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Annex B

AI Accelerated Masters Programme launched in collaboration with local universities to build up pipeline of Singaporean AI researchers.

The AI Accelerated Masters Programme (AMP) is a strategic investment by the government to address the growing need for AI researchers. The objective is to build up a pipeline of Singaporean research talent and prepare our students to either take on industry AI research jobs or enhance their competitiveness for AI PhD programmes. The AMP will only be open to Singaporeans, and we intend to support 50 students over the next three years. Applications for the AMP are expected to open from March to May 2024, with further details to be released shortly.

The AMP works by condensing the Masters by Research (MbR) degree training from the traditional 2-year duration to 1-year. This is achieved by overlapping the training period with the final year of undergraduate study, allowing students to commence the Masters programme in their fourth year of undergraduate study. Students who subsequently wish to pursue a PhD with their same institution can take another two years to do so.

