

Individual Presentation (20%)

Investing in You(th)

Do you have a dream you wish you could pursue, or a passion you would like to develop further? Temasek Foundation would like to help you realise your dream – part of it, at least.

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic arm of Temasek Holdings, a global investment company incorporated and headquartered in Singapore. Seeing its role not only as investors but as a trusted steward of the resources it has, the Temasek Group is committed to supporting community programmes that focus on building people, building communities, building capabilities, and rebuilding lives in Singapore and beyond.¹

Temasek Foundation gives expression to the parent company's commitment to do well, do right and do good in the larger community. One of its most notable contributions is in the fight against COVID-19. Last year, the Foundation launched a nationwide programme to offer free hand sanitisers to all households in Singapore. It also provided every Singapore resident with free reusable face masks.²

Advancing a passion

Being in the business of investment, Temasek believes in “doing things today with tomorrow in mind”. And one of the ways of investing in the future of our nation is to invest in the youth of today, who will in turn contribute to a better tomorrow.

It has been said that success, whether it's in the business world or life in general, begins with knowing yourself, and having something you believe in – something you are passionate about. So, Temasek Foundation has designed a new grant programme to enable young people to develop their passion, called “Investing in You(th)”.³

The task is simple: find something that you believe strongly in or feel passionately about, then design a plan of action to explore this subject in greater depth.

Maybe you think urban farming is the next big thing, or music therapy, or healing foods... Whatever it is that you wish to explore, Temasek Foundation is prepared to back you on this. They will provide successful applicants up to S\$2,000, to enable you to get one step closer to realising your dreams.

This funding is meant to help you take that passion further, by gaining first-hand insights and experience, not just by reading about it in your textbooks or on the Internet. You could think of it as a personal learning journey of sorts. To get a broader perspective, you could even venture outside Singapore (if and when travel is permitted).

This pursuit should align with your future goals or aspirations, though it need not be directly relevant to your course of study. It should also align with Temasek's focus on doing well, doing right and doing good.

Pitching your plan

There are a limited number of grants up for grabs. Assume that you are interested in applying for this grant. To assess the viability of the proposals, you will need to make a presentation to a selection panel from Temasek Foundation.

¹ <https://www.temasekreview.com.sg>

² <https://www.temasekfoundation.org.sg>

³ This is a fictitious context.

Your presentation needs to make clear your passion. You should also share a plan for investigating your area of interest and documenting your journey, the amount of funds you would require, and how you would make use of the funding provided for this purpose.

For Temasek Foundation to invest in you, you will need to persuade them to believe in you. Your application has a better chance of succeeding if you have a clear and realistic idea, and are able to demonstrate that your project has the potential to make a difference to the community in time to come.

A few other parameters to take note of:

- Your plan of action should take no more than 6 months to complete, and must be concluded no later than end 2021.
- You are required to document your explorations, in whatever form you choose. You should elaborate on how you plan to do so in your presentation.
- Records of your expenses must be submitted upon completion.

Task and deliverables

Prepare a **5-minute presentation** to the Temasek Foundation selection panel. Given the current circumstances, this presentation will be made **via Zoom** and recorded live.

Your presentation should be accompanied by a set of **slides** and/or other visuals, which should be shared during your presentation. Be prepared to answer any **questions** that the panel may have (approximately 5 minutes).

You will be assessed according to the *Rubrics for Spoken Communication* (available on the Main Course Site). Your tutor may give you further instructions on the submission of the deliverables.