



12 get scholarships in water research

A DOZEN PhD scholarships to pursue research in water technology were given out yesterday in conjunction with the Singapore International Water Week.

Most of the recipients, picked from among 160 applicants, will pursue their research at the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. Two will head overseas to Cambridge and Cornell universities.

The study awards, handed out by Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim, come under a programme run jointly by the Environment and Water Industry Development Council and the Clean Energy Programme Office.

They are given to outstanding students with a passion for research in the water and clean-technology sectors, and will be paid for out of a \$55 million fund set aside by the National Research Foundation for enhancing research into this area.

To date, 26 scholarships have been awarded.

The clean-tech sector has been identified as a key growth area for the economy. The Government expects it to contribute \$1.7 billion to Singapore's gross domestic product and 7,000 jobs over the next six years.