SINGAPORE: The National University of Singapore (NUS) has tied up with the New York University of Law to start a dual master’s degree in law, in a collaborative effort that took five years to finalise.

And NUS has already taken its first batch of students earlier this month.

Simon Chesterman, Global Professor and Director, NYU School of Law, Singapore Programme, said: "Just as corporations use Singapore as a springboard for their entry into Asia, we are hoping to do the same thing for the intellectual futures of these students."

And so, to tap on the growth of the region, the focus must lie on investing in students who will gain a greater understanding of US and Asian law.

And that is what Jordan Zed is looking for.

The Canadian has been in Singapore for just two weeks but has set his sights on spreading his wings farther.

He said: "Given the rise of Asia and the importance of Asia on the international stage, it really opens up a lot of doors."

Such are the opportunities in store for the first batch of students from all over the world.

The course takes ten months to complete, and up to 50 scholarships are available each year, for the next four years.

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