 6 Timeline

Event	Full-Time Students	Fresh Graduates
Candidates application Candidates can apply to the projects during this period.	11 Aug – 18 Sep 2020	15 Jun – 6 Nov 2020
Assessments All applicants will be required to take a Technical and Cognitive assessment. Assessments are compulsory to move on to the next stage.	12 Sep – 21 Sep 2020	15 Jun – 6 Nov 2020
Interviews Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a first interview with the hiring company, and a second interview with SGInnovate.	21 Sep onwards	15 Jun onwards
Results of offer	Mid Oct onwards	3 Jul onwards
Apprenticeship start date	Before 28 Feb 2021	Before 31 Dec 2020

More Questions?

If you have more questions or would like to discuss our programme in detail, please email us at summation@sginnovate.com.