

# STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME QUICK FACTS



## One semester

Exchange is usually one semester unless required by the university to participate for a year



## What do I do there?

Just like any other semester but only abroad. Fulfill your graduation requirements, make new friends, experience new cultures and more.



## Self financing

There are some financial aid, but cost of exchange is mostly self-financing. Plan your budget and start saving.



## Not the only overseas programme

Depending on your interest, budget, duration you like to be away. There are different programmes out there!

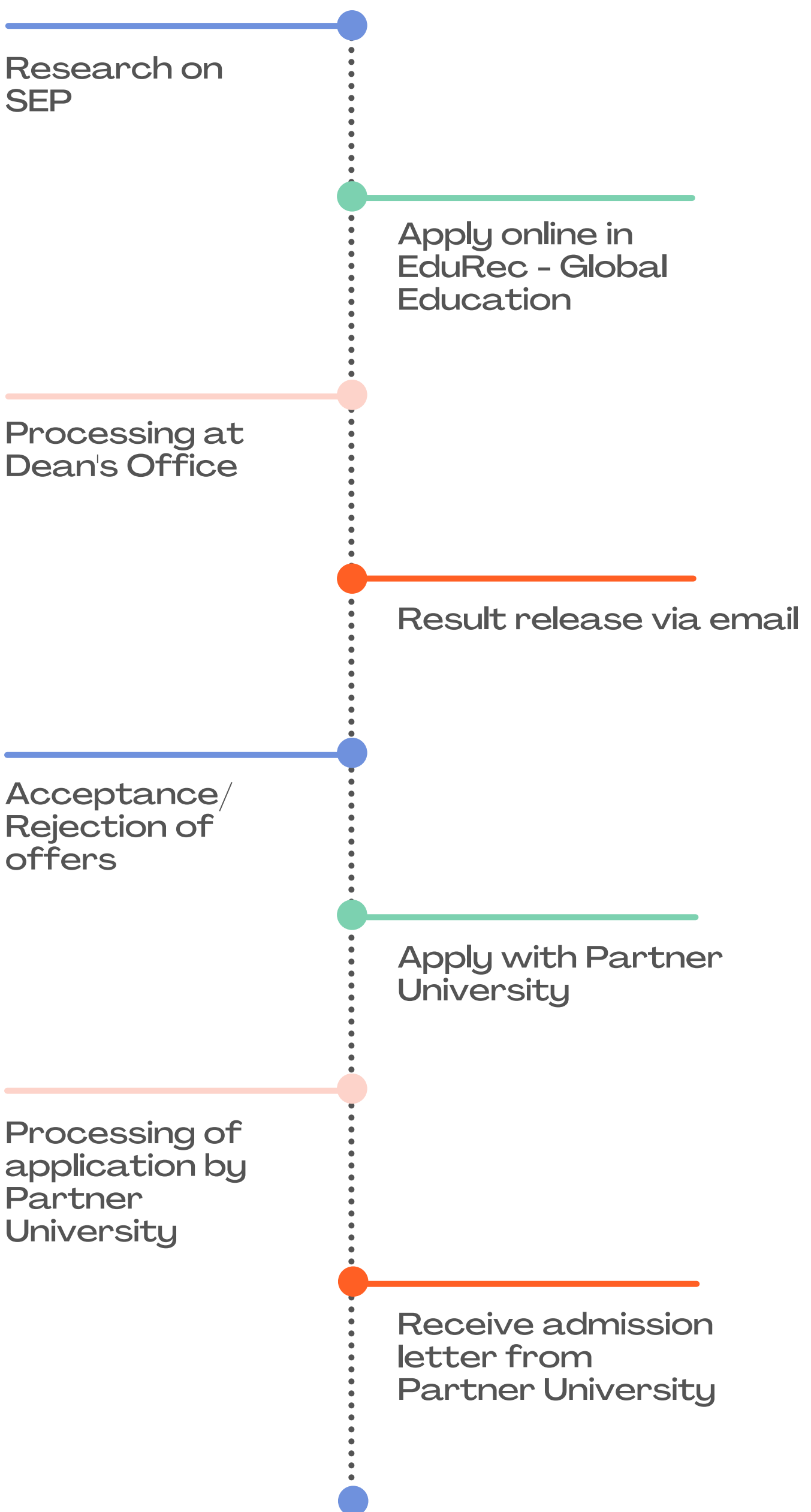
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# Workflow

From application to admission to the partner university.



# Application Flow

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## Check eligibility

- Full-Time NUS student
- Completed at least 2 semesters of study
- Completed or reading SP1541/FAS1101
- Minimum GPA of 3.0<sup>^</sup>
- Have a good disciplinary record\*

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## Research on:

- Countries you are interested in
- Partner university's entry requirements
- Courses offered to exchange students at the Partner Uni
- Mapping policies and restrictions
- Unit Transfer policies
- Estimated cost of study

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## Choose up to 5 partner universities

Students can indicate one preferred partner university choice and the rest will be treated as equally ranked. Students are asked to apply only for universities that they are happy to receive offers for only.

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## Prepare supporting documents

- Unofficial transcript
- Study plans for all chosen universities
- Statement of Estimated Cost of Study
- SEP Terms and Conditions Agreement

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## Submit

Take note of when the application deadline is and you are advised to submit it well before the deadline so that any IT issues can be resolved before the deadline.

<sup>^</sup>This is only a minimum as exchange application is highly competitive, therefore it is likely that average GPA to secure an exchange is much higher than 3.00.

\*Good conduct from end-to-end (from application to return from SEP). Your unit transfers will be affected if your conduct becomes unbecoming.

## Resources

- **Global Relations Office** <https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro>
- **Study Abroad FASS** <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/student-exchange-programme-sep/>



# Factors to think about

Here are some helpful questions to ask yourself to narrow down your choices.



## Partner University Matters

- Have I met the GPA requirement?
- Do I need to meet any language proficiency?
- Do I meet the number of required semesters to be completed?
- What is the academic calendar like?



## Finances

- Do I have the amount suggested by the partner university?
- How much should I set aside for emergencies?
- Are there financial aid I can apply for?



## Academics

- What exchange courses do the partner university offer?
- Do I have a range of courses to read at the partner university?
- What is the language of instruction for the courses I'm interested in?
- How does exchange add to my academics?
- What graduation requirements can I fulfill?
- How does Unit Ratio work?
- What courses can I map back?



## Scholarship

- How long can I be on exchange?
- Could I apply for any university?



## Host Country

- What is the weather like?
- What is the language used?
- Do I have enough support for my needs?
- What are potential challenges I have to take note of?

# Processing and allocation

Processing at Dean's Office based on where the intended major when on SEP is housed

Eligibility checks conducted

Consideration of preferred choice.

Offer if demand is less than supply.

Ranking of students (highest to lowest)

Based on GPA, seniority, personal statement and additional questions.

Consideration of universities applied

Preferred Choice (Demand more than supply)

*<if no space>*

Remaining universities based on which is most competitive (highest in popularity ranking)

Release of results

Round B

Unsuccessful students will be invited to apply

## How to improve your chances?

### CONSIDER NON-TRADITIONAL LOCATIONS

Thailand, China, Germany, France  
Gain proficiency in the language of that country

### PERSONAL STATEMENTS MATTER

A mature personal statement could place you in a better standing than someone with a higher GPA.

### LEAVE YOUR UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES FOR EXCHANGE

This allows you to consider locations that do not offer your major courses too.

**StudyAbroadCHS**  
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# Questions?

## **I'M A CHS (FASS) STUDENT COULD I ACCESS CHS (FOS) PLACEMENTS TOO?**

Nope, FASS and FoS majors will have access their own quota. This is because, due to how the agreements are signed, only certain majors are considered.

## **I'M A NUS SCHOLAR WITH GUARANTEED SEP. HOW DOES THE PROCESSING AFFECT ME?**

Due to parity, all students will be processed the same way. This means NUS scholars may not receive an offer within your 5 choices if there are more competitive students. If you do not receive an offer during the waitlist rounds, please write to us.

## **ARE THERE OTHER OVERSEAS PROGRAMMES?**

Yes, there are other overseas programmes such as Summer/Winter Programme, NUS Overseas Colleges, STEER, FASStrack Asia, GSSP etc.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS AN OVERLAP OF ACADEMIC CALENDAR?**

Depending on when you are able to resume studies at NUS, students will have to take either a short-term or semester-long leave of absence (LOA). Please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) with the partner university's semester end date (including exams) to check what LOA you need to apply for.

## **COULD I MAP A COURSE THAT IS NOT OFFERED BY THE MAJOR DEPARTMENTS?**

Students can map courses that is not offered in NUS, assuming that it is related to a discipline in NUS and it is academic enough.

## **DO I NEED TO PAY THE PARTNER UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES?**

Students do not pay tuition fees at the partner university but pay NUS tuition fees as per normal. Please note that students will have to pay fees relating to exchange to the partner university

## **HOW MANY OFFERS WILL I RECEIVE?**

You will only receive one offer. There will not be any counter-offers even if students withdraw or reject their offers.

## **I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN ONE PARTNER UNIVERSITY, DO I HAVE TO STILL CHOOSE 5?**

If you are only interested in one partner university, it is perfectly fine to apply for just one.

## **I HAVE NOT DECLARED A MAJOR, WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Write to [studyabroadCHS@nus.edu.sg](mailto:studyabroadCHS@nus.edu.sg) and inform us of your intended major. We cannot process your application if you do not have at least an intended major. Please note that the major affects which universities you can apply to. If you change your major, your offer may be affected if the major is not included under the agreement we signed with the partner university.

