

**CANCER SCIENCE INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE
GRADUATE ADMISSION APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

All supporting documents are to be submitted in soft copies to [GDA3 online admission system](#).

- Applications that are incomplete or do not adhere to the submission guidelines below will **not** be considered.
- Any use of AI tools in preparing the document must be clearly acknowledged.
- **No** changes or revisions to submitted documents will be accepted after the application deadline.

Compulsory documents:
☐ A recent Passport Size Photo
☐ Copy of Singapore NRIC (for Singaporean and Singapore PRs)/ copy of Passport page showing nationality and personal details for international applicants
☐ A comprehensive CV highlighting academic accomplishments and pertinent experience (limit to 2 pages)
☐ Research Proposal (limit to 2 pages) A brief research proposal outlining the significance, objectives, and potential impact of your proposed project. This is meant to evaluate applicant's scientific reasoning and skills. Research proposal submitted is not a confirmation of the final PhD project.
☐ Personal Statement (limit to 2 pages) Please refer to Annex A (next page) for required information in the personal statement.
☐ A copy of Bachelor's degree certificate (and Master's degree certificate, if any) (with English translation, if applicable) For applicants who have not yet completed their studies, please upload a student status letter issued by the university indicating current status and expected graduation date.
☐ A copy of Bachelor's degree transcript (and Master's degree transcript, if any) (with English translation, if applicable) Official transcript(s) will be requested from applicants who are shortlisted for interview. For applicants who have not yet completed their studies, please upload your most up-to-date transcript.
☐ A copy of TOEFL/IELTS scoresheet Note: TOEFL/IELTS is compulsory for applicants whose native tongue and medium of university instruction is not English.
☐ Two Academic Referees' contact details to be provided in the GDA3 online admission system. At least one of the referees should be the applicant's direct supervisor. The academic referees will receive a link from the online application system. Please follow-up with your referees to ensure their recommendations are submitted before deadline. Please do NOT list more than three referees.

Optional documents:
Indicators of research skills and experience will significantly strengthen your application.
☐ A copy of GRE scoresheet Note: Submission of GRE scores is strongly encouraged for all applicants. GRE scores demonstrating strong quantitative, verbal, and analytical abilities will strengthen your application.
☐ List of Publication(s) Please provide information of your relevant publications under "Publications/Awards/Professional Certifications/etc" in GDA3 application portal. (Maximum of 10 publications)
☐ Professional Certificates or Academic Awards relevant to your application (with English translation, if applicable)

Personal Statement

Please provide a Personal Statement (**maximum 2 pages, Calibri, font size 11, with standard 1-inch margins, excluding supporting documents**) addressing the four sections below. Please provide **specific, concrete examples** as well as supporting documents e.g. certificates etc, where applicable. You will be asked to elaborate on your examples during the interview, so only include experiences you can discuss in detail.

Section 1: Research Excellence

Discuss your development as a researcher and your potential to make meaningful contributions to the field. You may include examples from your academic background, research experiences, motivation on why you are pursuing cancer research, or creative approaches to solving problems.

Section 2: Leadership

Share how you hope to make an impact in cancer research and how your past experiences have shaped your thinking and ability to lead or inspire others.

Section 3: Community Engagement and Services

Describe how you engage with the research community and work with others toward shared scientific goals.

Section 4: Resilience

Share experiences that illustrate your integrity, perseverance, and growth as a scientist, especially in the face of challenges or setbacks.

Additional Information (optional)

Any other relevant experiences or circumstances not covered above.