

Advance@NUS: FAQs

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Who can apply to this scheme?

Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents aged 25 years old and above in the year of matriculation, who do not have a Bachelor's degree, and who have a minimum of 4 years full-time working experience (excluding National Service) are eligible for Advance@NUS.

What programmes can I apply to?

NUS will be offering a limited number of programmes for admission in Academic Year (AY) 2020/2021, and may expand in the future.

For more information about the programmes available for AY2020/2021, please click [here](#).

If I have more questions on applying to this scheme, whom can I contact?

Please email your questions to ApplytoAdvance@nus.edu.sg. Kindly allow 3 to 5 working days for us to get back to you.

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BEFORE APPLYING

When can I apply?

Applications for Semester 1, Academic Year 2020/2021 (which starts in August 2020) are being accepted from 2nd to 30th April 2020.

How many full-time undergraduate degree programmes can I apply to under the Advance@NUS?

You may only apply to ONE full-time undergraduate degree programme.

How much is the application fee?

The application fee is S\$50 (excluding GST).

If I already have a Bachelor's degree, can I apply?

No. Only those who do not have a Bachelor's degree can apply.

I have more than 4 years of full-time working experience but I am not currently employed – can I apply?

Yes! As long as you meet our eligibility requirements (see General Information above), we welcome your application!

Is National Service (NS) considered as part of my full-time working experience?

No. NS is not considered as part of your full-time working experience.

What is the minimum GPA that will be considered for admission?

There is no minimum GPA considered for admission. Each application is reviewed holistically.

Can I study on a part-time basis?

No, this is a full-time undergraduate program.

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WHEN APPLYING

I have forgotten the password I created for my account in the Advance@NUS Application Portal. What should I do?

Click on the “FORGOT PASSWORD” option to reset your password.

What documents do I need to prepare for my application?

Depending on your residency status, please refer to the list on <https://scale.nus.edu.sg/programmes/undergraduate-programmes/AdvanceNUS> (under HOW TO APPLY).

How many referees do I need to submit?

You will need to provide the details of 2 referees. One of your referees has to be a supervisor from your current or previous employment. The second referee can be a supervisor or a co-worker. Choose someone who knows your professional responsibilities and accomplishments. Do note that you are

required to provide your referee's **company email address** as a form of verification. Personal email addresses will not be accepted.

My supervisor is willing to be my referee, what does he or she need to do?

Once you have successfully submitted and paid the application fee, your referee will receive an email notification from NUS requesting a referee report. A link to the form will be provided in the email. This link is unique to your application and will expire in 10 days. It is your responsibility to ensure that your referees complete and submit the online referee report within 10 days from the time an email notification is sent to the referee.

How will I know if my referee has submitted the online referee report for my application?

You will receive an email notification once the referee submits the report.

Do I need to undergo an interview to be considered for admission?

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to interview to assess their suitability for admission. An online interview (i.e. video conference) will be conducted for applicants who do not reside in Singapore.

Can I submit my application without uploading all of my documents?

To ensure a smooth application processing, you are strongly advised to upload all documents for any information declared during your application. Failure to do so will render your application incomplete, which will adversely affect the outcome of your application.

How do I make changes to details in my application?

Prior to submitting your application, you may continue to make changes to your application as you like, except for changing your referees. After you pay the application fee and submit your application, please email your changes to ApplytoAdvance@nus.edu.sg. Depending on the date of request to make changes, it may not be possible to take changes into account.

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AFTER APPLYING

I have made payment for my application, will I receive any acknowledgement email?

Yes, an email will be sent to you to acknowledge receipt of your application fee. If you did not receive an email notification, please check your junk and spam folders. Please add our email address (ApplytoAdvance@nus.edu.sg) to your safe senders list to prevent our emails from being blocked or filtered into the junk/spam folder.

What should I do after submitting the online application?

You are strongly advised to check your email regularly for updates regarding your application, as we will correspond with you primarily through email on matters pertaining to document request and interview/entrance test notifications.

How do I check for the outcome of my application?

We will send you an email to let you know when we have reached a decision. You will be able to check the outcome via the Advance@NUS Application Portal by entering your Application Number and Password.

Can I appeal if my application is rejected?

You may appeal if you have obtained new employment information to further substantiate your suitability for the programme.

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ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

After I have accepted my offer, what do I need to do?

Please refer to [Advance@NUS website](#) on the Acceptance and Registration Information on what you need to do after accepting your admission offer.

Do I need to mail in hardcopy documents?

No, all documents (in PDF format) should be uploaded at the point of application. You are not required to send in any hardcopies.

How do I accept my admissions offer?

You will need to accept your offer via the Advance@NUS Application Portal.

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FEES

What will my fees be?

Please click [HERE](#) for information on fees for full-time undergraduate programmes. Your fees will be the same as for any other undergraduate student.

Are there subsidies or tuition fee grants that I can apply for?

You may refer to the [Office of Admissions website](#) to check your eligibility to apply for financial aid.

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ENTRANCE TESTS & REFRESHER COURSES

I am interested in an Engineering program but my math might be a little dusty. What should I do?

We want you to succeed! Depending on your background, our Engineering or Business programmes may require a math exam, or a refresher math course followed by an exam. We will have more information on this soon.

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WHEN I AM A STUDENT

Will I be in classes with other adult learners?

You will be in classes with other full-time undergraduates, so while there may be adult learners in your classes, you should also expect to study with fresh school leavers.

Does the Advance@NUS program provide any overseas exposure opportunities, e.g. student exchange program?

As an NUS undergraduate you will have access to a wide variety of options for international study. Please see <http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php>. Some departments have their own summer programs or study trips.

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