

Admissions to the Residential Colleges Programmes (UTCP and RVRC)

Admissions to the Residential College (RC) Programmes, which comprises the University Town College Programme (UTCP) and Ridge View Residential College Programme (RVRC), is typically opened for incoming freshmen matriculating in semester one of the academic year. You may apply for the RC Programmes concurrently with or after your NUS application.

As there will only be one application window, you are strongly encouraged to apply even if you have not received an offer to join an undergraduate degree programme in NUS yet. Ultimately, admission into the RC Programmes is contingent upon your acceptance of an offer to pursue an undergraduate degree programme in NUS.

Admissions for current undergraduates

Vacancies for current undergraduates are offered on a case-by-case basis. Current undergraduates interested in joining the RCs should write to the RC they are interested in to check if there are any vacancies.

Admissions for non-graduating exchange students

Incoming exchange students seeking on-campus accommodations may refer to this link: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/non-graduating>

National Service

If you are serving National Service (NS) and will only matriculate in 1 to 2 years' time, you are still encouraged to submit an application now. In the event that you are successful in your application, a place will be reserved for you in the year that you matriculate into NUS.

If you receive deferment for NS and will be matriculating in the current academic year, you should inform the RC you have applied for immediately. If you have already received an offer to join an RC for the next or following year, the RC will look into the possibility of bringing forward your enrolment.

Terms and conditions

- Applicants are only allowed to submit 1 application per academic year.
- Using multiple application numbers to apply multiple times within the same admissions exercise is also not allowed.
- Applicants are not allowed to apply concurrently to the University Scholars Programme (USP), University Town College Programme (UTCP) and Ridge View Residential College Programme (RVRC).
- Applicants already enrolled in USP, UTCP or RVRC are not allowed to apply or transfer to another RC/programme.
- The University reserves the right to reject any applications that do not comply with the above conditions.

Process for RC admissions (Incoming Freshmen)

Interested applicants should submit an application to the UTCP or RVRC programme via the [Joint Residential College Application System](#).

- Your application may be considered by both the RVRC Programme and the UTCP.
- While you may indicate a preference for either programme or for an RC, your eventual placement, if your application is accepted, may be different.
- If you choose not to indicate a preference for an RC, your application will be assigned to one RC from either programme for consideration.

All applicants will be required to submit 2 essays as part of their application. Please note that you will not be able to edit your essays once you submit them, hence you are strongly encouraged to give yourself ample time to prepare and submit your application.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an RC for an interview.

Applicants that were not shortlisted for interview or offer may be sent to the common pool for the consideration of other RCs.

Successful applicants who pass the interview will subsequently be informed on how to register for their rooms via the [University Hostel Management System](#).

Common Pool

Applicants that were not shortlisted after the submission of essays and/or interview may be sent to the common pool for the consideration of other RCs.

As applications in the common pool may be viewed by all RCs, there is no need for applicants to submit a new application to be considered for admissions.

Transfers

We urge applicants to review the RCs carefully before you submit your application. Appeals for transfer may only be possible if the RC being appealed to has available places.

Amongst the RCs available for your selection are [Residential College 4](#), [College of Alice & Peter Tan](#) and [Tembusu College](#), which offer the UTCP, and [Ridge View Residential College](#), which offers the RVRC programme.

Below is a table to provide a quick overview of the process for transfer of change of RC: Should you still decide to change your choice of RC, please contact us at rcadmissions@nus.edu.sg

Stages of Appeal for Transfer of RC	Course of Action
Before interview	The RC that you have applied for (or been assigned to, if you stated 'No Preference'), hereinafter referred to as 'assigned RC' will contact you if you are shortlisted. Should you decide to proceed with the transfer of RC, your application will be routed to your appealed RC (hereinafter referred to as an 'appealed RC').

	<p>Your placement in the appealed RC is not guaranteed.</p> <p>You will be contacted to attend an interview if you are shortlisted by the appealed RC. The interview panel will decide subsequently whether to offer you admission or not.</p>
After interview	<p>If you decide to change your choice of RC after you have attended an interview with the RC that you have applied for, your application will be routed to the appealed RC for their consideration.</p> <p>Your placement in the appealed RC is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Normally, the appealed RC will not conduct another interview as the RC will review your application based on the result of the interview conducted earlier to decide if an admission offer will be made to you.</p>
After Admission Offer is Made	<p>Should you change your mind after receiving an offer for admissions, and before accepting or rejecting the offer, your application will be voided by the RC that had offered you a place.</p> <p>Your application will be reviewed by the new RC of your choice. Your placement in the appealed RC is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Normally, the appealed RC will not conduct another interview as the RC will review your application based on the result of the interview conducted earlier to decide if an admission offer will be made to you.</p>
After Admission Offer is Accepted or Rejected	<p>If you accept or reject the admission offer, you will no longer be considered by other RCs. If you are still interested in the UTCP or RVRC programme, you will need to reapply in subsequent years.</p>