

# How Do I Apply for Joint MSc Degree in Infectious Diseases, Vaccinology and Drug Discovery?

## General Instructions

The following documents are needed for the initial application:

1. Application form
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Diplomas, Transcripts
4. Explain to us on maximum 1 page why you want to take this course

The application form is available on the web sites [www.nitd.novartis.com](http://www.nitd.novartis.com), [www.sti.ch/teaching-and-training/msc-in-infectious-diseases.html](http://www.sti.ch/teaching-and-training/msc-in-infectious-diseases.html), and [http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/corporate/youare\\_graduate.html](http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/corporate/youare_graduate.html).

Please make sure that your documents are legible and send them in the above order to:

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## Frequently Asked Questions

Is there is any special requirement to get a scholarship, such as the minimum score for GRE or TOEFL, etc?

No, but you need to fulfill NUS Faculty of Medicine admission criteria for postgraduate degrees by research. This applies to both students who plan to apply for scholarships as well as those on alternative funding. A good grasp of written and spoken English is an essential requirement for this course.

I do not have a BSc degree but an B Eng with specialization. Will my application be considered?

This program has a focus on infectious diseases. We expect that the majority of the candidates will have backgrounds in biological and medical sciences. Students with training in chemistry, pharmacology or bioengineering are encouraged to apply as long as they qualify with respect to entry criteria.

Which organization is sponsoring the scholarship?

The scholarship is sponsored by all participating institutions, i.e. NUS, NITD, the University of Basel and the Swiss Tropical Institute.

What is the value of the scholarship awarded?

The scholarship will cover costs of living, accommodation, flights and research fees. It is competitive with current NUS scholarships.

Is there any bond attached to this scholarship?

No

What if my planned date of graduation falls between the closing date of this application (1. November 2008) and the start date of the program (14. September 2009)?

Submit copies of transcripts which indicate the status of your registration at your current host institution. In this case, provisional offers would be made to candidates, subject to their obtaining the degrees by the time of admission.

For the future supervisor and project, will we be assigned or can I choose?

Students are expected to connect with potential supervisors during the initial stages of the program. We expect to place students according to availabilities and mutual student/supervisors interests.

Is there any possibility of continuation/converting the M Sc research project to a PhD project?

This is an MSc program, i.e. successful participants will be awarded an MSc degree. It is timed such that harmonic registration into a PhD program (e.g. at NUS) is possible.