(I)   General Programme Overview

Q1.   *What is Summation?*

Summation is one of SGInnovate's talent programme that aims to match top global Talent to exciting deep tech projects pioneering cutting edge technologies in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, Robotics, etc.

Through this programme, Talent get unique opportunities to work on exclusive projects building in-demand specialised Deep Tech competencies. Talent will be working closely with and be mentored by technical experts in the field. Working in key technical roles in the projects will allow Talent to get an immersive experience developing leading technologies, leaving their impact, and contributing directly to the exciting Deep Tech Scene in Singapore.

Q2.   *Who is eligible for Summation?*

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 international students or fresh graduates studying overseas.

All international students and fresh graduates 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 (10) countries*
  - *For undergraduates: you have been a resident and a full-time student at the university for at least three (3) months before applying for the pass*
  - *For graduates: you were a resident and a full-time student at the university and have not graduated for more than a year.*
- *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 postgraduate with a strong technical background*
- *Due to the COVID-19 Border Restrictions, only candidates who have successfully attained a work visa and is able to work physically in Singapore will be considered. Generally, remote working is not allowed under the programme. Special arrangements will only be made on a case-by-case basis. Interested applicants may send in their inquiries to summation@sginnovate.com.*

The applicant must be able to showcase relevant skills and knowledge for the project that you apply for, for example:
  - *Academic courses in IHLs*
  - *Online courses (e.g. Coursera, Udemy)*
  - *Projects (e.g. Github, Stackoverflow)*
  - *Working experience (e.g. internships, part-time, freelance)*
  - *Awards and competitions (e.g. Hackathons, Datathons)*

Please refer to our website to see the specific eligibility criteria for the respective projects.

Q3. *What is the difference between Infinity Series and Summation?*

	Infinity Series	*Summation*
Programme Focus	*Developing tertiary students with key competencies at every stage of the product development lifecycle through core technical roles in areas such as Software Development, Data Engineering, Data Analytics, UI / UX design, Product Management, etc.* *Check out Infinity Series here.*	*Driving full-time students, postgraduates and fresh graduates with notable skillsets to contribute to the development of cutting-edge Deep Tech projects in areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, Robotics, etc.*
Talent Eligibility	*Open to full-time students and postgraduates who are:* • *Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents* • *International Students based in Singapore* *Only Singapore Citizen and Permanent Residents are eligible for funding.* *Refer to funding breakdown in the Infinity Series FAQ for more information.*	*Open to full-time students, postgraduates, and fresh graduates (with less than 1 year of working experience) who are:* • *Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents* • *Foreigners* *Both are eligible for funding. Refer to funding breakdown below for more information.*
Design of Programme	*Talent are encouraged to return for up to 3 different internships to gain exposure to end-to-end product development lifecycle and hone different competencies.* *Monthly stipends are progressively tiered stipends for returning Talent to acknowledge their experiences and expanded multi-disciplinary skillsets honed from previous internships.*	*Each internship is a standalone experience and Talent who are interested in exploring another Deep Tech project may choose to join another run of Summation.* *Minimum level of monthly stipends tagged according to academic level will not change.*

(II)   Before Application

Q4.   When is the application deadline?

Please refer to the timeline on our website under [Summation](#). No submissions will be accepted after the stipulated deadlines.

Q5.   What are the types of project offered?

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

Q6.   Do all organisations offer the same projects?

No. Projects may differ in scope and duration. Please refer to the full list of Deep Tech projects and roles available on our website for more information.

Q7.   What is the duration for Summation?

The programme duration ranges from 3-6 months with a minimum commitment of three (3) months full-time. Actual duration of programme may vary based on role requirements and Talent's availability.

Any arrangement after the stipulated duration (6 months) is out of the programme scope. You are free to liaise directly with the organisation. Any arrangement or agreement made would be between both parties only, and not associated with SGInnovate.

Q8.   What is the stipend amount that I will be receiving?

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

Item	Undergraduate or graduate^	Master's student or graduate^	PhD student or graduate^
Talent's monthly stipend[i]	*S$3,000*	*S$4,000*	*S$6,000*
Travel allowances	*Cost of round-trip air travel for foreigners*		
Living allowances	*S$1,000 per month for foreigners from an overseas university*		

^ Note: Applicants who graduated within 12 months are eligible to apply.

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

The system only allows an applicant to edit his/her submission during the draft stage. Once the application form is successfully submitted, edits are no longer allowed.

Applicants can choose to re-submit another application form. However, only the last application submitted before the deadline will be considered.

Q10. *When will Summation start?*

Start dates are flexible and should be agreed upon between the organisation and the Talent prior to signing the agreement.

Q11. *Can I use this programme as a credit-bearing internship?*

Applicants will need to check with their schools on such arrangement. SGInnovate will not be responsible for liaising with the IHLs regarding such arrangements.

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(III)   Selection Process

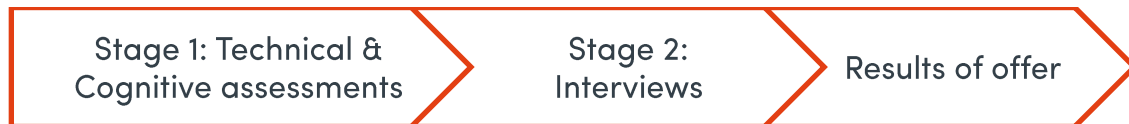**Q12.**   *How will I be matched to the project/organisation?*

Applicants will be evaluated against the respective criteria of the projects that they have identified in their preference selection.

Q13.   *What are the technical skills required for this programme?*

Programming related projects will typically require proficiency in at least one programming language. Apart from technical skills, relevant knowledge and/or experience related to the project will also be taken into account. Please refer to this link see the specific eligibility criteria for the respective projects.

Q14.   *What is the shortlisting process?*

There are two stages in the shortlisting phase:

Stage 1: Technical & Cognitive assessments > Stage 2: Interviews > Results of offer

Stage 1: Technical & cognitive assessments
*Applicants will be taking **several assessments** based on the projects they are shortlisted for.*

Stage 2: Interview
Shortlisted applicants who successfully passed technical assessments will be invited to attend interview sessions with organisations and SGInnovate respectively. The organisations may administer additional technical assessments during this phase.

Q15.   *How and when will I know the outcome of my application?*

Please refer to the timeline on our website under Summation. Applicants will be informed of their application status via email. Shortlisted candidates will receive additional instructions.

(IV) Post Selection

Q16. *What will happen after I am selected?*

Successful applicants will sign a contract with SGInnovate and the organisation before starting the programme. Start dates will be agreed upon between the applicant and organisation prior to the signing of contract.

Q17. *When and how will I be receiving my stipend?*

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

Q18. *Can I work remotely?*

Remote working arrangement is not available due to the nature of the job scope.

Q19. *Am I guaranteed a spot once I have accepted the offer from the organisation?*

Yes. Contracts signed between the Talent and the organisation, and between the Talent and SGInnovate will act as a confirmation, securing the spot for the Talent.

However, offer made to the Talent is still subjected to securing a Work Holiday Pass in Singapore. All Talent are required to provide an in-principle approval (IPA) letter to be guaranteed a spot in the organisation. More information will be shared later with the selected applicants.

Q20. *Are living and travel allowances provided?*

*Upon successful application of Work Holiday Pass, international applicants, will be provided **one** (1) round-trip air ticket from their city to Singapore. Air tickets will be purchased by our designated travel agent on the Talent's behalf.*

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

More details will be sent to the Talent upon notification of their successful application.

Q21. *When should I apply for the Work Holiday Pass?*

*Upon accepting the Summation Award, international applicants should apply for the Work Holiday Pass within one week of the acceptance or at the earliest possible date allowed by the Singapore Ministry of Manpower (MOM), whichever earlier. 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 Talent to come to Singapore **a few days before Summation officially starts**. This will give the Talent ample time to open a bank account and get a Work*

Holiday Pass issued*. The Talent will be able to move into their hostel upon arrival in Singapore a week before the official start of the programme.

*Note that Talent 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.

Q22.   How much should I bring for the first month before receiving my stipend?

*We recommend Talent 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 Talent's lifestyle.*

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

- *Opening of bank savings account: depending on the bank of choice, Talent might have to pay an initial deposit of SGD$500-100*
- *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 Talent when they are selected for the programme.

Q23.   What other obligations are there for organisations?

Talent are required to complete feedback forms, training logs, attend planned training workshops and participate in event(s) related to the programme.

Q24.   What will happen upon completion of Summation?

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

(V)   More Questions?

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