

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ATTACHMENT PROGRAMMES (i-RAP)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) and [Application Guide](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

University of Lausanne Undergraduate Research Programme in Biology and Medicine 2025

Information is accurate as of November 2024.

Host University Website	https://www.unil.ch/eb-sur/en/home.html
Programme Location	Lausanne, Switzerland
Programme Dates	7 July to 28 August 2025
Application Deadline	31 January 2025 (2359hrs, Central European Time)
No of Placements:	15 students – selection done by UNIL

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee	<p>Selected participants will receive a scholarship of approximately CHF 1,500 to cover other living expenses.</p> <p>Please note that students are advised to bring extra money for expenses beyond standard housing and living expenses (e.g., weekend travel).</p> <p>Limited funds are available to cover justified costs of travel to Lausanne. Generally, up to CHF 500 for European travel and CHF 1,200 for overseas travel is covered.</p>
2	Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO	<p>You should have enough monetary funds to cover the whole i-SP. Your decision to go on i-SP should not depend on confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. You can consider the following financial aid options to fund your i-SP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASA Enhancement Bursary (Singaporean Citizens only) • Overseas Student Programme Loan (Singaporeans only) • Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Ad-Hoc Withdrawal (Singaporeans only) <p>Please note that if you are successful with any financial aid, the funds will only be disbursed to you after completion of the Programme.</p>

PROGRAMME DETAILS

3	Academic Content	<p>During eight weeks in July and August, the SUR Programme hosts about 15 Bachelor (first university degree) students with backgrounds in biological and medical studies from around the world. Each participant will perform an individual research project in a different laboratory of the Faculty of Biology and</p>
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		<p>Medicine. This programme aims to attract outstanding, motivated students for a research experience that will remain with them for their lifetimes.</p> <p>While most of the time is spent in the host lab, each week, the students come together for shared academic activities, often with participants of the sister programme at the EPFL. These activities include introductory student research presentations, lectures from faculty members on research topics and their career paths, and career guidance workshops in academia and beyond.</p> <p>At the end of the summer, students present the results of their research on a poster during a joint UNIL/EPFL Symposium and write a final report.</p> <p>Students also enjoy many social activities, including a hike in the Alps, barbecues, swimming in Lac Léman, and visits to other cities in Switzerland!</p>
4	<p>Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>The programme is geared towards students in biology, medicine, or a related discipline with a strong focus on biological sciences. At the time of the programme, eligible applicants will have completed two years of a bachelor's degree (and will be enrolling in their third year).</p> <p>Having prior research experience is not a selection criterion.</p> <p>Note that UNIL broadly considers studies in biology and medicine, but applicants engaged in physical therapy, nursery, dentistry, or veterinary science studies will not be considered.</p> <p>The programme is highly competitive; students are chosen based on their academic record (typically GPA >3.75 or equivalent and/or top 5% class ranking), personal statements, and letters of recommendation.</p> <p>Students should have excellent written and spoken English communication skills.</p> <p>Students must be present for the entire programme to participate. For organisational matters, UNIL cannot change the programme's date.</p> <p>NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see the GRO website for details.</p>
5	<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>The program coordinator will arrange and pay for the housing.</p> <p>Students will be housed in a mixed (male/female) furnished apartment in one of the UNIL associations in Lausanne.</p> <p>Students will have single or double rooms and share kitchen and bathroom facilities with their fellow SUR participants.</p>

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		<p>The program coordinator will inform participants when the housing assignment is made, how to contact the housing association, and where it is located.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to: https://www.unil.ch/eb-sur/en/home/menuinst/about-the-sur-programme.html.</p>
6	<p>Application Procedure at NUS</p>	<p>Please apply through the NUS Education Records System - Global Education (EduRec-GE) first if you want to do module mapping and apply for financial aid/loans. Applying through EduRec-GE will allow GRO to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while overseas.</p> <p>With an official application through EduRec-GE, you are covered by the NUS Travel Blanket Insurance. Besides, GRO can also provide you with supporting letters for visa application. Read the step-by-step guide we prepared for you on GRO's web.</p> <p>You should also apply to the host university concurrently once you have applied to NUS EduRec.</p>
7	<p>Application Procedure at Host University</p>	<p>To apply, complete the online application form available in this link and upload the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A document in PDF format providing information that will be used in the selection process. Please use the template available here (SUR Programme 2024 application questionnaire). 2. Academic transcripts in pdf format (if not in English or French, an authenticated translation should also be submitted as part of the same transcript pdf document). If your university does not use a four-point scale, then include an explanation of your grading scale in the SUR Programme 2024 application questionnaire. 3. Two recommendation letters, which must be submitted by people familiar with your academic work (e.g., professors). During the application process, you will be asked to indicate the contact details of your referees. An automatic email will be sent to them asking to fill out the recommendation letter template available here. <p>The potential host laboratories list in the UNIL Faculty of Biology and Medicine is on our website. In your application, you must indicate two labs where you would like to conduct research.</p> <p>Applications, including recommendation letters, must be submitted by by 31st January 2025 (2359hrs CET).</p> <p>ALL documents must be uploaded in the portrait format. Applications that are incomplete, late, or do not comply with the format requirements or selection criteria will not be considered.</p>

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		<p>Lab Assignment</p> <p>The final lab assignment will be communicated to selected participants once we get their confirmation of participation to the programme.</p>
8	Confirmation of participation	<p>Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email about six weeks after the application deadline (approx. 14 March 2025).</p> <p>To confirm your participation in this Programme, you must accept the EduRec-GE offer and the host university’s offer.</p>
9	Course Mapping	<p>All course mapping requests are subject to approval by the faculties/departments.</p> <p>If you are interested in obtaining credits for your course, you can start the course mapping process via EduRec-GE after you have accepted the programme offer.</p> <p>Students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each Summer Programme. Over the course of study in NUS, students may map up to a total of 12 units for involvement in the summer programme. Beyond 12 units, NUS Special Term tuition fees will apply, in addition to Summer/Winter Programme fees paid to the host university. Please read the information on the Office of the University Registrar’s website for details.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
10	Visa Application	<p>Holders of a Singapore passport do not require a visa for visits to Switzerland lasting up to 90 days. For other nationalities, please inquire with the Embassy of Switzerland.</p> <p>UNIL will assist all students who require visas to come to Switzerland.</p>
11	Travel Advisories	<p>Visit the MFA website for travel advisories from the Singapore government in various countries.</p>
12	Student Insurance	<p>NUS will continue to offer NUS Travel Insurance for approved study abroad programmes, including summer/winter programs (SWP).</p> <p>For more information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NUS Student Travel Insurance Cover, click here <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage for the entire duration of their trip (including travel) and are advised to review the insurance coverage/policy to ensure that it meets their needs. Students may purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>

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		The host university may require you to submit a copy of your insurance certificate, which you can obtain via myPortal@NUS .
13	Contact Information	Questions about the programme? - Contact the host university at summer@epfl.ch Questions specific to NUS GRO? - Contact us at: global@nus.edu.sg