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BE A
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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SHAPE SINGAPORE'S FUTURE IN THE WORLD?

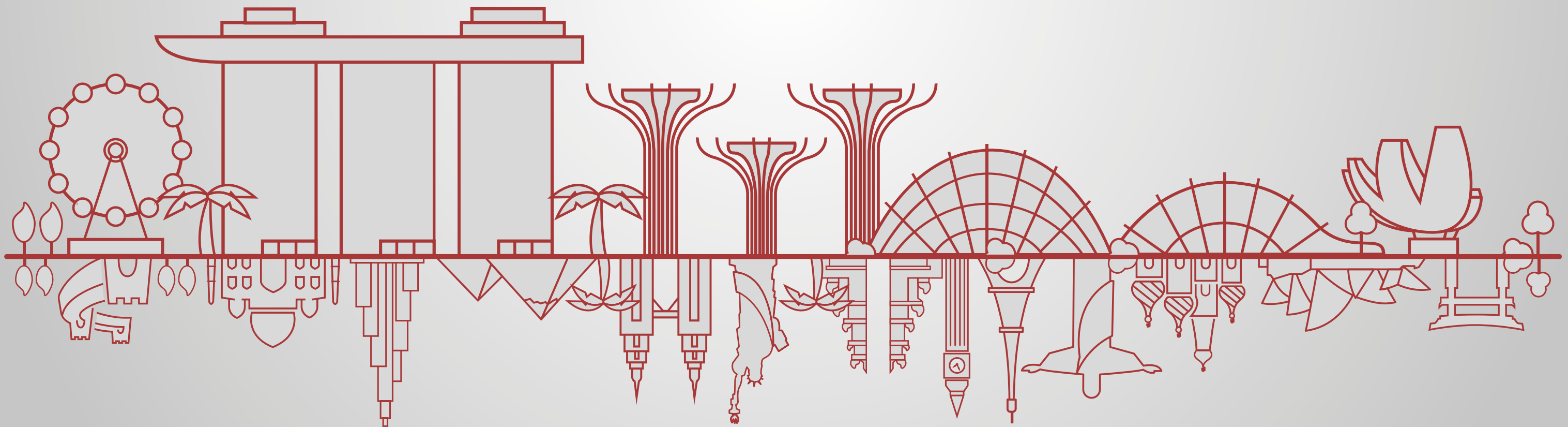
Not all scholarships are created equal.
Then again, not all scholarships give you the opportunity
to make a difference to a nation's standing in the world.

Foreign Service Officers (FSOs) represent Singapore on the frontline of an ever-changing international landscape. Their workplace is the world stage — one on which they can make an impact globally with their every action, build connections and influence around the world, all while safeguarding and advancing Singapore's interests.

And as a **Foreign Service Scholar**, you get a head start in this exciting career.

With unique training programmes and opportunities to help you grow and develop your strengths right from day one, the Foreign Service Scholarship will equip you with the skills and knowledge to take on the role of being FSOs of the future.

Will you join us to be the face of Singapore's diplomacy?



Make your move to step onto the world stage

The Foreign Service Scholarship offers unparalleled opportunities to immerse yourself in international politics and diplomacy. Take your first step into a world of diverse experiences as an FSO in the Singapore Foreign Service.

UNIQUE GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

From gaining rich exposure to diverse cultures to first-hand insights into international diplomacy, the world is your workplace.

REPRESENTING SINGAPORE AROUND THE WORLD

Regardless of time and territory, answer the call to aid citizens in distress and safeguard Singapore's interests on the world stage.

LIMITLESS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

No two days of work are ever the same. You will constantly gain new experiences and acquire new skills as you progress further in your career.

SAFEGUARDING OUR NATION'S INTERESTS AND CITIZENS

From negotiating international agreements, organising high-level visits and meetings, to assisting distressed Singaporeans overseas, you will be on the frontline of serving your nation.

Are you ready to take on a scholarship like no other?



Gaining global experiences, right from day one

Growing up, I was always interested in current and foreign affairs, and was proud of Singapore's ability to "punch above its weight" on the world stage. Being a Foreign Service Scholar has allowed me not only to pursue my personal interest but also to represent my country.

During my university breaks, I did internships in both MFA HQ and Singapore's overseas missions. I was involved in ASEAN negotiations, helped prepare events and receptions, and engaged foreign delegations to raise Singapore's international profile. Such opportunities placed me at the frontline of understanding and advancing Singapore's national interests, in an increasingly challenging and evolving global landscape. It also showed me the importance and purpose of my future role as an FSO.

The Foreign Service Scholarship has also allowed me to witness the sheer dedication of each and every FSO to our shared purpose and mission. Regardless of

the challenges, pandemic or not, I have seen how my colleagues work together to address matters swiftly and ensure that MFA's operations run smoothly. This, in my opinion, is the most meaningful part of the job — being able to work alongside like-minded and committed colleagues to advance Singapore's international standing.

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Dion Loke
Desk Officer
ASEAN Directorate



Unconventional and unique experience



As a Pre-University student, I was certain about working with the Foreign Service as I was interested in foreign policy. This interest was cemented by my Pre-University Internship with MFA in 2020, where I gained greater insights into MFA's work. Its mission resonated with me and I was struck by the sacrifices that FSOs make in defending and serving Singapore's interests abroad.

The possibility of studying in Germany was always at the back of my mind as I felt that a non-English speaking country would open doors to new avenues. The experience of adapting to life in Germany has also made me more independent and resourceful. I also found practicing and understanding nuances in conversation to be extremely rewarding as it is different from the formal German that I had learnt.

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Lorraine Ong
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Germany

Studying here has also provided me with a glimpse of the challenges faced by FSOs at overseas postings in having to adjust to a new environment, and I have come to appreciate the wisdom of taking things in my stride. Nonetheless, I am grateful for the opportunity to step beyond my comfort zone and obtain fresh perspectives that would come in handy for my future career as an FSO.

Get a career headstart with extraordinary development opportunities

MENTORSHIPS BY MFA DIPLOMATS

Gain invaluable advice and insights from senior diplomats on working in the Foreign Service.

INTERNSHIPS IN SINGAPORE HQ AND OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Start gaining global experiences early with hands-on experiences of what being an FSO is all about.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES*

Learn new languages that will be useful to your Foreign Service career with sponsored language programmes.

EXCHANGE/SUMMER PROGRAMMES*

Immerse yourself in different cultures with sponsored exchange/summer programmes.

PRE-DEPARTURE PROGRAMME

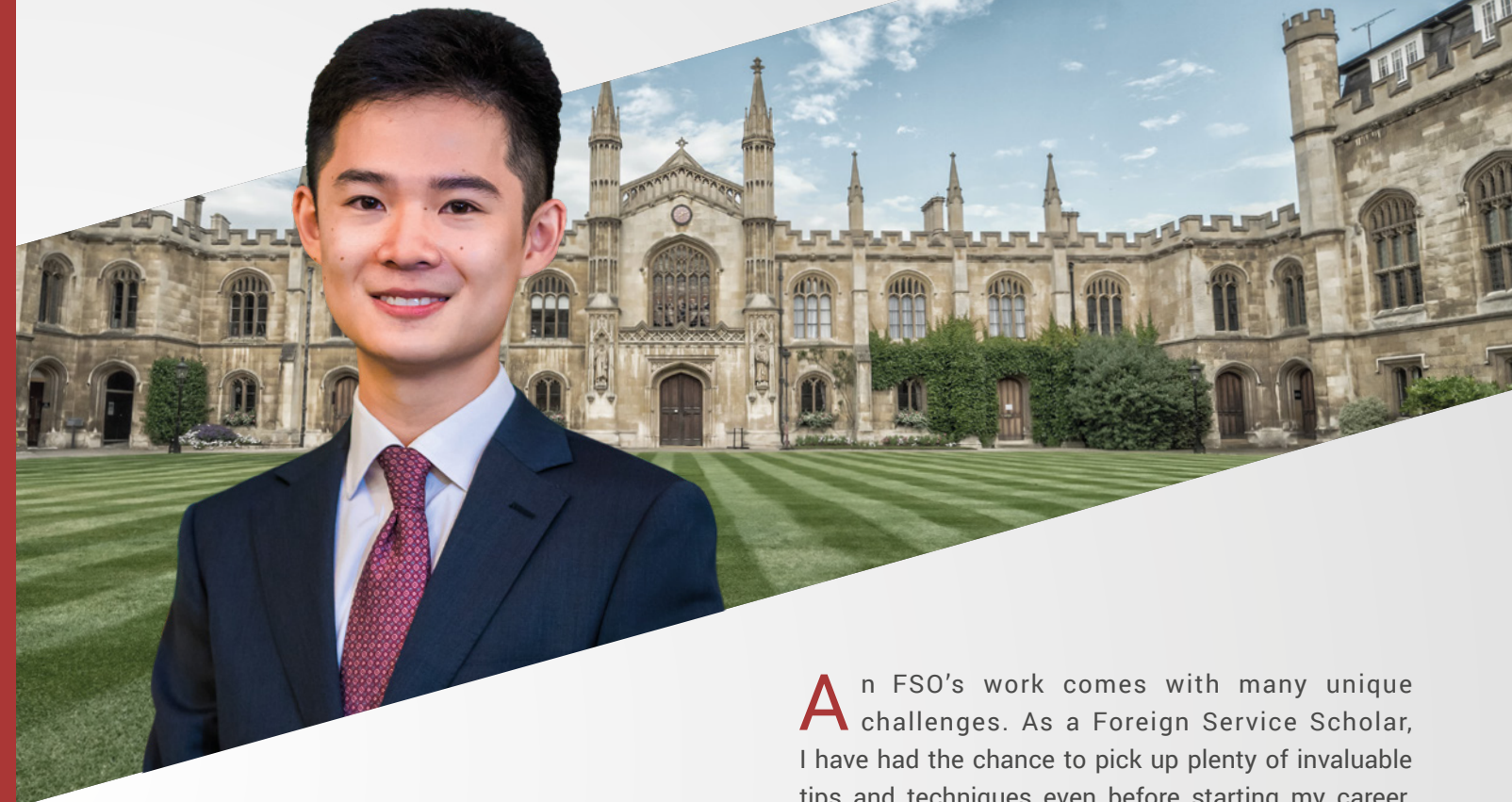
Build up your network and gain essential skills that will help you live independently and operate effectively abroad.

***Read here* to find out more about the boundless development opportunities throughout your career as an FSO.**

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Learning from experienced diplomats



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Joshua Lim

University of Cambridge, UK
Leiden University, The Netherlands

▼ Joshua getting advice from senior FSOs during his Pre-Departure Programme



An FSO's work comes with many unique challenges. As a Foreign Service Scholar, I have had the chance to pick up plenty of invaluable tips and techniques even before starting my career. During my studies in the UK, my mentor was an FSO who worked at the Singapore High Commission in London. He never failed to catch up with me and was always willing to offer guidance and advice. Even when we could not meet in person due to COVID-19 restrictions, we would still keep in touch via email.

During my internships at the various directorates and overseas missions, there was also always something to learn from the senior FSOs and supervisors I met. They all had interesting and unique career experiences to share. The opportunities to learn from more experienced colleagues and build my network of contacts while I am still studying is just one of the many advantages of being a Foreign Service Scholar, and will be something I continue to value going forward. Looking ahead, as I gain more experiences of my own, I hope to share them with new FSOs too!

A world of unique experiences awaits you as a Foreign Service Scholar



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FURTHER?

Scholarship details

PSC Scholarship (Foreign Service)
Administered by the Public Service Commission

Singapore Government Scholarship (Foreign Service)
Administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

COURSES:

Most disciplines

INSTITUTIONS:

Most reputable overseas universities,
including those in China, France, Germany and Japan

TERMS OF AWARD:

Tuition fees and approved charges
Maintenance and allowances
Return airfare
Sponsorship of approved exchange programme and Master's Degree*

REQUIREMENTS:

Singapore citizens or permanent residents intending to take up citizenship
Strong leadership qualities, an interest in public diplomacy and international relations
GCE 'A' Levels, International Baccalaureate, Polytechnic Diploma (with Merit) or equivalent

BOND PERIOD:

6 years for English-speaking countries
5 years for non-English-speaking countries

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