

Intercultural Theatre Institute

Financial Assistance

ITI recognises that many students have financial difficulties and may find it hard to afford the full fees as well as living expenses in Singapore for the full three years of the programme.

Students are strongly encouraged to secure scholarships or other support in their home countries. ITI will provide advisory services and supporting documentation upon request.

ITI is an independent charity that works hard at fundraising to enable us to offer financial assistance to as many students who need it as possible. As funds are always limited and vary from year to year, the amount of financial assistance will also vary.

ITI offers three types of financial assistance:

- 1) Möbius Fund – a student loan scheme
- 2) Bursaries
- 3) Scholarships

Eligibility for financial assistance

For all schemes, you must be an enrolled student at ITI to be eligible.

For some schemes, there may be additional requirements imposed by donors and funders, such as nationality.

Types of Assistance

A. Advisory and Administrative Services

Students are strongly encouraged to seek funds from networks within their home countries. You can approach your local arts council, arts and culture ministry, private or corporate foundations and/or other donors. Or raise funds from families and friends through the use of social media or crowdfunding sites.

You can approach ITI for more specific advice or supporting letters and documents. These include:

- personalised testimonial letter
- write-up on ITI, course information and curriculum
- estimate on living expenses
- endorsement of ITI from a well-respected individual from your home country, where possible. Please give us advance notice if you require this so that we can arrange for it.

B. Möbius Fund

You can apply to the Möbius Fund for a low-interest loan to help pay your fees and/or expenses. Upon graduation, you must begin to repay the loan and are required to provide a payment plan. These repayments will replenish the fund capital so that other students can continue to benefit from the loan fund. Interest charges only take effect one year after you graduate.

The loan is granted on a yearly basis and must be renewed if you wish to continue with it the following year. The amount granted is subject to the availability of funds.

<i>Key Features</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maximum amount S\$18,800 for tuition fees per year● Maximum of S\$9,600 per year or S\$800 per month (overseas student) and S\$3,600 per year or S\$300 per month (Singaporean/PR) for living expenses and other course fees● Interest of 3% per annum on outstanding amount, applicable one year after graduation; prior to that it is interest-free● Extended repayment period
<i>Eligibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Must be an enrolled student at ITI
<i>Award Criteria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Based on financial need● Applicants need to detail in writing the reasons why they require the loan and how they plan to pay it back

C. Bursaries

The bursaries available may vary every year, depending on donors and funders.

<i>Key Features</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Amounts have previously ranged from S\$400 to S\$1,000
<i>Eligibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Must be an enrolled student at ITI
<i>Award Criteria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Based on financial need

D. Scholarships

The scholarships available vary every year, depending on donors and funders. Terms and conditions may also differ. Scholarships may have specific eligibility requirements. Some donors may request for more information about the candidates or regular updates on the progress of the recipients' training.

Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of organisations and private individuals. Recipients may be required to participate in events where the donors are present. Every recipient is expected to play an active role in the life of ITI and be a good ambassador of the institute.

All scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis and subject to renewal. Should a student withdraw or be dismissed from the course, they will be required to repay the full amount of the scholarship awarded. The scholarship may be withdrawn if the student breaches the conditions of the scholarship contract.

Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships may cover full or partial tuition fees. For international students, some may include a portion for living expenses Amounts may range from S\$7,200 to S\$24,000 a year 		
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be an enrolled student at ITI Some scholarships may have other requirements such as nationality, year of study 		
Award Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily based on merit, in consideration of artistic talent and ability, maturity and commitment. The strength of these qualities will be considered for the award. These qualities will be assessed on the strength of the student's performance in the programme. Secondarily, financial need will be taken into account if necessary. Those in dire financial need will be given priority over those who are relatively better off. This is to ensure the students get the help that they genuinely need 		
Available each year *	ITI Scholarship	80% of tuition fees No. available: Up to 4	Singaporean/PR students
<p><i>* Apart from these confirmed scholarships, new ones may become available if funding is secured. Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships at time of selection.</i></p>			
Examples of past scholarships awarded	ITI-William Teo Scholarship	Full tuition	Yr 2 or 3 Singaporean/PR students
	ITI Scholarship	Partial tuition	Singaporean/PR students

	Kuo Pao Kun Scholarship (by the Kuo Pao Kun Foundation)	Full tuition	Singaporean/Asian students
	Tan Chay Bing Education Fund Scholarships	Full / partial tuition	Singaporean and international students
	US-ASEAN Scholarship (by the US Embassy in Singapore)	Partial tuition	Students who are citizens of any of the 10 ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) member states
	Scholarships from private individual donors	Partial tuition	Students from India

Application Process

Please complete and submit an application form by the deadlines stated below. You should use only one form and indicate which financial assistance scheme(s) you are applying for.

All assistance is awarded year on year. You can renew your application every year, as long as you are eligible for the respective type of assistance.

Application forms and renewal forms are available on request from the ITI Administration Office or email admin@iti.edu.sg.

Please submit your form to ITI by email, post or by hand.

Please ensure you complete the form with the required information. The financial information you provide will be used to assess your financial need. Incomplete forms will not be accepted for consideration.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview.

Application deadline:

Year 2s and 3s for Scholarships / Bursaries / Möbius Fund: 31 October

New students for Scholarships / Möbius Fund: 30 November

Award Results

The financial assistance available, such as amount of loans and bursaries, number and types of scholarships, scholarship amount, will vary year to year, depending on the level of funding secured.

ITI reserves the right not to award any scholarship if candidates are deemed not suitable. ITI's decision is final.

The payment/disbursement will be made after the signing of the loan or scholarship contract. The payment/disbursement schedule (amounts and intervals) will be mutually agreed with each recipient upon signing of the loan or scholarship contract.

Timeline:

Year 2s and 3s

- By December Review by Möbius Fund Panel and Results
Contracts to be signed
- By March/April Review by Scholarship Panel and Results
Contracts to be signed

New students:

- January Review by Möbius Fund Panel and Results
Contracts to be signed
- By March/April Review by Scholarship Panel and Results
Contracts to be signed

** Timelines are subject to change*

FAQs

Q. Can I submit my scholarship application together with my application for admission to ITI?

Yes, you may or you may do so later as long as it is before the scholarship application deadline. However, you will have to be accepted and enrolled as a student before you are considered for the scholarship.

Q. If I am awarded a scholarship for one year, does that mean I will automatically continue to receive the same scholarship for subsequent years of study?

No, scholarships are awarded for one year of study only. You will have to submit a renewal form each year to be considered for subsequent years. Candidates will then be reviewed and, if successful, awarded scholarships, subject to what is available for that year. Thus the type of scholarship, including amounts, may be different even if you have been awarded one before.

Q. When and how will the funds be disbursed?

Scholarship

The tuition fee portion will be disbursed directly to ITI. It may, in some circumstances, be disbursed to you, after which you have to make payment to ITI. The portion for living expenses (if any) will be disbursed to you as a monthly allowance, amount to be agreed with you. The first disbursement will be made at the earliest possible time after the scholarship contract is signed, subject to receipt of the scholarship funds.

Bursary

The bursary will be disbursed to you directly within 2 weeks of the Panel's decision. If you owe any money to ITI, the bursary may be used to pay ITI.

Loan

The loan for your fee will be disbursed directly to ITI. It may, in some circumstances, be disbursed to you, after which you have to make payment to ITI. Loan for living expenses will be disbursed to you on a monthly basis or lump sum, according to what is mutually agreed. The first disbursement will be within 2 weeks after the loan contract is signed.

Q. If I take up a loan, what happens if I leave school before I graduate?

You will have to start repayment of the loan (the amount disbursed to date) according to the terms of the loan contract.

Q. Do I have to return the bursary if I leave school before I graduate?

If it has already been disbursed to you, you do not need to return the bursary. If it has not been disbursed, the bursary may be cancelled as the purpose is to help you during your studies.

Q. Do I have to return the scholarship if I leave school before I graduate?

Yes, if you leave the programme for any reason whatsoever, you are required to return the funds received in full within 12 months of your departure. This is part of the terms and conditions of the scholarship contract. This applies to the amount received for the same year as your departure. For example, if you received an S\$18,000 scholarship for 2021 tuition fees and you leave the school in 2021 before the completion of the full academic year, you have to return S\$18,000 to ITI. The amount you have to return applies to all funds awarded to you. So if you received scholarships for the first and second year, and you leave in the second year, you have to return both scholarships.

For other questions on loans, please enquire further with ITI.