

**1. What is SGUnited Skills (SGUS) Programme?**

The SGUnited Skills (SGUS) programme with SUTD Academy is a 9 to 12-month full-time training programme designed to help Singaporeans and Permanent Residents whose employment and livelihoods have been disrupted by COVID-19.

**2. How will the SGUS courses be conducted?**

The format will vary due to the Covid-19 situation. It will be conducted in a combination of in-person classes and online learning.

**3. Am I allowed to take part-time jobs to supplement my income?**

SGUS trainees are required to commit to full-time training over the programme duration, and must achieve minimum 75% attendance or 60 hours of training/project work (whichever is higher) per month during the duration of the programme to qualify for their applicable Training Allowance.

**4. What are the Course Fees?**

- Candidates for a 9-month course will pay \$750.
- Candidates for the 12-month course (Data Science – Programming with Bridging), will pay \$1,000.
- All fees are inclusive of the prevailing 7% GST.

**5. Can I use my SkillsFuture Credits?**

Candidates can use their existing SkillsFuture Credits and the SkillsFuture Credits top-up to supplement the course fees.

**6. Payment of fees**

Payment of fees are to be made upfront.

**General Eligibility****7. Who can apply?**

The SGUS programme is open to all Singaporeans and Permanent Residents aged 21 years and above; who meet the eligibility criteria. It is intended for mid-career jobseekers impacted by the economic consequences of COVID-19.

The eligibility criteria are individuals who fall outside the eligibility for the SGUnited Traineeships. This means that it would exclude Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents who:

- a) Graduated or are graduating in Calendar Year 2019 / 2020 from ITEs, Polytechnics, Universities, and other educational institutions (e.g. private universities and overseas institutions); or
- b) Graduated earlier from above institutions and completed National Service in 2019 or 2020.

For fresh graduate job-seekers and NS Servicemen (ORD 2020, 2019), you are encouraged to consider the jobs and traineeship opportunities available under the [SGUnited Jobs & Skills Package](#).

**8. Will trainees have to possess certain academic qualifications to sign up for the programmes?**

Candidates will be assessed by us on their suitability for the selected courses prior to enrolment. Academic qualifications are but one of several assessment criteria.

**9. Can trainees under other programmes be allowed to join the SGUS programme?**

The SGUS programme is a full-time programme, existing trainees and jobseekers should not apply for the programme if they are unable to commit to full-time training over the 9 to 12-month training duration.

**Training Allowance**

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Candidates are required to achieve a minimum of 75% attendance per month during the course of the programme in order to qualify for their training allowance.

There is no pro-ration of the training allowance for trainees who leave after completing a partial month of training.

**11. When and how will candidates receive their monthly training allowance?**

Candidates will receive their training allowance at the beginning of the subsequent month via PayNow. Trainees will need to have a PayNow account linked to their NRIC.

For courses that commence in the middle of the calendar month, the training allowance for the first and last calendar months of the course will be allocated as follows:

<b>Course Start Date</b>	<b>Training allowance for first calendar month</b>	<b>Training allowance for last calendar month</b>
1st to 15th of month	Full-month training allowance	No training allowance as full-month training allowance was paid out in the first calendar month
<i>Example: 6-month course from 10 Aug 2020 to 9 Feb 2021</i>	<i>Full-month training allowance will be paid for six months from Aug 2020 to Jan 2021</i>	<i>No training allowance for the tail end of course in Feb 2021. Total six months of training allowance paid out</i>
16th to 31st of month*	Half-month training allowance	Half-month training allowance
<i>Example: 6-month course from 20 Aug 2020 to 19 Feb 2021</i>	<i>Half-month training allowance will be paid for Aug 2020. Full-month training allowance will be paid for five months of Sep 2020 to Jan 2021.</i>	<i>Half-month training allowance will be paid for tail end of course in Feb 2021. Total six months of training allowance paid out.</i>

\* For trainees who are recipients of the COVID-19 Support Grant (CSG) or the Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme (SIRS), and whose courses start from the 16th to 31st of the month, the first half-month training allowance will be paid together with the last half-month training allowance at the end of the course.

**12. Will candidates be eligible for training allowance and course fee subsidies if they do not complete the SGUnited Skills Programme?**

Candidates will only be eligible for the training allowance for the months they attended the training and meet the 75% minimum attendance. The training allowance will cease once the candidate exit the programme.

**13. Will candidates who fail the programme be required to refund the course fee subsidy?**

Similar to existing requirements for other training grants administered by SSG, candidates must fulfill the 75% minimum attendance requirements and pass the assessments to qualify for course fee subsidies.

Candidates who are unable to meet these requirements may be asked to return the course fee subsidies that they have received.

**14. Will candidates, who drop out of the programme midway, be penalised or required to refund the course fee subsidy?**

The programmes allow candidates to exit without penalty if they are successfully placed into a job or have secured a job on their own accord while undergoing training. However, candidates who exit the programme without a valid reason may be asked to return the course fee subsidy that they have received.

**15. Will recipients of existing subsidies and grants such as Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme be allowed to take part in the SGUnited Skills Programme?**

Recipients of the COVID-19 Support Grant (CSG) and the Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme (SIRS) may participate in the SGUnited Skills Programme to enhance their employability. However, they will not receive the full training allowance of \$1,200 (for SGUnited Skills Programme) while they are receiving CSG/SIRS payouts.

CSG recipients will receive an additional \$400 (for SGUnited Skills Programme). SIRS recipients will receive an additional \$200 (for SGUnited Skills Programme), on top of their CSG/SIRS payouts. They will receive the full training allowance of \$1,200 (for SGUnited Skills Programme) after those payouts are completed.

**16. Will candidates on the SGUnited Skills Programme be eligible to apply for CSG or SIRS?**

Individuals who are already in the programme will not be eligible for CSG and SIRS.

**17. Will candidates on the SGUnited Skills Programme be eligible for the hourly training allowance under the NTUC Training Fund (SEPs) (*previously known as Self-Employed Person Training Support Scheme*) and Workfare Skills Support Scheme for the courses taken under the programme?**

As monthly training allowances are already provided to candidates under the SGUnited Skills Programme, they will not be eligible for the hourly training allowance under the NTUC Training Fund (SEPs) nor the Workfare Skills Support Scheme (WSS).