

**SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (SWP)**

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

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

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

**University of Birmingham: Summer Research 2026**

*Information updated March 2026.*

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| <b>Host University Website</b> | <a href="#">Birmingham summer research programme - University of Birmingham</a>   |
| <b>Programme Location</b>      | Birmingham, United Kingdom  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>         | <p>Programme Start: 22 June 2026 (duration 6-8 weeks)<br/>         Departure: Early August (depending on project duration)<br/> <b>(Permission needs to be given by home Faculty for sessions that overlap with semester one).</b></p>  |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>    | <p><b>As NUS is required to nominate interested research candidates to Birmingham, please submit your application on EduRec before Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (some programmes may fill up so early applications are encouraged). Please email <a href="mailto:groeuro@nus.edu.sg">groeuro@nus.edu.sg</a> to let us know you have submitted your application on EduRec.</b></p> <p>Once nominated, Birmingham will review and send out application instructions directly.</p> <p><b>Please ensure you meet the minimum entry requirements set by Birmingham: <a href="#">Entry requirements: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</a></b></p> |
| <b>No of Placements:</b>       | To be determined by the partner university  |

**ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION**

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| 1 | <b>Programme Fee</b> | <p>The Birmingham summer research programme fee is £2,700.00, regardless of the duration (this includes tuition fees, bench fees, and administrative costs). Accommodation cost (self-catering apartment) is additional, ranging between £1,400 and £1,999 for an 8-week project (pro rata applied for shorter durations). The costs for food are not included in the programme fee or accommodation costs.</p> <p>Detailed cost information and programme dates are available at: <a href="#">Dates and fees: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</a></p> <p>Some research projects have a competitive scholarship, but this is not guaranteed.</p> <p><b>Please refer to the host university's website for updates, and cancellation/withdrawal terms and conditions.</b></p> |
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| 2 | <b>Projected Expenditure</b>                   | You may refer to <a href="#">Living costs - University of Birmingham</a> for more general information on some additional costs to consider for studying in Birmingham.  |
| 3 | <b>Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO</b> | <p>You should have enough monetary funds to cover the whole SWP. Your decision to go on SWP should not depend on confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. You can consider the following financial aid options to fund your SWP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NASA Enhancement Bursary</a> (Singaporean Citizens only)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Overseas Student Programme Loan</a> (Singaporeans only)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Ad-Hoc Withdrawal</a> (Singaporeans only)</li> </ul> <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**

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| 4 | <b>Academic Content</b>         | <p>Please refer to the following for more information on the Research Project options for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychology: Centre for Development Science; Centre for Human Brain Health</li> <li>• Chemistry: Chemistry for Biodiscovery and Medicine; Molecular Synthesis; Advanced Mechanochemistry</li> <li>• Medical Sciences: Department of Cardiovascular Sciences; Department of Cancer and Genomic Sciences; Department of Metabolism and Systems Science</li> <li>• School of Computer Science</li> <li>• Metallurgy and Materials: Materials for a sustainable future; Space Research group</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Birmingham summer research programme - University of Birmingham</a><br/>(subject to updates by Birmingham)</p>                            |
| 5 | <b>Eligibility Requirements</b> | <p>Host university's entry requirements can be found at: <a href="#">Entry requirements: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</a></p> <p>You must be an international student, registered at a recognised higher education institution and in good academic standing with at least equivalent to a 2:1 / 3.2 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Projects may have prerequisites for good knowledge of the subject.</p> <p>The summer research programme is only open to international undergraduate students in their second or penultimate year of degree at their home institution. Please check <a href="#">Birmingham's entry requirements</a> for more details.</p> <p>NUS's generic eligibility requirements apply. Please refer to the <a href="#">GRO website</a> for details.</p> |

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| 6  | <b>Accommodation</b>                            | <p>Please refer to 'Accommodation and booking' via <a href="#">FAQs: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</a> for more information.</p> <p>Should university-arranged accommodation not be available, you will be responsible for securing your accommodation.</p>   |
| 7  | <b>Application Procedure at NUS</b>             | <p>Please apply through the NUS Education Records System - Global Education (EduRec-GE) first. 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. GRO can also provide you with supporting letters for visa application. Please refer to the step-by-step guide on GRO's website.</p> <p><b>As NUS is required to nominate interested research candidates to Birmingham, please submit your application on EduRec before Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (some programmes may fill up so early applications are encouraged). Please email <a href="mailto:groeuro@nus.edu.sg">groeuro@nus.edu.sg</a> to let us know you have submitted your application on EduRec so that we can then check your eligibility and if you meet the requirements, we will proceed to nominate you to Birmingham.</b></p> |
| 8  | <b>Application Procedure at Host University</b> | <p>Information on the application procedures is available at: How to apply: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</p> <p>Note: while NUS would nominate you as a current partner of University of Birmingham (subject to meeting the eligibility requirements), you would be responsible for costs of the programme.</p>  |
| 9  | <b>Confirmation of participation</b>            | <p>To confirm your participation in this Programme, you must accept both the EduRec offer and the host university's offer to confirm your participation in this programme.</p>  |
| 10 | <b>Course Mapping</b>                           | <p><b>All course mapping requests are subject to approval by the faculties/departments.</b></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>   |
| 11 | <b>Transcript</b>                               | <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>   |

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|  |  | Please <b>do not</b> request that your transcript be mailed to the NUS Global Relations Office (GRO). GRO is not responsible for missing transcripts. |
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| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |                            |  |
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| 12                     | <b>Visa Application</b>    | <p>From 25 February 2026, most travellers who previously entered the UK visa free must apply for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before travel. An ETA allows short-term study of up to six months but does not guarantee entry, as all students must still pass UK border control. Students studying in the UK for less than six months (e.g. one semester; short-term programmes) will need an ETA if travelling on a Singapore passport. Those studying for more than six months must apply for a Student Visa.</p> <p><a href="#">Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK</a></p> <p>Additionally, refer to 'Visa guidance' at: <a href="#">Entry requirements: Birmingham Summer Research Programme - University of Birmingham</a></p>  |
| 13                     | <b>Travel Advisories</b>   | Visit the <a href="#">MFA website</a> for travel advisories from the Singapore government in various countries.  |
| 14                     | <b>Student Insurance</b>   | <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"> <li>- NUS Student Travel Insurance Cover, click <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> <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> <p>The host university may require you to submit a copy of your insurance certificate, which you can obtain via <a href="mailto:myPortal@NUS">myPortal@NUS</a>.</p> |
| 15                     | <b>Contact Information</b> | <p>Questions about the programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact the host university at: <a href="mailto:summerprogrammes@contacts.bham.ac.uk">summerprogrammes@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact us at: <a href="mailto:groeuro@nus.edu.sg">groeuro@nus.edu.sg</a></li> </ul>   |

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