

# US grad students to get a taste of research in S'pore

FIFTEEN engineering and science graduate students from the United States will be here for the next eight weeks to do research.

As they work alongside their counterparts in fields ranging from the biological sciences to computer engineering, they will have a first-hand look at what it is like to do research in Singapore.

Their stints here come under the 18-year-old East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSI) programme.

Singapore joins places like Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and Taiwan as the latest host, following an agreement between the National Research Foundation (NRF) here and the National Science Foundation in the US.

NRF's chief operating officer Francis Yeoh described the

EAPSI programme as "an excellent platform for outstanding young US graduate students to be introduced to Singapore's vibrant research environment".

Of the 15 students, 10 will be attached to the National University of Singapore, and the remaining five, to the Nanyang Technological University.

Other research agencies here will be co-opted into the programme in time.

Work aside, the students, who will stay in the university hostels, will also have until Aug 8 to take in Singapore culture and network with Singapore organisations for possible collaborations in future.

One of the students, Mr Edward McCumiskey, a PhD candidate from Virginia Commonwealth University, said: "Aside from research, I want to immerse myself in the very unique Singapore culture and savour her world-famous cuisine."