

FAQ NHS Study Awards

Questions

- 1. Who are eligible to apply for PG Foundation's NHS Study Awards?**
Basically, needy Malaysian students pursuing tertiary education. Non- Malaysians are not eligible to apply. Please visit Study Awards on our website for more details.
- 2. Are PG Foundation's undergraduate awards open to students from all universities?**
No. The undergraduate awards are for public or private universities / colleges based in Malaysia. Please visit Study Awards on our website for more details.
- 3. Is there an age limit for applicants of the PG Foundation's NHS Study Awards?**
There is no specific age limit for undergraduate awards but preference is given to applicants below the age of 25 years.
- 4. Are the undergraduate awards open to students who are already studying in the universities?**
Yes, you can apply whether you are in the first or final year of your course.
- 5. Are there any racial preference / quota in the awarding of PG Foundation's NHS study awards?**
No, the awards are open to needy Malaysian citizens of all races, regardless of religions, creed or descend.
- 6. How do you determine who is needy and who is not?**
The Foundation has an objective and fair system to assess the degree of need of each applicant based on the information given in the application form.
- 7. Will PG Foundation inform all applicants of the outcome of their application?**
Not all, only shortlisted candidates will be notified for interview and interviewed candidates will be informed of the outcome by email.
- 8. What types of awards are offered to successful candidates?**
Grants, loans and half-loan half-grant awards. The loans portion of the awards are interest-free.
- 9. If, after one year of studies I decide to change to another course, will I lose the PG Foundation award?**
You will have to first write to the Foundation for permission to change course. Permission may or may not be granted depending on the merits of each case.
- 10. As a PG Foundation Awardee, am I allowed to work part-time during term or full-time during semester breaks?**
Unless it is stated in the study awards agreement that you are not allowed to work, you may take up part-time jobs or vacation jobs if necessary, provided you can manage your time efficiently such that your grades are not adversely affected.
- 11. If I wish to participate in a Student Exchange Program organized by the university, which requires spending some time overseas, will I be allowed to do so?**
You must write to the Foundation for permission to do so and you must provide all the relevant details of the program. The Foundation will not provide funding for such programs and you will need to find sponsorship from other sources.

12. How many guarantors is required to stand surety for my loan and what is the requirement?

You must provide ONE guarantor acceptable to the Foundation to stand surety for your loan and the guarantor must be:

- *A Malaysian citizen, residing in Malaysia during period for which the Agreement is in force; financially sound and free of debts, gross income required (between RM2,000 to RM4,000 per month) and this would depend on total loan amount;*
- *between the ages of 21 and 55 years old;*
- *relative or close friend of the student / student's family;*
- *in contact with the student / his(her) family regularly.*

13. How does the Foundation disburse the awards to its awardees?

The awards will usually be disbursed through the Bursar/Principal of the respective University / College / Polytechnic after the Agreement / Renewal letter has been signed, stamped and returned to the Foundation.

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Award disbursement will be directly remitted to student bank account and student will be responsible to make payment to their university accordingly.

14. Under what circumstances would the Foundation terminate its study award to a student?

The Foundation shall have the right to terminate the study award and the student will be liable to refund to the Foundation with immediate effect all monies paid to him/ her under the study award in the event:-

- a) *information furnished in the student's application or during the interview was untrue / misleading, incomplete, inaccurate in any respect; or*
- b) *the student fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the award as stipulated in the Student Award Agreement; or*
- c) *the student fail to obtain satisfactory results in any one semester or one year of the course; or*
- d) *the student is found guilty of serious misconduct during the course; or*
- e) *the student wishes to discontinue or abandon the course before completion; or*
- f) *the student wishes to withdraw from the study award scheme for whatever reasons.*