

- What is the Student Contribution?

The Student Contribution is the suggested student portion of the partnership between students, their families and the College in contributing to the Yale-NUS experience. It is valued at \$1,500 annually and allows all parties to show commitment to and share responsibility for the cost of a Yale-NUS education.

Unlike many institutions in Singapore and overseas, Yale-NUS financial aid awards do not require a student to first take up a student loan before receiving any study award or scholarship. Our students are thus able to graduate with little or no debt. The Student Contribution, which asks that students invest in their education, plays a small part in helping the college sustain this practice.

- How is the Student Contribution part of my financial aid award at Yale-NUS?

The Student Contribution is part of the needs-analysis conducted by the Financial Aid office. In evaluating eligibility for financial aid, each applicant's individual family circumstances are considered; including country of residence, income, number of dependents, etc. This analysis results in a determination of financial contributions available to meet the Cost of Attendance at Yale-NUS. Such contributions include: Yale-NUS Study Award, external funding schemes and Family Contribution (of which Student Contribution is a component).

- What should I expect to see on my Yale-NUS bill?

Each student receives two bills per academic year (towards the beginning of each semester). For students receiving financial aid or scholarship, the quantum of their award will be deducted from the total cost of attendance at Yale-NUS. The remaining balance to be paid represents the Family Contribution (of which Student Contribution is a component).

The Family Contribution and Student Contribution are clearly communicated with all students in their admissions offer letter.

- Is the Student Contribution unique to Yale-NUS?

No, the Student Contribution is not unique to Yale-NUS. Student Contribution is common practice amongst institutions that offer need-fulfilling financial aid, including Yale University.

- How was the value of the Student Contribution decided?

The suggested Student Contribution value of S\$1,500 was determined after evaluating on campus employment opportunities as the only employment opportunity available to students, tabulated against the recommended weekly hours of work students are advised to fulfil, while still participating in curricular and co-curricular activities at Yale-NUS.

While campus employability is an option for fulfilling the Student Contribution, students may opt for off-campus employment, employment during semester breaks or optional loans.

- What opportunities should I explore to satisfy the Student Contribution?

Students can fulfill the Student Contribution through on-campus employment, external employment, or use other sources of funding such as savings or external scholarships. Funds from employment can be earned during the semester or during college breaks.

Students who do not have other means of financing and/or do not wish to work during their academic year or summers may wish to explore the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) in order to borrow funds, with no interest accrued before graduation, and repay the loan amount on a payment schedule after graduation.

- Are wages offered by on-campus employment able to cover the Student Contribution?

Yes, wages offered by on-campus employment are able to cover the Student Contribution. In fact, earning potential from on-campus jobs exceeds the value of the Student Contribution. The Student Associate rates on campus range from \$10 to \$25 per hour, depending on which opportunity a student wishes to pursue.

For example, a student who takes on employment that pays \$10 an hour will have to work about 6 hours a week through the 13-week semester to earn \$750. An international student on a student pass is allowed to work up to a maximum of 16 hours a week during school term and full-time during vacation.

Students also have the opportunity to fund the Student Contribution through paid work between semester, external scholarships, loan or independent resources.

- How many hours of work do on-campus jobs generally provide?

This differs from job to job. As you approach hiring managers about specific positions, it is advised that you discuss the hourly expectations for the role and whether there are peak periods when additional or fewer hours may be expected.

- How many jobs are available on campus? Are jobs available for first-year students?

Job availability on campus differs according to the time of year and need. Hiring of a student is based on skill set, not seniority. Students are not limited to jobs within Yale-NUS and are also encouraged to explore job opportunities in the greater NUS campus or off-campus during break times.

- How can I find an on-campus job?

You may learn more about on-campus employment opportunities at the following website: <https://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/career-services/on-campus-jobs/>. The website also provides a link to a tipsheet on finding part-time employment while at Yale-NUS.

For more detailed job postings, log on to the Symplicity portal: <https://yale-nus-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. You should log in frequently, as job availability fluctuates depending on time of year. Apply directly on Symplicity with your resume, cover letter and any additional materials required in the posting.

You may also speak directly to a faculty or staff member on available job opportunities.

- What should I do if I am unable to pay fees before the bill due date?

Please contact Student Services to discuss your situation and explore potential solutions:
studenthelp@yale-nus.edu.sg