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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to all African National Focal Points for Technical Assistance and has the honour to refer to the TPN [MFA/TCD/00057/2022 dated 5 September 2022] on the Singapore-Africa Partnership Package (SAPP) and inform all that the application for the MFA postgraduate scholarship for academic year 2024 has commenced.

The Ministry has the further honour to seek nominations from all African National Focal Points for Technical Assistance for the postgraduate scholarships offered under the Singapore-Africa Partnership Package. These scholarships will be for African government officials to study for selected one-year Master programmes in Singapore universities. Details of the scholarship and application instructions are enclosed.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all African National Focal Points for Technical Assistance the assurances of its highest consideration.



SINGAPORE

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African National Focal Points for Technical Assistance

Singapore-Africa Partnership Package – MFA Postgraduate Scholarship

The Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) is Singapore's flagship platform to extend technical assistance to fellow developing countries.

Singapore is committed to support Africa's development through capacity building. The "Singapore-Africa Partnership Package" (SAPP) was launched to share Singapore's development experience and best practices in areas relevant to Africa's development needs and priorities.

The SAPP, which runs from 2022 to 2025, comprises of a) Customised Courses, b) Priority Placement in SCP Courses and c) Postgraduate Scholarships in Singapore Universities.

Eligible Postgraduate Programmes

School	Postgraduate Programme (one-year full time)	Programme Dates	Deadline for Online Application
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP)	Master in Public Administration (MPA) https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-public-administration-mpa/mpa-curriculum	Aug 2024 – Jun 2025	31 December 2023
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)	Master of Science (International Relations) http://www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/graduate-programmes/mscinternational-relations/synopsis	Aug 2024 – May 2025	31 December 2023
	Master of Science (International Political Economy) http://www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/graduate-programmes/msc-international-political-economy/synopsis		
	Master of Science (Strategic Studies) http://www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/graduate-programmes/msc-strategic-studies/synopsis		

Eligibility

- African government official with at least 5 years of working experience.
- Degree with good academic grades.
- Proficient in spoken and written English.

Application Timeline

Date	Action	Remarks
From now until 31 Dec 2023	NFPs to publicise information about the SAPP scholarship to potential applicants. Applicants apply directly to the school through the respective online portals for the selected programme of studies (one of the above four Master programmes) by 31 Dec 2023 .	More information about the programme application can be found on the respective school's websites (please refer to the links above). The schools will not accept late programme applications.
By 15 Jan 2024	Applicants to submit online MFA SAPP scholarship application form by 15 January 2024 at the following url: https://go.gov.sg/mfapostgraduate	SCP will not accept late applications for the SAPP scholarship.
Feb to May 2024	SCP to send the list of applicants to the respective NFPs for endorsement.	In between the submission of application forms and the announcement of the outcome, SCP may request the applicants to submit additional information or to participate in online selection interviews.
June 2024	SCP to inform NFPs and applicants on the outcome of scholarship applications.	Only successful applicants will be notified.

Terms of Scholarship

- Programme fees
- Return-trip airfare
- Single-room accommodation at school housing
- Monthly stipend

Important Points to Note

- Applicants must qualify for the Master programme on their own merit.
- Due to the limited number of scholarships, **acceptance into the programme of study does not guarantee the award of scholarship**.
- Late application will not be considered, and only shortlisted applicants will be notified.
- Please direct any queries on the SAPP scholarship to the following email address: mfa_scp@mfa.gov.sg with the subject line: "SAPP scholarship query".

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Singapore-Africa Partnership Package

1. The Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) is Singapore's flagship platform to extend technical assistance to fellow developing countries. Since the inception of the SCP in 1992, we have received more than 12,400 African government officials in our programmes, on topics including Civil Aviation, Public Administration and Governance, Economic Development, Environment and Urban Development, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
2. Singapore is committed to supporting Africa's development through capacity-building. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the SCP, we are pleased to announce our three-year "Singapore-Africa Partnership Package" (SAPP) to share Singapore's development experience and best practices in areas relevant to Africa's development needs and priorities.
3. The SAPP, which runs from 2022 to 2025, comprises the following elements:
 - a) **Customised Courses.** We will customise capacity-building courses for African government officials based on requests from their respective governments to address evolving challenges and needs. Topics include Public Administration and Governance, Trade and Economy, Climate Change and Sustainability and Digitalisation and Smart Cities.
 - b) **Priority Placement in SCP Courses.** African government officials are currently invited to participate in SCP Training Award programmes (www.scp.gov.sg). The SAPP will offer **priority places for African government officials in each SCP course**. This includes courses on Public Administration and Governance, Trade and Economy, Climate Change and Sustainability, and Digitalisation and Smart Cities.

Singapore will provide full local hospitality under the SAPP for customised courses and SCP courses held in Singapore. These cover training course fees, hotel accommodation, per diem, local transport, and basic insurance coverage for the duration of the course.

- c) **Postgraduate Scholarships in Singapore Universities.** The SAPP offers a select number of postgraduate scholarships per year for senior African officials in selected **one-year Master's programmes at our local universities:**

National University of Singapore – Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

- Master in Public Administration

Nanyang Technological University – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

- Master of Science (International Relations)
- Master of Science (International Political Economy)
- Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

All scholarship applicants are to apply to the university directly and be accepted to the programme on their own merit. Once applicants have been accepted into one of the abovementioned programmes, they will be assessed for their eligibility for the scholarship.

The scholarship will cover the programme tuition fees, monthly stipend, economy return airfare, student housing and insurance.

4. The full list of eligible African countries is at ANNEX. For details, please contact us at mfa_scp@mfa.gov.sg.

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ANNEX

Eligible countries under the SAPP

1	Algeria	19	Eswatini	37	Namibia
2	Angola	20	Ethiopia	38	Niger
3	Benin	21	Gabon	39	Nigeria
4	Botswana	22	Gambia	40	Rwanda
5	Burkina Faso	23	Ghana	41	Sao Tome and Principe
6	Burundi	24	Guinea	42	Senegal
7	Cabo Verde	25	Guinea-Bissau	43	Seychelles
8	Cameroon	26	Kenya	44	Sierra Leone
9	Central African Republic	27	Lesotho	45	Somalia
10	Chad	28	Liberia	46	South Africa
11	Comoros	29	Libya	47	South Sudan
12	Congo	30	Madagascar	48	Sudan
13	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	31	Malawi	49	Tanzania
14	Cote d'Ivoire	32	Mali	50	Togo
15	Djibouti	33	Mauritania	51	Tunisia
16	Egypt	34	Mauritius	52	Uganda
17	Equatorial Guinea	35	Morocco	53	Zambia
18	Eritrea	36	Mozambique	54	Zimbabwe