

Join The

# ECONOMIST SERVICE

Shaping Policies  
through  
Economic Analysis

# INTRODUCTION

Established in 2001, the Economist Service (ES) is the premier scheme for professional economists in the Singapore public sector.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is the ministry headquarters for the ES. ES officers are deployed across various public agencies in Singapore to shape public policies through the application of Economics thinking and the conduct of rigorous economic research and analyses. Through the use of robust data-driven empirical approaches, ES officers contribute their expertise to inform a wide range of public policies, from economic policies to fiscal, socio-economic, health, security and infrastructural policies.



# CAREER AS AN ECONOMIST



As an ES officer, you will have a well-defined career progression pathway with systematic rotation opportunities. You will have opportunities to attend local and overseas conferences, be seconded to international organisations, and further your studies through our Master's and PhD scholarships. These opportunities will enhance your technical skills and keep you updated on the latest economic research and policy initiatives.

Our remuneration packages are competitive, regularly reviewed, and benchmarked against private sector salaries to reflect market developments.



# ECONOMIST SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



The ES Scholarship attracts talented students (pre-tertiary and tertiary) to become public sector economists. It supports local and overseas undergraduate studies in Economics under the terms and conditions of Public Service Commission (PSC) scholarships.

As an ES scholar, you will be integrated into the community of ES officers throughout your studies and have the opportunity to participate in internships at MTI and relevant ministries. You may also be sponsored for a Master's degree upon graduation.



| Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Eligibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Value of Scholarship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Bond Duration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Place of Study                                                                                     | Choice of Courses                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents with outstanding academic results and co-curricular activity (CCA) records</li> <li>• Note: For Permanent Residents, confirmation of award will be based on the successful application for Singapore Citizenship</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent academic results in GCE A-levels, International Baccalaureate, Polytechnic Diploma, or NUS High School Diploma</li> <li>• Outstanding undergraduate results (for those applying for mid-term scholarships; applicable for Year 1 to penultimate year students only)</li> <li>• Good CCA records</li> <li>• Strong leadership qualities</li> <li>• Keen interest in the application of economics to the analysis of public policies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and compulsory fees</li> <li>• Monthly maintenance allowance</li> <li>• Settling-in allowance (computer and/or warm clothing)</li> <li>• Return airfare (for overseas award)</li> <li>• Sponsorship for approved developmental programmes (e.g. student exchange programme)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Local study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years</li> </ul> <p><b>Overseas study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 years</li> </ul> <p>Scholars will have the opportunity to work in various government agencies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At any renowned local or overseas universities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single degree in Economics / Econometrics</li> <li>• Double degrees in Economics / Econometrics and another discipline (subjected to approval)</li> </ul> |

Interested students should apply for the ES scholarship through the PSC gateway portal ([www.psc.gov.sg/scholarships](http://www.psc.gov.sg/scholarships)), indicating "Economist Service" as their first choice of service.

# ECONOMIST SERVICE RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAMME



The ES offers internships through the ES Research Assistant Programme. As a research assistant, you will work with ES officers in MTI and other government agencies to conduct quantitative analyses to inform public policy development. This programme allows you to participate in applied research work, expand your professional network, and gain an understanding of a career in the ES and the Singapore public sector.

The ES Research Assistant Programme is open to undergraduates or graduate students enrolled in an Economics or related course.

Internship positions are available throughout the year. As places are limited, priority will be given to the penultimate-year university students.



## JOIN THE ECONOMIST SERVICE

We are looking for intellectually curious, analytical, and creative individuals who are keen to apply their economics training to public policy questions. We recruit fresh graduates and mid-career professionals. Applicants should have at least a good honours degree (or equivalent) in Economics or a related course. Postgraduate qualifications in Economics or a related course will be viewed favourably.



### APPLICATION

#### Apply Now



If you are interested, scan the QR code to apply.

#### Learn More



For more information on the ES, scan the QR code to visit our website or send your queries to [mti\\_es@mti.gov.sg](mailto:mti_es@mti.gov.sg)

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