

# SMU YOUNG LEADERS SUMMER PROGRAMME

14 – 19 JULY 2025



# ***WHAT IS THE SMU YOUNG LEADERS SUMMER PROGRAMME ABOUT?***

The SMU Young Leaders Summer Programme is a highly selective academic enrichment programme for outstanding high school students from Asia and all over the world. Selected top students will converge on SMU's city campus in Singapore and participate in an intensive, interdisciplinary 1-week programme focusing on developing their leadership potential and honing critical 21st century competencies identified in the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Future of Jobs report 2023, including analytical skills, communications skills, collaboration skills and creative thinking. Through the programme, students will develop the broad capabilities necessary to thrive in a complex and rapidly-changing world.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the programme will run from 14 - 19 July 2025, in Singapore.



# ***AN INTERDISCIPLINARY & EXPERIENTIAL SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMME***



College-level  
classes

Skills  
Workshops

Fully residential

On the SMU  
campus

14 - 19 July  
2025\*

High school  
students from  
Asia/the world

***\*Pre-programme check-in: Sun 13 July 2025***



July 2024

60 participants  
30 high schools  
10 countries  
12 nationalities



# ***KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SMU SUMMER PROGRAMME***

*Complement students' classroom learnings with relevant industry insights and hands-on experiences*



## College-level Classes

*Developed by SMU,  
taught by SMU*

*Non-credit bearing,  
No pressure of grades*



## Networking Activities

*Meet SMU students,  
professors, and the  
university community*



## Bonus Workshops

*For university  
applications and  
university success*



## Experiential Activities

*Tapping on SMU's  
strong expertise in  
entrepreneurship*



## Experience Singapore

*See what it is like to  
live and study in  
Singapore*



## Group Project and Final Presentation

*To a panel of judges*

*Certificate of  
completion from  
SMU*

# ***AFTER THE PROGRAMME, STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP KEY 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMPETENCIES:***



**Leadership Skills**

**Self-confidence**

**Communication Skills**

**Social Networks**

**University preparedness**

**Understanding of Singapore**



# ***WHY A SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAMME AT SMU?***

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## **SMU's unique pedagogy of small and interactive seminar-style classes**

- Participate actively in classes and in smaller groups.
- Class participation provides the catalyst for the free flow of ideas and opinions to help students gain new perspectives.
- Our students have endorsed this pedagogy as it elevates their public speaking skills and improves their communication with people of different cultures and backgrounds.

# WHY A SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAMME AT SMU?

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SMU's focus on blending classroom learning and real-world applications



- SMU's summer programme incorporates different elements to create a fulfilling experience for students:
  - Workshops to give students a head start in university and help with early career preparation.
  - Industry exposure allows students to draw relevance and apply insights to group projects.
  - Group project and final presentation strengthen classroom learning as students can see how frameworks and theories can be applied in real life.





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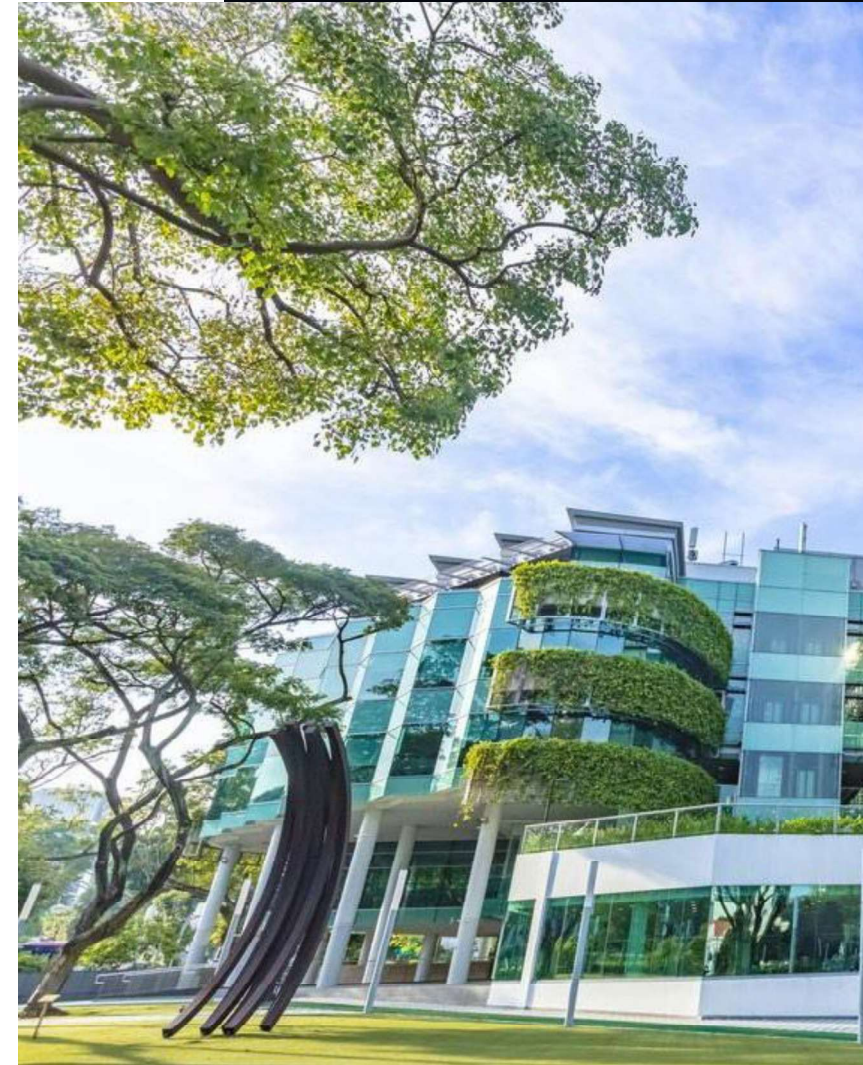
## SMU's amazing city location

- Among Singapore's six autonomous universities, SMU is the only campus located in the heart of the city right beside Singapore's central business and commercial districts.
- SMU is also the most transport-convenient university; accessible by 4 train stations with Bencoolen and Bras Basah stations being directly connected to SMU.
- This unparalleled vibrant city campus location will give students a taste of university life in the heart of the city!

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## SMU's World-Class Campus Infrastructure

- All buildings across the sprawling SMU campus are connected by sheltered pathways, with an air-conditioned bustling underground concourse directly connected to most of these buildings.
- Rain or shine, students will be able to navigate SMU's campus easily.
- While SMU's campus is an open campus, rest assured that our students' safety and security are of paramount importance and entry into any campus building is only accessible to students and staff with access cards.
- ***FUN FACT:*** SMU is the largest solar farm in Singapore's city centre!





*Lee Kong Chian School of Business*



*Li Ka Shing Library*



*School of Accountancy*



*Administration Building*



*School of Computing and Information Systems (SCIS) 1*



*School of Economics / SCIS 2*



*SMU Connexion*



*School of Social Sciences / College of Integrative Studies*



*Yong Pung How School of Law*



*Kwa Geok Choo Law Library*



*Campus Green*

# WHY SINGAPORE



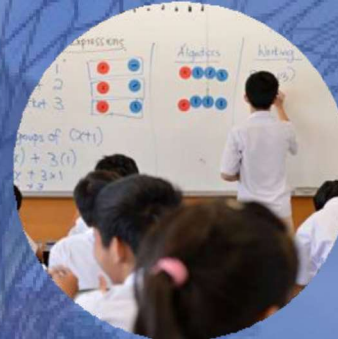
## 2ND SAFEST CITY IN THE WORLD

Economist Intelligence Unit  
2019



## MULTI-CULTURAL MULTI-RACIAL

English is the main language  
4 official languages:  
English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil



## HUGE FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Ranked 2nd in the world for  
Programme for International  
Student Assessment (Pisa) by  
OECD



## BEST QUALITY OF LIFE IN ASIA

Mercer, 2019

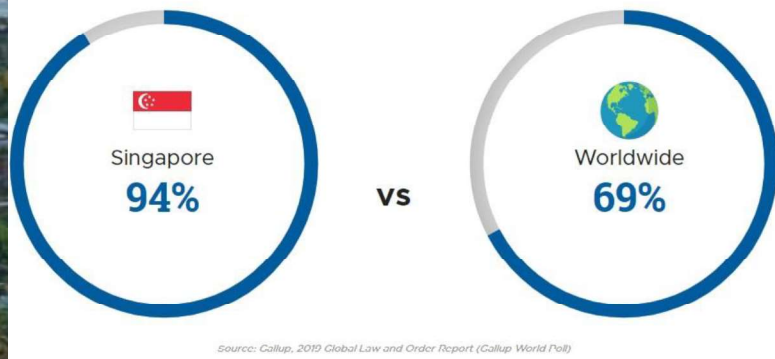


## GET CLOSE TO NATURE

300 parks, 6 national parks, 4  
nature reserves

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City in the World

Percentage of people who feel safe walking alone at night



## Digital security

### The top five:

1. Tokyo
2. Singapore
3. Chicago
4. Washington, DC
- 5 = Los Angeles
- 5 = San Francisco



## Infrastructure security

### The top five:

1. Singapore
2. Osaka
3. Barcelona
4. Tokyo
5. Madrid



## Personal security

### The top five:

1. Singapore
2. Copenhagen
3. Hong Kong
4. Tokyo
5. Wellington



# ***WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?***

Our SMU Young Leaders Summer Programme is open to outstanding high school students from Asia and all over the world.

To be eligible for the 2025 summer programme, you must meet the following criteria:

- Will be graduating from high school and entering university in 2026 or 2027.
- Are at least 16 years old by 1 July 2025, and will not turn 19 years old before July 31, 2025.
- Have a comfortable command of the English language, both written and spoken, as all classes, and your final presentation, will be conducted in English.
- Have a good academic high school record.

# Hear From Our Students!

Such a unique experience! Meeting friends in the night at the dining hall and eating cup noodles was a truly fun experience!! Making new friends is so great!!

**Trishna Narayan,**  
International School of  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

I really loved the experience i had for the past 5 days. i got to meet many people from all over the world, made excellent friendships and many memorable memories that i will definitely remember forever.

**Shakira Diva Privadi, SMAN26,**  
Indonesia

The Young Leaders Summer Programme at SMU had a significantly profound effect on me. From working together with students from different backgrounds to practicing real-life business situations, every moment offered an opportunity for growth. This is an incredible opportunity for students to learn so much.

**Ariv Mehra, JBCN**  
International School,  
India