Global Scholars Program



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Application for Participation
2013 Program - NTU Singapore

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday, 14 September 2012, 23:59 hours to Gwendoline Lee GwendolineLee@ntu.edu.sg

*Please have your recommenders submit directly to Gwendoline Lee

Ideal candidates for the Global Scholars Program are outstanding NTU graduate students in science, technology, or engineering who have an innovative business idea related to their area of study. Ideally the idea should have the potential to produce a high growth venture, and/or represent a significant innovation in their field. They should have the appropriate background to develop their product or business.

The Program has accommodated limited numbers of students from other academic backgrounds. Therefore, students from other academic backgrounds are welcome to apply and will be considered in light of the applicant pool. Candidates should demonstrate an abiding interest in science and/or technology and, like other applicants, have ideas that could translate into high growth and/or disruptive companies.

Candidates must be 21 years of age or older to participate in the Program. If the candidate has been to the U.S. previously on a J-1 training visa, participation may not be possible (evaluation would take place on a case-by case basis). Candidates must demonstrate intent to return to their home country or last country of residence. Each candidate will be expected to demonstrate fluency in written and spoken English.

The selection committee will be looking for candidates with demonstrated maturity and leadership in his/her academic program, university, or extracurricular pursuits, and who aspire to be successful entrepreneurs. Candidates should have demonstrated the ability to embrace new ideas, approaches, attitudes and beliefs and relish the opportunity to study, from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Candidates will be expected to complete readings and assignments, attend all seminars, workshops site visits, and cultural events throughout the fellowship.

In addition, ideal applicants will be free from university course, study, or writing requirements during the Program and should be committed to starting a business following the completion of the Program. Those selected will be expected to respect confidentiality and adhere to non-disclosure agreements and be willing to share their experience with others in their home country.

Please complete this application with a view to providing evidence of your entrepreneurial aspirations, the innovative nature of your idea(s), and your interest in an experience in the United States.

In addition to the information requested below, please submit:

- 1. Application. Applications are available from the Nanyang Technopreneurship Center (ntc@ntu.edu.sg).
- 2. Two (2) letters of recommendation one from a member of your academic institution and one from a colleague who can speak to your entrepreneurial aspirations. These recommenders should address your suitability for an international experience, potential to execute your idea, and potential for adaptability, creativity, professionalism and leadership.
 - 3. Current resume
 - 4. Copy of your academic transcripts.

SECTION ONE:

Name

Preferred mailing and e-mail address

Mobile phone number

Skype address

Education completed, if applicable (most recent first):

Education in progress (please include degree program, year of study, and number of years to completion)

SECTION TWO:

- 1. Please submit a narrative describing why you wish to be considered for participation in the Global Scholars Program.
- 2. Provide a brief description of your innovative idea. Do not disclose any intellectual property that is not protected. Focus on the problem you hope to solve and the opportunity it addresses.
- 3. Explain why you would like to be an entrepreneur.
- 4. Describe the entrepreneurial qualities you have demonstrated.

- 5. Identify how participation in the Global Scholars Program will help you achieve your goals.
- 6. List the contribution/s you could bring to the international group of aspiring entrepreneurs.
- 7. Project your academic and entrepreneurial aspirations five years from now.