

# SCHOOL OF FINE ART

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ARTISTRY: NURTURING THE CHANGEMAKERS OF TOMORROW

### WHY FINE ART?

Drive positive change and lead the next generation of artists and designers by nurturing your talent, and discovering your artistic identity through the arts. Here at the NAFA Faculty of Art & Design, School of Fine Art, we encourage you to develop your passion for fine art whilst learning how to be effective creative thinkers, problem solvers and builders of the future.

#### **Cultivate Cultural Sensitivity**

Create your own art practices through acquiring technical skills and conceptual knowledge from exposure to traditional and contemporary approaches.

#### **Deepen Industry Relationships**

Develop connections, creativity and interdisciplinary thinking through study trips, art residencies, industry projects, collaborations and more with renowned artists and companies.

#### **Diversify Studio Experiences**

Critically engage with medium and material in the exploration of 2D, 3D, and 4D practices.

All diploma programmes within the School of Fine Art have the option of progressing seamlessly into Bachelor's degree programmes conferred by the world-renowned University of the Arts London. Bachelor degree graduates can progress into the Master of Fine Arts Fine Art programme conferred by the University of Arts Singapore to deepen their expertise and craft.





## INTERNSHIP & INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

NAFA works closely with academia, industry and community partners for research and industry projects for you to gain critical skill sets and employment opportunities. Recent partners include Singapore Airlines, Singapore Tourism Board, Changi Airport group, Assisi Hospice, and Down Syndrome Association.

Students will develop professional plans to map their artistic trajectories through independently-sourced internships, apprenticeships and residencies in Europe and the Southeast Asian region. Our students have also secured placements in

notable local agencies and institutions, including Affordable Art Fair Singapore, The Artling Singapore, National Gallery of Singapore, National Arts Council Singapore, STPI Creative Workshop and Gallery, and Singapore International Photography Festival.

Push your creative boundaries by participating in prestigious/ highly selective competitions such as the UOB Painting of the Year, Undescribed (DECK) and various programmes for emerging practitioners, and let your artistic expression shine.



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## STUDENT LIFE

Dive into the NAFA life—where learning meets fun!

At NAFA, student life is an invigorating blend of learning, self-expression and fun. From the NAFA Makers' Market to International Student's Night, our lively calendar keeps your campus life engaging and exciting. Join student-led clubs, such as the Basketball Club and K-Pop Dance Club to bond with like-minded peers and network within the creative student community. Through our Student Leader Training Camp, you will gain leadership skills and become role models within our community.

## OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENT

Immerse in enriching experiences with our student exchange programmes and international collaborative projects for expanded classroom learning.

At NAFA, you will have multiple opportunities to travel abroad for an overseas experience. Study trips, overseas exchanges, summer programmes, international placements, community service projects and overseas residencies and internships will broaden your perspectives and provide new insights into arts and culture.

## CAREER PATHWAYS

NAFA's Fine Art programmes can unlock diverse career pathways across various disciplines. Broaden your possibilities with our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fine Art and Master of Fine Arts Fine Art programmes.

### Careers for Diploma & Degree graduates:

Art Administrator	Artist
Art Facilitator	Curator
Art Service Provider	Display Artist
Art Technician	Fine Art Apprentice/Consultant
Art Teacher/Teaching Assistant	Community Facilitator
Art Therapist	Social Change Maker
Art Writer	Workshop Assistant

### Careers in the following industries & areas:

Creative Agencies	Galleries & Museums
Community & Outreach	Government & Policy-making
Culture & Heritage	Healthcare & Wellness
Digital Content Creation	Management
Education & Academia	Publishing & Research

# STUDENT VOICES



**Tan Xin Pei**  
Alumna  
Diploma in Art Teaching

NAFA has provided me with many opportunities to grow both academically and personally. The lecturers are dedicated and passionate, always pushing students to explore creatively and achieve our best.



**Diamond Nabilah Misson**  
Alumna  
Diploma in Fine Art

NAFA has provided an ideal environment for art making, helping me bring my artistic visions to life. The diverse view from my peers and mentors will help me contribute to the vibrancy of the art world.



**Nur Alya Binte Rahmat**  
Alumna  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fine Art

I'm inspired by the myths and folklore of the Nusantara, especially the legend of the Pontianak. I've always been quietly drawn to folklore and the empowerment of women. NAFA has enriched my artistic journey by providing numerous opportunities to gain valuable real-world experience in organising exhibitions, thereby enhancing my skills beyond academia.

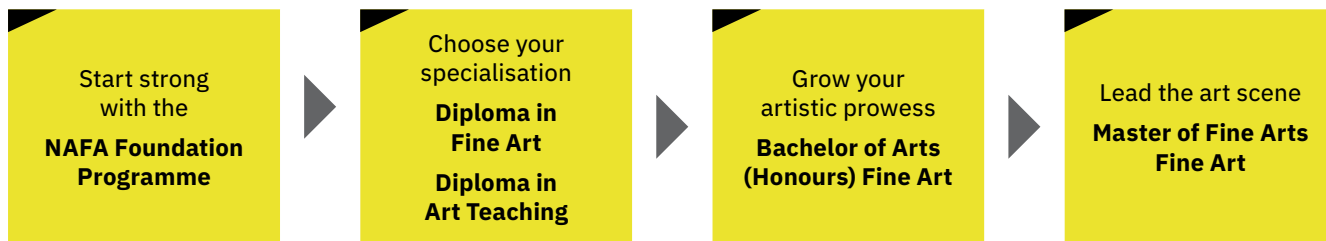


**Hans Chew Ziyang**  
Candidate  
MFA Fine Art

I decided to enrol in NAFA's inaugural MFA Fine Art programme to deepen my research and further my artistic practice on an academic front. The programme offers a good balance between studio and theoretical learning, and the specialised workshops that cater to candidates' interests will greatly support my critical thinking and growth.

# EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Shape your artistic journey and practice at NAFA's School of Fine Art.



# NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

## TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP INTO THE ARTS WITH NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Designed as a bridge for Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students, the NFP readies you for successful completion of a diploma course.

## PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING

Dive into a hands-on learning experience tailored to let you acquire and apply essential foundational skills in your chosen artistic field.

## SKILLS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION

Build a robust foundation of the arts, research techniques and language and communication abilities. Equip yourself with the crucial academic skill sets that pave the way for successful tertiary education.

## FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC SKILL SETS

Through elective modules spanning visual and performing arts as well as arts management, refine and develop skills in your area of interest.

Find out more



*we(t)ware*  
by Diamond Nabilah Misson  
Diploma in Fine Art

# DIPLOMA IN FINE ART

Take control of your artistic excellence with our three-year Diploma in Fine Art programme, established for its technical grounding and reinforced by contextual and social relevance in 21st-century artistic landscapes.

Map a pathway to your artistic aspirations with a live industry project in Year 2, along with a full semester professional placement in Year 3. Expect an introductory entry-point into arts-related and creative industries.

## **Develop Your Artistic Identity with an Experience-driven and Practice-led Curriculum:**

Your unique creative voice and practice will flourish in an interdisciplinary practice-led environment, that blends technical skills with theoretical knowledge. Realise your fullest potential in an experience-driven curriculum that includes field trips, artist residencies, internships and networking opportunities.

**Thrive Under the Tutelage of Established Art Practitioners:** Train under the industry's best art practitioners in immersive environments. Committed to help you flourish socially and intellectually, our lecturers will guide you in your day-to-day studio work as you find your artistic identity.

**Cultivate Critical 21st Century Skills:** Propel your personal, social, intellectual and artistic growth through cultivating self-awareness, empathy and social insights. You will be given opportunities to engage with creative communities to refine contemporary skills alongside your artistic competencies. Set the stage for your career in shaping the cultural landscape of tomorrow.

Find out more



*The March*  
by Seetharam Poorvaja  
BA (Hons) Fine Art

# DIPLOMA IN ART TEACHING

Nurture the next generation of artists through your passion for art education with our Diploma in Art Teaching. This three-year programme is the only programme in Singapore that encompasses the core competencies of art, design, and pedagogies to empower art educators and facilitators of tomorrow.

**Understand Art from the Perspective of a Teacher:** Gain a multi-dimensional understanding of fine art, design, and pedagogy through integrated studio practices to refine your artistic development.

**Gain Opportunities for Teaching Practice:** Look forward to opportunities that enable you to put pedagogic theories and aesthetic skills into practice. These include actual teaching placements and assignments that respond to a range of educational contexts.

**Deepen Your Knowledge of Art:** Cultivate your own artistic competencies, grounding your essential technical skills and theory before imparting them to your students.

Find out more





# BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) FINE ART

Blaze the trail as an art professional in Singapore and beyond with our BA (Hons) Fine Art. Validated by the world-renowned University of the Arts London, this three-year degree sharpens your artistic sensibilities across an interdisciplinary and practice-led experience.

You can look forward to professional collaborations and placements in Year 2 that includes a project with an industry partner, and six to eight weeks of residency, apprenticeship, internship, or art publication making.

**Cultivate Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Thinking:** Delve into issues with multidisciplinary perspectives from our faculty and practitioners from the region's ateliers. Critically question, evaluate and integrate ideas into unique responses that are authentically yours.

**Add a Unique Southeast Asian Dimension to Your Art Practice:** Leverage Singapore's advantageous position as a vibrant arts scene of Southeast Asia. Develop distinctive studio practices and methodologies, opening new perspectives that enrich our regional artistic and cultural research.

**Reap the Benefits of an Unprecedented UAL-NAFA partnership:** Validated by the top-ranked art and design University of the Arts London, the programme will include a seven-week international placement in London. Look forward to an enriching academic experience with classes and workshops designed to enhance your learning journey.

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# MASTER OF FINE ARTS FINE ART

Redefine the role of an artist in society with NAFA's MFA Fine Art, designed for practitioners who are ready to deepen their interdisciplinary practice, broaden their critical inquiry and dive into the vibrant tapestry of cultural research in Southeast Asia. Disrupt and challenge regional sociocultural issues through curatorial thinking, intercultural dialogue and socially engaged practices.

**Rigorous Practice-as-Research Curriculum:** Our framework supports the development and discursive expansion of relevant fine art approaches and strategies, informed by contemporary sociocultural contexts to realise an independent, robust and critically engaged fine art practice.

**Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Practice:** Explore thematic areas of investigation echoing your research interests and fields of practice, with strong emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches and collaborative cross-sector industry partnerships. Develop your capabilities as a thought leader contributing to new knowledge and critical discourse within Southeast Asia and beyond.

**Regional Engagement with Southeast Asia:** Experience diverse art practices through an intensive regional study trip, an interdisciplinary lab series, workshops and seminars delivered by Southeast Asian faculty and practitioners. Draw upon study resources and research within NAFA's Institute of Southeast Asian Arts (ISEAA), Library and Archive, strengthening and contextualising your practice-led research.

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of the Arts  
Singapore

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Home, Part 2  
by Evangelina Electra Handoko  
BA (Hons) Fine Art

# SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARD SCHEMES

Discover a multitude of financial schemes designed to support your fee payment and study expenses at NAFA.

## GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SCHEMES

### TUITION GRANT SCHEME

Permanent Residents (diploma and undergraduate degree) and international students (diploma only) may apply to help with the cost of their tuition fees. Grants awarded are based on merit. Eligible Singaporean Citizens are automatically awarded the grant for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Undergraduate Degree programme. From AY2025, Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above, will be eligible to receive the grant for another MOE-funded Diploma programme.

### TERTIARY TUITION FEE SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR MALAYS

Malay Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for the education subsidy from Yayasan Mendaki to fund the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

### CPF EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for a loan from their own or a parent's CPF savings account for their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

### POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHEME

Eligible students with sufficient funds in their or sibling's Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) can use them to fund tuition fees or related study expenses at NAFA.

### SKILLSFUTURE CREDIT

Singapore Citizens over 25 years of age can apply to use their SkillsFuture credits to fund eligible programmes at NAFA.

### SKILLSFUTURE MID-CAREER ENHANCED SUBSIDY

Singapore Citizens over 40 years of age can apply to pursue their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

### HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY BURSARY

Singapore Citizens from the low to middle-income families can apply to receive a bursary from the Ministry of Education for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

### DIPLOMA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME BURSARY

Singapore Citizens pursuing the NAFA Foundation Programme can apply for additional help with tuition fees.

### GOVERNMENT LOAN SCHEMES

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents may apply for the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) to fund the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme. Applicants who met PCI income criteria and have fully exhausted the TFL quantum may apply for a Study Loan to fund their remaining unpaid tuition fees plus annual living allowance.

## FINANCIAL AID SCHEMES

### NAFA-KWAN IM THONG HOOD CHO TEMPLE STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Students from families facing unexpected financial crises can receive partial support for programme fee and study expenses.

### NAFA STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME

Students may work on campus for extra pocket money to fund necessary education expenses.

### NAFA STUDENT NOTEBOOK SUBSIDY SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents from lower-income households can apply when purchasing a personal notebook for their programmes.

### NAFA OVERSEAS PROGRAMME TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Students on NAFA-approved overseas programmes or study trips can apply.

### INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT TRAVEL GRANT

Degree students who have acquired international placements through NAFA and our partner universities can defray expenses with this grant.

### EXTERNAL STUDY LOANS

Students may apply for loans from private financial institutions, banks to fund your education at NAFA.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AWARD SCHEMES

### NAFA IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS, MERIT AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Diploma and degree students with outstanding academic results and an excellent track record of achievements in related arts and creative industries may apply for the Scholarships and Merit Awards. Bursaries are available for students who require financial assistance based on household income.

### DARE TO DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Medically certified special needs students with limited financial resources can apply to receive support for their studies at NAFA.

### EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND STUDY LOANS

Students may apply to external organisations for awards and financial schemes, as well as study loans from private financial institutions which are available all year round.

Scan for more details



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