

# SMU GLOBAL IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD





SMU is proud of our strong commitment to making an impact on society through education, research and service. In our latest demonstration of this commitment, SMU is pleased to introduce a new scholarship programme — the SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award. With this latest initiative, SMU seeks to nurture leaders with a global perspective, committed to helping to solve complex global and local challenges, thus making an impact on society. Forty students will have the privilege of being the first to benefit from this new Award. The programme is designed to help realise each scholar's leadership potential, ignite the desire and hone the ability to make meaningful impact on society. Through a robust scholars' curriculum, diverse pedagogies such as experiential learning with preferred industry partners, technology-enhanced learning and highly interactive classes, multiple forms of overseas exposure such as special exchange and summer programmes at top overseas universities, and strong leadership development opportunities, scholars will undergo a transformative learning experience. They will cultivate a strong capacity for critical, creative and innovative thinking, develop a keen sense of simultaneous global citizenship and local rootedness, and demonstrate committed leadership. This will set our Global Impact Scholars apart and prepare them to lead globally and locally, thus contributing to the future.

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**SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY**

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning, and for its technologically enabled pedagogy of seminar-style teaching in small class sizes.

Home to around 9,300 undergraduate, postgraduate, executive and professional, full-time and part-time students, SMU is comprised of six schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Information Systems, School of Law, and School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of Bachelors', Masters' and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with the six schools, as well as in interdisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU has an emphasis on generating rigorous, high-impact, and relevant multi-disciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities from USA, Europe, China and India, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector, through its research institutes, centres and labs. SMU's city campus is a state-of-the art facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community.

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## INTRODUCTION

The SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award is a premier flagship scholars' award that is dedicated to nurture a new generation of leaders, committed to helping to solve complex global and local challenges, thus making an impact on society.

The SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award is designed to help realise each scholar's leadership potential, ignite the desire and hone the ability to make meaningful impact on society. The programme will provide a transformative learning experience that will nurture and hone the scholars' capacity for:

- Critical, creative and innovative thinking
- A global mindset
- Leadership
- Social responsibility
- Commitment to excellence

In short, the SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award seeks to develop action leaders with a global perspective for the public, private and people sectors.

## SCHOLARSHIP FEATURES

The transformative learning experience offered by the scholarship programme includes 4 key drivers - strong global exposure, a robust Scholars' Core curriculum, exceptional infusion of experiential and industry-partnered learning within the curriculum, and multiple dual degree options. Through SMU's signature interactive pedagogy and technology-enhanced learning, scholars will be transformed to global leaders with an excellent capacity for critical, creative and innovative thinking. These key drivers will set our Global Impact Scholars apart and equip them to lead globally and locally, making an impact on the future of an evolving and volatile world.

The 4 key drivers of the SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award are:

1. Strong global exposure
2. Robust Scholars' Core curriculum
3. Exceptional infusion of experiential learning
4. Dual degree options

### 1. Strong global exposure

Through the Global Learning Opportunities Worldwide (GLOW) framework, our scholars will:

- a. Develop strong international perspectives and
- b. Acquire intercultural fluency and a keen understanding of contemporary issues.

The GLOW framework will provide our scholars with opportunities for overseas travel. Opportunities including Scholars' Study Missions, overseas student exchanges and overseas community service projects. Scholars can chart their own destinations for student exchanges and community service projects, thereby fostering strong applied leadership skills.

- Year 1: Overseas Community Service Project
- Year 2: Scholars' Study Mission
- Year 3: Overseas Exchange/Summer Programme

- Scholars have priority to participate in exchange programmes with top universities around the world, which include University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Southern California, Australian National University, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney and Kyoto University. Scholars can also choose from many other exchange programmes from SMU's 228 university partners.

- Special summer programme with the University of Cambridge or University of Oxford



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Australian  
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University

## 2. ROBUST SCHOLARS' CORE CURRICULUM

The SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award is offered to eligible students enrolled in one of SMU's six schools. Besides the discipline-specific courses for each degree programme, scholars will have the opportunity to read four specially designed Scholars' Core modules which will have a strong focus on experiential learning to develop leadership, decision making and complex problem solving skills, cognitive flexibility and effective communication.

These 4 Scholars' Core modules include:

- 1) Transformative Leadership
- 2) Managing in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) Context
- 3) Scholars' Study Mission
- 4) Scholars' Capstone Research Project



SCHOLARS' CORE*					
COMMUNITY SERVICE	INTERNSHIP	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	GLOBAL EXCHANGE	REMAINING UNIVERSITY REQUIRED COURSES	
School of Accounting	Lee Kong Chian School of Business	School of Economics	School of Information Systems	School of Social Sciences	School of Law
Accounting Core	Business Core	Economics Core	IS Foundation	Social Science Core	Law Core
Accounting Options	Business Major	Economics Electives	IS Advanced Topics	Social Science Major	Law Electives
Business Subjects	Business Options	Economics Options	IS Depth Electives + Application Project	Social Science Options	Law related courses
	Business Capstone		Business Electives	Social Science Capstone	
THEMATIC SCHOLARS' CAPSTONE					
Courses in the Scholars' Core are Transformative Leadership, Managing in a VUCA Context, Scholars' Study Mission and Scholars' Capstone Research Project					

## 3. EXCEPTIONAL INFUSION OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

SMU has recently launched the SMU-X initiative, offering a powerful SMU-X curriculum which motivate students to master new leadership skills and apply their knowledge in solving real-world problems. The SMU-X curriculum combines academic with experiential learning, challenging students to use their disciplinary knowledge and skills to tackle real world problems and issues through inter-disciplinary approaches and activities. Each course involves partners from corporate, non-profit or government-sector organisations in project design and content delivery, enabling partners and faculty to actively mentor students in the process.

This would better equip students with skills that are valued by employers, build up students resumes and industry networks, as well as instill new economy skills and values which will enhance students' employability in the global marketplace. As such, all courses under SMU-X would encompass the following 4 principles:

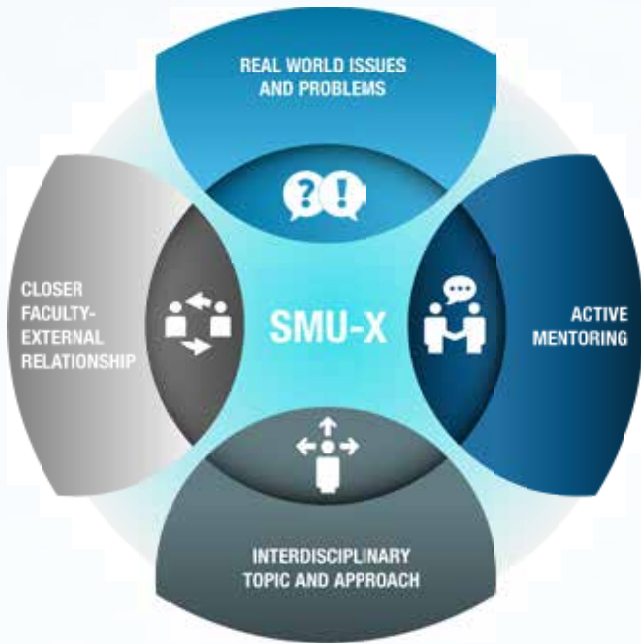
### REAL WORLD ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

Real-world problems, constraints and commitments accelerate learning more than hypothetical classroom exercises. Hence, all SMU-X courses are co-designed with our industry partners from corporate, non-profit and government sector organisations to identify relevant, real-world issues and to set problem statements.

### ACTIVE MENTORING

The SMU-X culture of mentoring, coaching and collaboration creates an ecosystem of active learning and sharing, where we harness the pedagogical knowledge of our faculty, the expertise of our industry partners and gain fresh perspectives from our students.





### INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPIC OR APPROACH

Instead of working on separate components of the same project, students from all disciplines come together through SMU-X and navigate each step in the process together. They apply their respective discipline knowledge, perspectives and leverage on their differences as a kind of creative engine. The SMU-X curriculum becomes the glue that holds the teams together, to explore new ways of looking at problems.

### CLOSER FACULTY-EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIP

All SMU-X classes are taught in tightly knitted teams by a robust mix of faculty and industry experts in their respective fields. Through dynamic and varied points of view, our students are encouraged to see the open-ended nature of real world issues.

All Global Impact Scholars will be required to complete three SMU-X courses that are specially designed for them.

- Leadership & Team Building
- Managing in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambivalent) Context
- Scholars' Capstone Research Project

For more information on the SMU-X curriculum, please visit: [x.smu.edu.sg/smu-x-curriculum](http://x.smu.edu.sg/smu-x-curriculum)

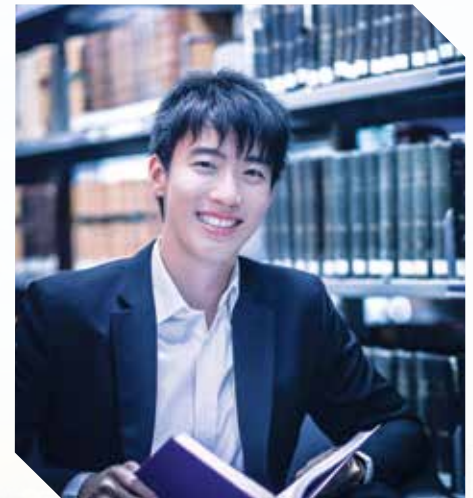
## 4. MULTIPLE DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS

Scholars will be given the option of participating in a Bachelor's and Master's Combined Degree programme. Scholars undertaking Master's programmes in related fields may double count relevant courses so as to complete both their Undergraduate degrees and Master's degrees in as short a time as four years.

Scholars will also be given the option of enrolling in an SMU Master's programme that requires prior work experience, within five years upon graduation.

Students will have the option of:

- Single undergraduate degree
- Double undergraduate degree
- Integrated SMU Bachelor-Master programmes
- Sequential SMU Bachelor-Master programmes
- Option to enroll in an SMU Master's programme (full time or part time) within five years upon graduation



“ Interdisciplinary and immersive education is critical to our work in management consulting. We are looking for thinkers and doers who can bring structure, creativity, logic and human understanding to the very complex business problems we tackle every day. The SMU Global Impact Scholarship Award represents a cutting edge way of cultivating that kind of talent and we fully endorse its mission. ”

Allan Schulte,  
Head of Recruiting  
VP, Bain & Company Southeast Asia

“ We are looking for people who have an innovative mindset, able to embrace change, look for smarter ways to improve their work and deliver simpler solutions to our customers. ”

Through the partnership, students can have a taste of what banking is about. As we build a talent pipeline for DBS, we see this as an opportunity to identify talents who are a good fit with us and engage them to explore career opportunities with us. ”

Ms Theresa Phua,  
Managing Director, Singapore Head of Human Resources,  
DBS Bank

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be Singapore Citizens
- Possess outstanding Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level, local Polytechnic Diploma, International Baccalaureate Diploma, NUS High School Diploma or equivalent qualifications
- Demonstrate strong leadership capabilities and potential
- Possess excellent record in co-curricular and/or community activities
- Be applying for admission to a full-time undergraduate degree programme at SMU

## BENEFITS

- Tuition fees (after MOE Tuition Grant subsidy)
- S\$5,000 annual living allowance
- S\$1,800 one-time computer allowance upon enrollment
- S\$14,000 Global Learning Opportunities Worldwide (GLOW) grant:
  - Student exchange programme/summer programme
  - An overseas Scholars' Study Mission
  - An Overseas Community Service Project
- An optional concurrent or sequential SMU Master's programme up to S\$40,000
- Scholarship is bond-free

Total scholarship value: S\$121,800 (non-Law) and S\$125,800 (Law)\*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application for scholarships is to be made at the same time as application for admission to SMU
- Applicants are required to submit a personal essay and a letter of recommendation by their tutor or principal
- Applicants will be shortlisted based on their academic qualifications and the strength of their non-academic record
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to SMU for a panel interview

\*Based on annual subsidised tuition fees in Academic Year 2016-2017

