

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (i-SP)

IMPORTANT NOTE

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

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

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) - Global Entrepreneurship Summer School

(Updated as of 25 March 2021)

Host University Website: <https://ubd.edu.bn/admission/international-exchange/global-discovery-programme/gess.html>

Programme Location: Brunei Darussalam
Programme Dates: 14 June – 11 July 2021

Application Deadline: **8 April 2021**

No. of Placements: 20

COVID-19 related updates:

Students may be considering physical (on-site) summer programmes in 2021. Due to the fluid situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much uncertainty regarding international travel in the months ahead.

Students' ability to travel to Brunei for Summer 2021 will be determined by the host country's travel policies as well as the latest travel advice from Singapore authorities. In the event that Singapore authorities advise against non-essential travel to Brunei for Summer 2021, students will not be able to travel to Brunei for their summer programmes.

Students who proceed with the physical (on-site) option acknowledge the risks associated. NUS will not be responsible for any lost deposits or expenses (including but not limited to programme/tuition fees, air tickets, housing deposits, meal plans and/or non-academic student fees) associated with travel disruptions. You are advised NOT to make any financial commitments particularly those which are non-refundable until you are certain that travel is possible. You will be fully responsible for any travel expenses, quarantine accommodation costs, COVID-19 tests or other costs related to the measures imposed at that point of time, both in Brunei and Singapore.

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Living expenses	US\$1,780 (for living expenses only, the programme fee has been waived for NUS students), inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport transfer • Post-arrival COVID-19 Swab Test • Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 Day Self-Isolation Accommodation (Upon Arrival) • 3 meals a day • Excursions • Local Transportation (to and from COVID-19 testing facilities as well as for programme-related travel) 		
2	Projected Expenditure	Breakdown of Costs	Estimated Cost (for approx 4 weeks)	
		Programme Fee	Waived	
		Airfare	SGD\$600	

		COVID-19 Test (Pre-departure from SG)	SGD\$200
		COVID-19 Test (Upon Arrival in SG)	SGD\$160
		Accommodation	Included in living expenses fee of US\$1,780 (approx. SGD\$2,400)
		Food	
		Transport	
		Others (Entertainment)	SGD\$150
		Total	SGD\$3,510
3	Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO	<p>As a participant of this programme, you are eligible to apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southeast Asia Experience Award • Overseas Student Programme Loan (Singaporeans only) • PSEA Fund Withdrawal (Singaporeans only) 	

PROGRAMME DETAILS			
4	Academic Content	<p>This interdisciplinary, socially-enriching programme offers international students an opportunity to spend part of the summer break living in and learning about Brunei. This course is also designed to include experiential learning with an entrepreneurship theme through creating an idea, validating the idea, prototype and finally pitching the idea. Other components of this program includes activities and excursions that will allow you to explore Brunei Darussalam's Kingdom of unexpected treasures while using this to develop their entrepreneurial ideas.</p> <p>The GESS encompasses the following Lectures/activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship • Biodiversity • History and culture • Language • Malay Islamic Monarchy • Global Camp • Teambuilding <p>Please refer to the end of this document for the <u>complete programme schedule</u>.</p> <p>Refer to the programme website for more information.</p> <p>Kindly note that this is an experiential programme and no credit will be given.</p>	
5	Eligibility Requirements	<p>General NUS Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full-time NUS undergraduates 2. Students must complete the programme before their conferment date 3. Meet any additional requirements (e.g. CAP score etc.) imposed by the host university 4. Have a clean disciplinary record and be a strong ambassador for NUS and Singapore in order to be eligible for the programme 	
6	Accommodation	<p>Participants will be staying at The Core Residential College, UBD in a shared apartment comprising 5 rooms each apartment (laundry and cooking facilities will be provided in each apartment).</p>	
7	Application Procedure	<p>Apply via myEduRec and with the host university concurrently. You must accept both the myEduRec offer as well as the host university offer to confirm your participation in this programme.</p> <p>Students are advised to read the application guide before applying for the programme with NUS.</p>	

8	Module Mapping	This is a non-credit bearing programme.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
9	Visa Application	<p>Singaporean and some nationals may enter Brunei without visa or eligible to apply for visa on arrival for a certain period of time. Please check your visa requirement from this link http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx#close1</p> <p>It is student's responsibility to ensure that they obtain a valid visa before making any travel arrangement for their summer programme. Obtaining a visa may be time consuming. Students are encouraged to prepare and apply for a visa as early as possible.</p>
10	Travel Advisories	Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.
11	Student Insurance	<p>Insurance coverage for official NUS trips is provided for your participation in this programme.</p> <p>The host university may require you to submit a copy of your insurance certificate which you are obtain from the link provided.</p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage for the full duration of their trip (including travelling). Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students may purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
12	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university at globaldiscovery.ga@ubd.edu.bn</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: askGRO.</p>

GDP Global Entrepreneurship Summer School (GESS)

14 – 20 June 2021

VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK ONE (14 – 20 June 2021)

		9.00 – 10.00		2.00 - 3.00	
MONDAY 14/6/2021	BREAKFAST	ACCOMMODATION CHECK IN (ISO HOTEL)	LUNCH	ACCOMMODATION CHECK-IN (ISO HOTEL)	DINNER
TUESDAY 15/6/2021	BREAKFAST	CULTURE: Introduction to Brunei Culture and Lifestyle	LUNCH	ISLAMIC STUDIES: Islamic Civilization	DINNER
WEDNESDAY 16/6/2021	BREAKFAST	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	LUNCH	GREEN SCIENCE: Biodiversity	DINNER
THURSDAY 17/6/2021	BREAKFAST	LANGUAGE: Basic Malay II	LUNCH	HISTORY OF BRUNEI: Brunei from 1906 – 1958	DINNER
FRIDAY 18/6/2021	BREAKFAST	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	LUNCH	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER
SATURDAY 19/6/2021	BREAKFAST	HISTORY OF BRUNEI: Brunei from 1959-1984	LUNCH	BUSINESS & INDUSTRY: SME In Brunei Darussalam	DINNER
SUNDAY 20/6/2021	BREAKFAST	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	LUNCH	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER

VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK TWO (28 June – 4 July 2021)

MONDAY 28/6/2021	BREAKFAST	9.00 - 10.00 Popular Culture in Brunei: A Cultural Studies Perspective	LUNCH	2.00 - 3.00 STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER
TUESDAY 29/6/2021	BREAKFAST	BUSINESS & INDUSTRY: The Growth of Islamic Banking in Brunei Darussalam	LUNCH	MIB: Introduction to Malay Islam Monarchy	DINNER
WEDNESDAY 30/6/2021	BREAKFAST	HISTORY OF BRUNEI: Thallosocratic Empire: Rise & Fall	LUNCH	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER
THURSDAY 1/7/2021	BREAKFAST	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	LUNCH	LANGUAGE: Basic Malay I	DINNER
FRIDAY 2/7/2021	BREAKFAST	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	LUNCH	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER
SATURDAY 3/7/2021	BREAKFAST	LANGUAGE: The Austronesian Languages in Brunei	LUNCH	STUDENT BUDDIES DISCUSSION	DINNER
SUNDAY 4/7/2021	BREAKFAST	CHECK OUT	LUNCH	CHECK OUT	DINNER (The Core)

WEEK THREE (28 June – 4 July 2021)

	6.30 – 7.45	8.30 - 11.30	12.10 – 1.30	1.30 – 4.30	7.00 – 9.00 PM
MONDAY 28/6/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	WELCOMING CEREMONY & ICE BREAKING @Inspiring Hall Start at 10am	LUNCH (The Core)	Entrepreneurship Village Session (Ideation)	DINNER (The Core)
TUESDAY 29/6/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Brunei History Centre	LUNCH (Outside)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque & Jame Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque (Field Trip)	DINNER (Outside)
WEDNESDAY 30/6/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Royal Regalia	LUNCH (The Core)	CULTURAL WORKSHOP: Traditional Music (Gulintangan)	DINNER (The Core)
THURSDAY 1/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Malay Technology Museum, Brunei Maritime Museum & Traditional Games Workshop (Field Trip)	LUNCH (The Core)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Water Village Tour, Proboscis sighting/Brunei River Ecosystem & Waterfront (Field Trip)	DINNER (Outside)
FRIDAY 2/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	Entrepreneurship Village Session (Validation)	LUNCH (The Core)	CULTURAL WORKSHOP: Introduction to Silat (Malay Martial Arts)	DINNER (Outside)
SATURDAY 3/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Visit to i-Centre and Darussalam Enterprise (Entrepreneurship Institution)	LUNCH (Outside)	Entrepreneurship Village Session (Pitching Workshop)	DINNER (The Core)
SUNDAY 4/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	Recreational Activities at Bandarku Ceria, Bandar Seri Begawan 9.00 – 10.00am	LUNCH (The Core)	Free and Easy	DINNER (Outside)

WEEK FOUR (5th – 11 July 2021)

MONDAY 5/7/2021	6.30 – 7.45 BREAKFAST (The Core)	8.00 – 11.30 Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam	12.10 – 1.30 LUNCH (OBBD)	1.30 – 4.30 Outward Bound Brunei Darussalam	7.00 – 9.00PM DINNER (OBBD)
TUESDAY 6/7/2021	BREAKFAST (OBBD)	Visit to Ulu-Ulu Temburong National Park	LUNCH (OBBD)	Visit to Ulu-Ulu Temburong National Park	DINNER (CORE)
WEDNESDAY 7/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	Independent Group Discussion	LUNCH (The CORE)	WORKSHOP: Islamic Calligraphy	DINNER (The Core)
THURSDAY 8/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	Visit to the Eco-ponies Garden, Tutong District	LUNCH (Outside)	DISCOVER BRUNEI: Istana Nurul Iman & Traditional Open Market (Tamu Kianggeh)	DINNER (The Core)
FRIDAY 9/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	Preparing assignments/video, etc. for Closing Ceremony	LUNCH (The Core)	Preparing assignments/video, etc. for Closing Ceremony	DINNER (Outside)
SATURDAY 10/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	CLOSING CEREMONY @Inspiring Hall	LUNCH (Inspiring Hall, Student Centre)	CLOSING CEREMONY @Inspiring Hall	DINNER (The Core)
SUNDAY 11/7/2021	BREAKFAST (The Core)	ACCOMMODATION CHECK-OUT (The Core)	LUNCH (The Core)	ACCOMMODATION CHECK-OUT (The Core)	DINNER (The Core)

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1. Is it safe to travel to Brunei now despite the ongoing pandemic?

Brunei has not had any community COVID-19 cases since May 2020. The Singapore government has also established a Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL) with Brunei which students may use to travel for the summer programme.

2. Will I have to apply for visa to Brunei?

No, UBD will assist to apply for your Entry Travel Pass (under the Reciprocal Green Lane arrangement) into Brunei once you have completed your application on EduRec and with UBD.

3. Will I have to serve a 2-weeks Stay-Home-Notice (SHN) upon arrival in Brunei and when I return?

No, under the RGL arrangements, you will only have to undergo a 3 day self-isolation at a specified accommodation upon arrival in Brunei. UBD and the Brunei government will coordinate your transport arrangements from the airport to the self-isolation accommodation and to the COVID-19 test facility.

Upon returning to Singapore, you will have to take a COVID-19 swab test upon arrival, but you will not be subject to a 2 week SHN. You will have to self-isolate while waiting for the results of the swab test (estimated up to 3 days for processing).

4. What kind of COVID-19 test is involved in going for this programme?

You will have to undergo the COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction test (“PCR test”, henceforth referred to as “swab test”) – administered by a trained professional who will take a swab sample from your nose and/or throat.

5. When will I need to undergo the COVID-19 swab test?

i) Before departure from SG

You must take the test within 72 hours before departure from Singapore and obtain a health certificate of having tested negative for COVID-19, which you will have to get digitally authenticated. Please refer to the [ICA website](#) for details on requirements and procedure to make an appointment as well as to authenticate your health certificate.

The pre-departure swab test will cost up to S\$200 (not payable by MediSave, MediShield Life and Integrated Shield Plans). The cost of this swab test is not included in the living expenses fee.

ii) Upon arrival in Brunei

You will be subject to a COVID-19 swab test on the day after arrival. UBD will arrange for your transport between the self-isolation accommodation and the testing facility. (The cost of this swab test is included in your living expenses fee)

Frequently Asked Questions

iii) **Upon arrival in Singapore**

(please note there is no need for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents to take an additional swab test in Brunei prior to returning to Singapore)

Before returning to Singapore, you must book and pay for your COVID-19 swab test. This can be done via [this eService](#).

You will have to undergo a COVID-19 swab test upon arrival and remain in self-isolation until your test results have been processed (approx. up to 3 days).

The arrival swab test will cost S\$160. The cost of this swab test is not included in the living expenses fee.

6. **What costs are not included in the fee paid to UBD?**

The living expenses fee of US\$1,780 paid to UBD covers all arrangements in Brunei, as follows:

- Airport transfer in Brunei
- Post-arrival swab test
- Local transportation on the official schedule (including transfer from self-isolation accommodation to COVID-19 test facility, and to UBD campus accommodation)
- Self-isolation accommodation (in a hotel)
- UBD campus accommodation
- 3 meals a day
- Excursions

It does not cover:

- Your own expenses for souvenirs/shopping in Brunei
- Pre-departure swab test in Singapore (S\$200) and post-arrival swab test in Singapore (S\$160)
- Flight to Brunei
- Any additional insurance you wish to purchase

7. **When and how do I make payment for the programme?**

UBD will send you an offer letter after you complete their application. There will be an e-payment link in this letter which will allow you to pay via Visa/Mastercard.

8. **Will I get a refund if I pull out of the programme after payment?**

UBD reserves the right to decide on whether to award a refund based on the reason for withdrawal.

9. **If the programme has to be suspended for health/safety reasons, will I be able to get a refund?**

UBD will issue a refund to you (however do note that bank charges may be applicable and deducted from the refund)

Frequently Asked Questions

10. What is the NUS SEA Experience Award and how can I apply? When will I receive the award if I am successful?

The NUS Southeast Asia Experience Award (SEA) is established to encourage undergraduates to have an international experience in Southeast Asia.

For this unique in-person summer programme in UBD, a special quantum of S\$1,200 is provided to eligible students to offset part of the cost incurred for the programme. Please submit your application via EduRec (under "Global Education - Financial Aid") after you have accepted the offer of this summer programme.

Successful applicants will receive the award upon completion of the summer programme, before 15 August.

Details and eligibility of the award can be access at: bit.ly/NUS_SEA_Award

11. If my pre-departure COVID-19 test in Singapore comes back positive, will I be issued a refund?

Yes, UBD will issue a refund.

12. Does NUS travel insurance cover medical costs if I get infected with COVID-19 whilst on the programme?

Medical Expenses, Emergency Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Expenses will be covered by NUS travel insurance. However, trip Inconveniences such as Trip Cancellation / Curtailment due to the COVID situation **will not be covered**, thus it is advisable to get additional insurance that covers these situations.

13. After my 3-day self-isolation in Brunei, will I be able to roam freely?

After your 3 day self-isolation, UBD will provide transportation to your accommodation on campus, where you will meet student buddies who can guide you around campus and to get daily necessities.

14. If I contract covid-19 in Brunei what happens to me?

You will be transferred to a specific facility for COVID-19 treatment, arrangements and costs may be supported by the Bruneian government but it is advisable to get your own insurance coverage that will cover COVID-19 treatment abroad.

15. Will NUS travel insurance or NUS cover irrecoverable financial losses associated with this programme if NUS cancels it?

No. Most insurance companies will not cover any financial losses (flight or accommodation cancellations or other costs incurred) due to COVID-19 since it is a known event. Please check with your respective insurance policies. It is advisable to delay any financial commitments for this programme as much as possible. Please note that NUS will not reimburse students any financial losses incurred due to unanticipated suspension or cancellation of the programme.

16. If I have to return to Singapore before the programme ends, will I be able to continue classes online?

You will still be able to view and join in lectures (but not the physical excursions)

remotely.

17. Can I extend my stay in Brunei for leisure (before or after the programme)?

No, please adhere to the travel itinerary of the programme.

18. Can I transfer credits for this programme?

No. This is an experiential summer programmes and therefore no academic credits are transferred back to NUS.