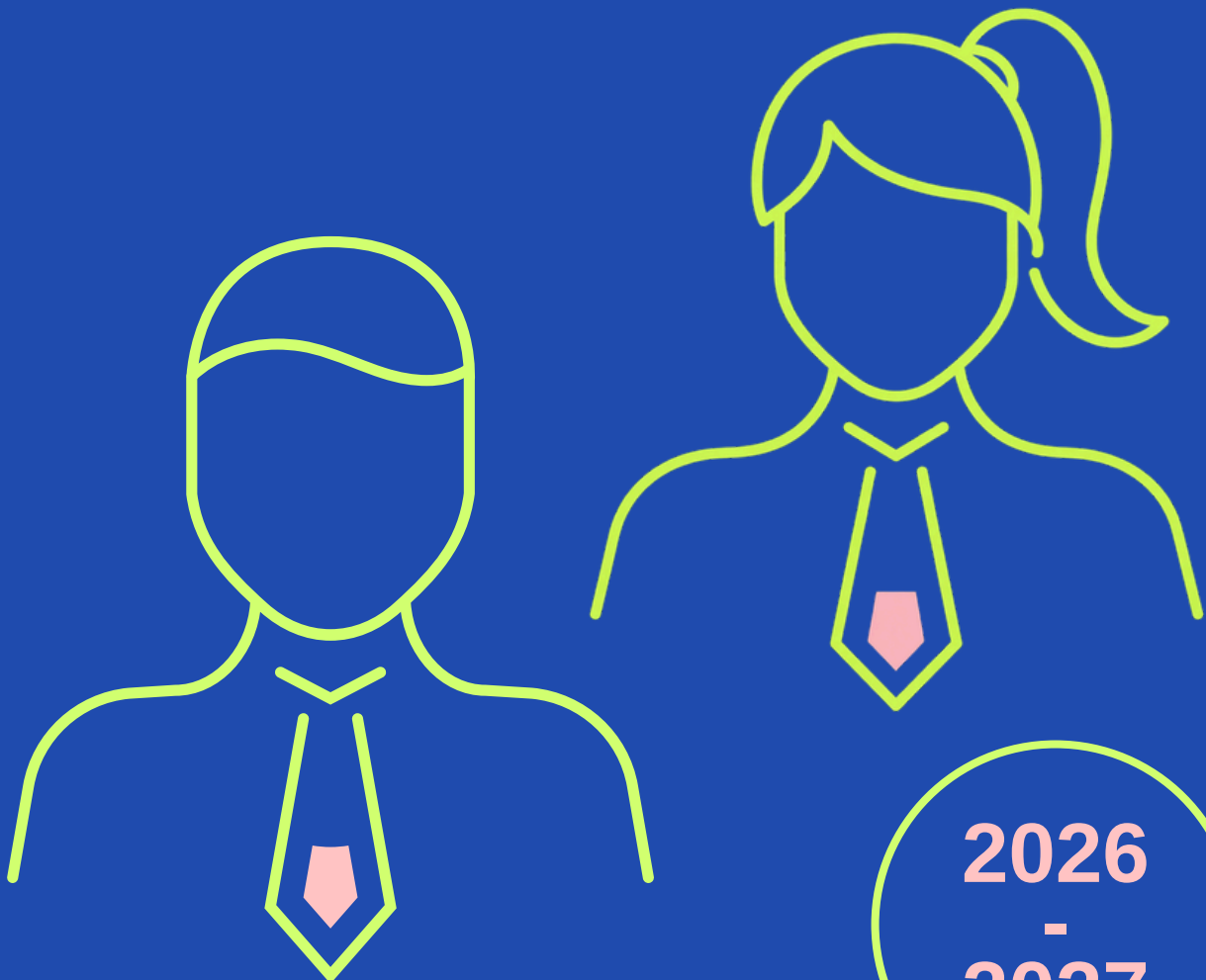


CANCER SCIENCE INSTITUTE
OF SINGAPORE

PhD GRADUATE PROGRAM



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ABOUT CSI GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Cancer Science Institute of Singapore (CSI Singapore) is a leading cancer research institute affiliated with and hosted at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Home to internationally renowned scientists and cutting-edge research facilities, CSI Singapore brings together researchers from diverse disciplines and around the world to advance our understanding of cancer and translate discoveries into better approaches to cancer treatment.

With a mission to nurture the next generation of cancer researchers, CSI Singapore offers a PhD Graduate Program hosted under the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Students join a diverse and highly collaborative research community, with opportunities to learn and work alongside scientists from CSI and our international research partners.

The program provides multidisciplinary training across experimental, clinical and bioinformatics aspects of cancer science, complemented by specialised graduate courses, research activities, technical and career development workshops, and mentorship. Through these experiences, we aim to develop independent and innovative researchers who are equipped to pursue new ideas, make meaningful discoveries and shape the future of cancer research.

Students admitted to the program will receive the CSI Singapore PhD Graduate Scholarship, which provides support for up to four years of PhD candidature.

FEATURES OF CSI GRADUATE PROGRAM

⌘ LAB ROTATION ⌘

Students complete three 6-week lab rotations during the first semester to experience different research environments and mentorship styles before selecting final thesis advisor through a mutual student–PI match.

⌘ COURSEWORK ⌘

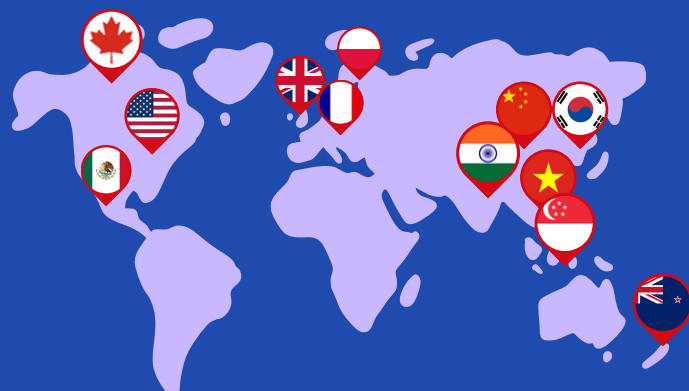
In addition to university coursework requirements, CSI compulsory courses — CDM5101 Fundamentals of Cancer Biology and CDM5104 Computational Genomics — together with elective courses provide students a strong foundation in cancer biology while allowing students to tailor their training to their research interests.

⌘ RESEARCH COMMUNITY ⌘

CSI scholars are part of an active research community where they can meet and learn from leading scientists, discuss and share their research with fellow researchers, and explore different research journeys and career paths through regular seminars, research meetings and career events.

⌘ GLOBAL EXPOSURE ⌘

Students receive financial support to attend local and international conferences, workshops and seminars, providing opportunities to present their research and connect with the wider scientific community.



More than 80 students from various countries have graduated from our program!

CSI PhD SCHOLARSHIP

⊗ INCLUDES ⊗



Full subsidy of tuition and miscellaneous fees



Monthly stipend of S\$4,600 for a maximum period of 4 years



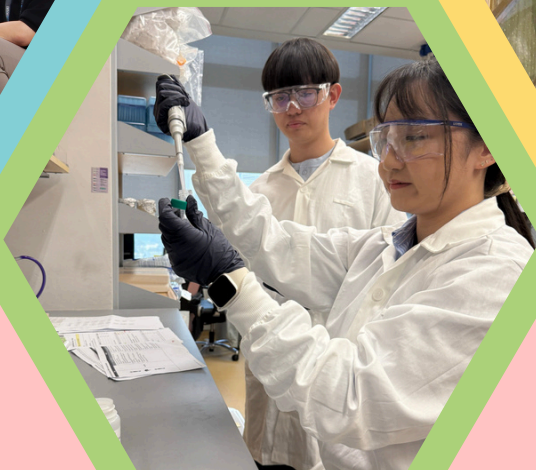
Allowance for books/software, laptop, and conferences



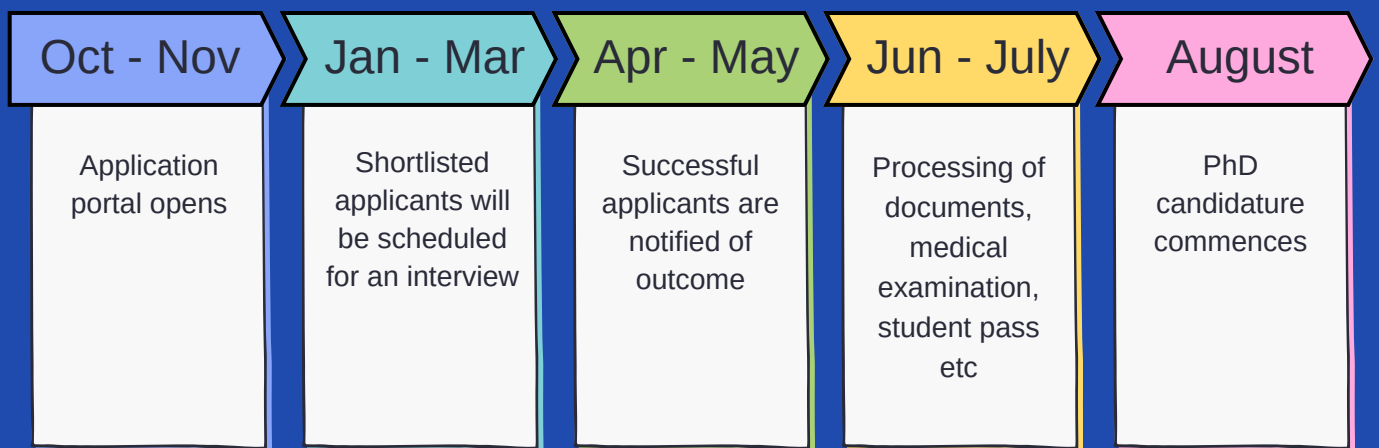
Relocation allowance of up to S\$1,500 for international students



No bond period, no teaching hours required



APPLICATION TIMELINE



All applications are to be submitted through [GDA3.portal](#).

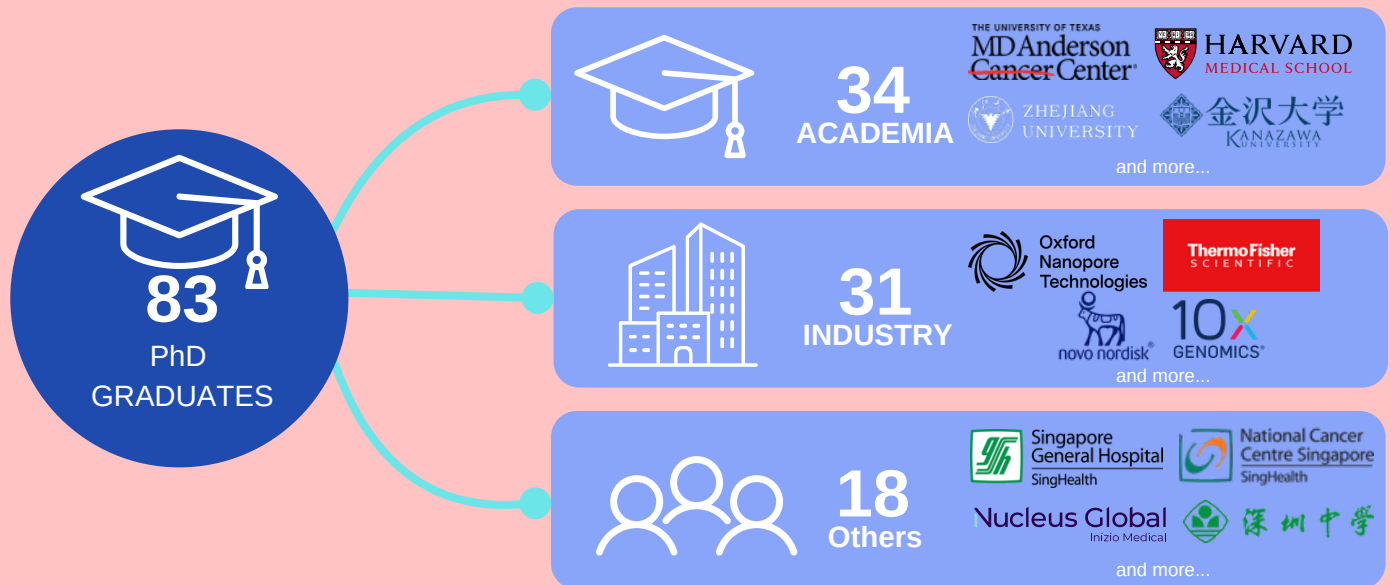
⊗ ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ⊗

- A Bachelor's Honours Degree (Highest Distinction/Distinction) in the areas of Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Medicine and Life Sciences, or MBBS, or MD Degree Holder
- Submission of GRE scores is optional. However, evidence of strong quantitative, verbal and analytical skills through GRE scores, as well as indicators of research skills and experience will significantly strengthen your application.
- Applicants whose native tongue and medium of instruction are not English must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.
 - Minimum TOEFL (iBT) score is 5.0 (on the scale of 1 – 6) or 95 (on the scale of 0 – 120).
 - Minimum IELTS (Academic) score is 7.0.

Please refer to [our website](#) for full list of supporting documents and guidelines.

ALUMNI

Our graduates have gone on to build diverse careers at leading institutions and organisations around the world, including:



✪ HEAR FROM THEM! ✪

“What I really enjoyed about the CSI Graduate Program was the opportunity to rotate through different labs and explore different areas of cancer research before choosing my PhD focus. We also have access to excellent research facilities and state-of-the-art technologies, including spatial biology. I especially appreciated the support to attend local and overseas conferences, which exposed me to new ideas and allowed me to connect with researchers from around the world. Overall, CSI has been a great environment to explore my interests and grow as a researcher.”

Dr. Charmaine Ong
Class of 2026

“The CSI PhD program has been an amazing experience for me, both in terms of professional development and personal growth. I was given the opportunity to drive my own thesis project, which came with some setbacks, but also many learning opportunities. The world-class facilities at CSI enabled my work to be at the forefront of cancer research. Beyond research, there are a multitude of opportunities to learn from guest speakers and other PhD students through various seminars. Overall, my PhD experience at CSI was nothing short of exceptional, and this experience has been crucial in my development as a scientist.”

Dr. Victor Tong
Class of 2025

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