

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

Technical University of Darmstadt: International Research Experience Programme (IREP) 2026

Information is accurate as of December 2025.

Host University Website <https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/>
Programme Location Darmstadt, Germany
Programme Dates 18 May to 31 July 2026 (10 weeks) ~~OR August 14 (12 weeks)*~~

***Only programmes that fall within the vacation period of the NUS calendar tend to be endorsed by NUS. Please do not select research projects that overlap with NUS Semester 1.**

Application Deadline 24 February 2026 (EduRec)
 1 March 2026 (partner university)
No of Placements: 10

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee	<p>The programme fee will be 3,099€. This is a flat fee and includes the following expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing rent • Student service fee • Semester ticket for free public transport in Germany • Health insurance during programme time for stay in Europe • Orientation programme and excursions (München, Heidelberg, etc.) • University enrollment incl. WIFI access on campus and city of Darmstadt <p>Please kindly select the organisational package (above) to automatically receive a partial scholarship of approximately € 2,000.</p> <p>In addition, their application to the programme is also considered for further funding, including the Scholarship of Excellence. Please note, however, that while the €2,000 scholarship is guaranteed for those opting into the package, the Scholarship of Excellence is merit-based and awarded according to academic performance.</p>
2	Financial Aid Available	<p>You should have enough monetary funds to cover the whole i-RAP. Your decision to go on i-RAP should not depend on confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. You can consider the following financial aid options to fund your i-RAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASA Enhancement Bursary (Singaporean Citizens only)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>
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PROGRAMME DETAILS		
3	Academic Content	<p>The IREP Research Projects listed below are designed for both undergraduate and graduate students from TU Darmstadt's partner universities in Canada, the USA and Singapore. This programme is specifically designed to immerse participants in cutting-edge research projects across various research institutes at the Technical University of Darmstadt. Going beyond academic pursuits, the programme integrates intercultural experiences, insightful company visits, exclusive excursions tailored for exchange students and optional German language courses. Acquired credits can be transferred back to the home university.</p> <p>Project areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture • Biology • Chemistry • Civil and Environmental Engineering • Electrical Engineering • History and Social Sciences • Human Sciences • Law & Economics • Materials and Earth Sciences • Mathematics • Mechanical Engineering • Physics <p>Detailed academic content depends on the specific project chosen by NUS students. Please find the list of projects available here:</p> <p>https://www.tu-darmstadt.de/studieren/studieninteressierte/internationale_studieninteressierte/kurzzeitprogramme_und_sommeruniversitaet/irep_1/irep_research_databases.en.jsp</p> <p>Note: If you can't find an appropriate research project in the database below and you'd like to suggest your own project, please contact IREP</p>
4	Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for application you have to meet the following requirements:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate programme at a partner university of TU Darmstadt in Canada, the USA or Singapore • Have successfully completed at least 3 years in an undergraduate programme or 1 year in a graduate programme at the partner university • Be selected by the home university to apply for the IREP programme • Have a minimum Grade Point Average: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USA: 3.0 ○ Canada: 73% <p>Note: If you can't find an appropriate research project in the database below and you'd like to suggest your own project, please contact IREP</p>
5	Accommodation	Housing under TU Darmstadt's organisational package is included in the fee. NUS students must select the organisational package to be eligible for the programme.
6	Application Procedure at NUS	<p>Please apply through the NUS Education Records System - Global Education (EduRec-GE) first if you want to do course 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>GRO will subsequently review your application and offer you the programme. You will only be nominated for the programme once you have accepted the offer. GRO will inform you to proceed with the online application once you have been nominated.</p> <p>With an official application through EduRec-GE, you are covered by the NUS Travel Blanket Insurance. You will also be able to request supporting letters for visa application and NS deferment (for NSmen).</p> <p>You should also apply to the host university concurrently once you have applied to NUS EduRec-GE.</p>
7	Application Procedure at Host University	<p>When nominated you can complete the Online Application by providing all documents, including the Project Choice Form. You can find research projects in our Project Database. Alternatively, you can contact us IREP to suggest your own project, or to inform us about your interested fields of research and we will contact research groups about projects for you.</p> <p>Note: The Application Guideline (opens in new tab) is a supporting document, designed to help you with filling out the application.</p>
8	Confirmation of participation	Once TU Darmstadt has received the nomination from GRO, as well as your online application, they will forward all documents to the corresponding IREP project supervisor for approval. In case your application gets accepted, they will provide you with the admission documents.

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		<p>Please keep in mind: A nomination by GRO does not guarantee a research placement. The final acceptance into IREP always depends on the decision of the respective project supervisor.</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. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for course mapping.</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>
10	Transcript	<p>Please provide a valid, personal mailing address in the online registration portal so the host can send your transcript to you after the summer programme.</p> <p>Please do not request that your transcript be mailed to the NUS Global Relations Office (GRO). GRO is not responsible for missing transcripts.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

11	Visa Application	<p>Holders of a Singapore passport do not require a visa for visits to Germany lasting up to 90 days. For other nationalities, please enquire with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>If you need a visa to enter Germany, please start early as your visa application may take up to 2 months.</p>
12	Travel Advisories	<p>Visit the MFA website for travel advisories from the Singapore government in various countries.</p>
13	Student Insurance	<p>NUS will continue to offer NUS Travel Insurance for approved study abroad programmes, including summer/winter programmes (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 .
14	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact the host university at irep@zv.tu-darmstadt.de <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact us at: GROEuro@nus.edu.sg

Note: All information is subjected to change. Please check the partner university's website for the most up to date information.