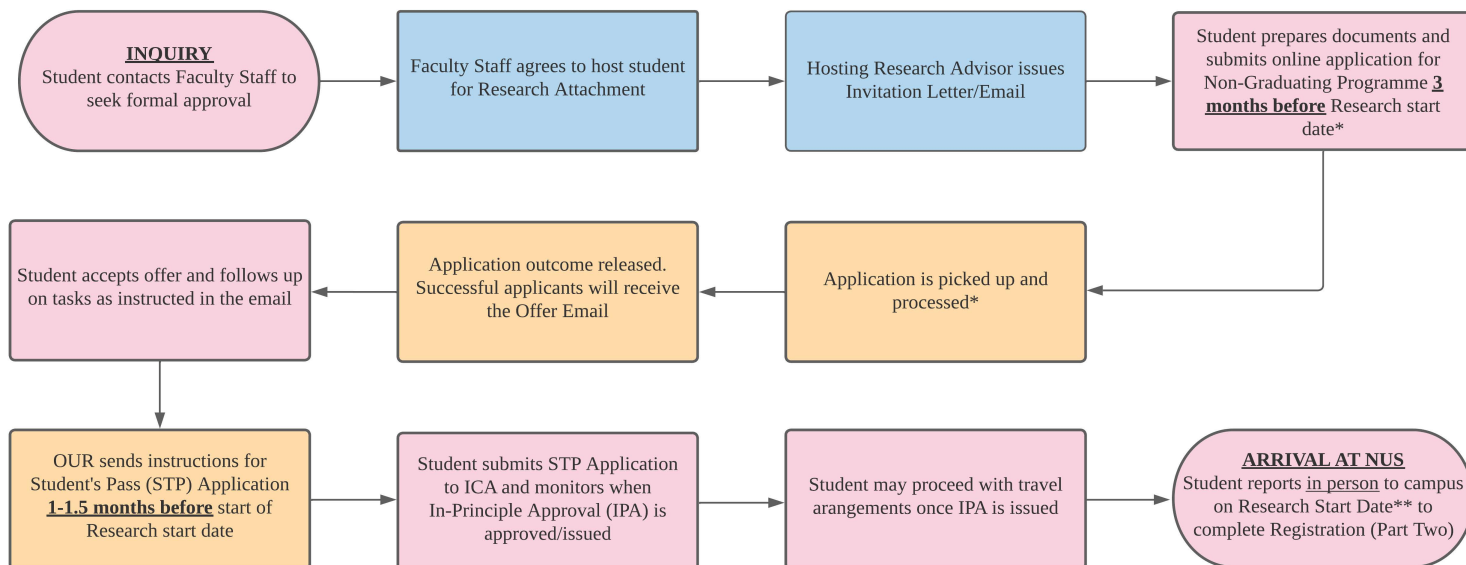




INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE NON- GRADUATING RESEARCH STUDENTS

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Overview: Prospective Non Graduating Research Student



Legend:



*Students should be mindful that Office of the University Registrar needs time to review completed applications and process offers of admission. Time is also required to apply and secure travel documents.

*Please note that the processing time for an application is typically 3-4 weeks.

**Completion of Registration (Part Two)

Students who report to NUS **more than 2 weeks later** than intended start date will have their candidature start date updated to actual reporting date in the system.



Admissions Procedures & Timelines

Students are to file an application 12 weeks before the proposed start of research at our application portal [here](#). Non-exchange applicants should refer to page 1 of the [online checklist](#) for the required documents.

Application portal opening & closing dates:

NUS Semester 1 intake: 21 March to 30 August

NUS Semester 2 intake: 01 September to 31 January (of the following year)

NUS Special Term 1: 01 February to 31 March

NUS Special Term 2: 01 February to 30 April



Fees & Other Costs

Non-exchange students are liable to pay research fees in addition to Miscellaneous Student Fees. For example, the fees for *one semester* for a student will break down as follows:

Miscellaneous Student Fees (MSF) [MSF = SSF + HSF]
Student Services Fee (SSF) (Non-Exchange)
Health Service Fee (HSF)
Research Fee

As fees may be subject to revision from time to time, please refer to our website [here](#) for fee charges.

[Fees payable](#) are assessed based on the number of academic semesters that the applicant plans to spend at NUS. We encourage students, especially year-long applicants to begin and end their visit at the start of an academic semester if possible, as beginning at other times will have fee implications.

To determine the research fees incurred for the entirety of the candidature, students are reminded to consult the [NUS academic calendar](#) prior to application. **Should an applicant's candidature end at any point during either Semester 1 or 2, he or she is still liable to pay fees for that semester should their stay exceed the second instructional week of that semester.**

Fees coverage periods:

Semester of Admission	Period that Fees Cover
Semester 1 (week 0 onwards)	Week 0 till the end of Week 2 Semester 2
Semester 2 (week 1 onwards)	Week 1 till the end of Week 2 Semester 1 in the next AY (covers Special Term)
Special Terms	From start of Special Term 1 till the end of Week 2 Semester 1 in the next AY.

Example 1: August 1, 2022 to January 20, 2023

This student would pay for AY22/23 Semester 1 fees only.

Example 2: August 1, 2022 to August 25, 2023

This student would pay for AY22/23 Semester 1 & 2 fees.

Example 3: November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023

This student would pay for AY22/23 Semester 1 & 2 and AY23/24 Semester 1.

Example 4: January 9, 2023 to January 26, 2024

This student would pay for AY22/23 Semester 2 & AY23/24 Semester 1 fees.

Example 5: July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

This student would pay both the AY22/23 Special Term fees and AY23/24 Semester 1 fees.



Immigration

Students applying to NUS's Non-Graduating programme are to be Student's Pass (STP) holders. The application for STP is done only for students who have applied and are offered admission to NUS.

Students must hold a valid STP for the entire duration of research. The STP does not permit students to work.

Release of outcome and STP application period will take place at the following periods:

Intake	Outcome Release	STP Application
Beginning of Semester 1	Mid-Jun	1-1.5 months before your proposed research start date
Beginning of Semester 2	Mid-Nov	1-1.5 months before your proposed research start date
Other periods	1-1.5 months before your proposed research start date	1-1.5 months before your proposed research start date

The outcome for the STP application will be at the discretion of the immigration authorities and will take at least 2 weeks or more upon submission of the application. If approved, applicants will be issued an In-Principle-Approval (IPA) letter.

For students from visa-required countries, the IPA letter also serves as a single-entry visa to enter Singapore.



Accommodation

Primary consideration for student accommodation will be given to Non-Graduating Exchange students who are undertaking undergraduate courses in NUS.

Non-Graduating research students should consider staying off-campus. Due to shortage of on-campus accommodation, some Non-Graduating exchange students will have to find and secure private accommodation outside of campus. You may refer to the [list of contacts and resource references](#) Hostel Admission Services (HAS) has prepared in good faith to help students who require alternative accommodation.