

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

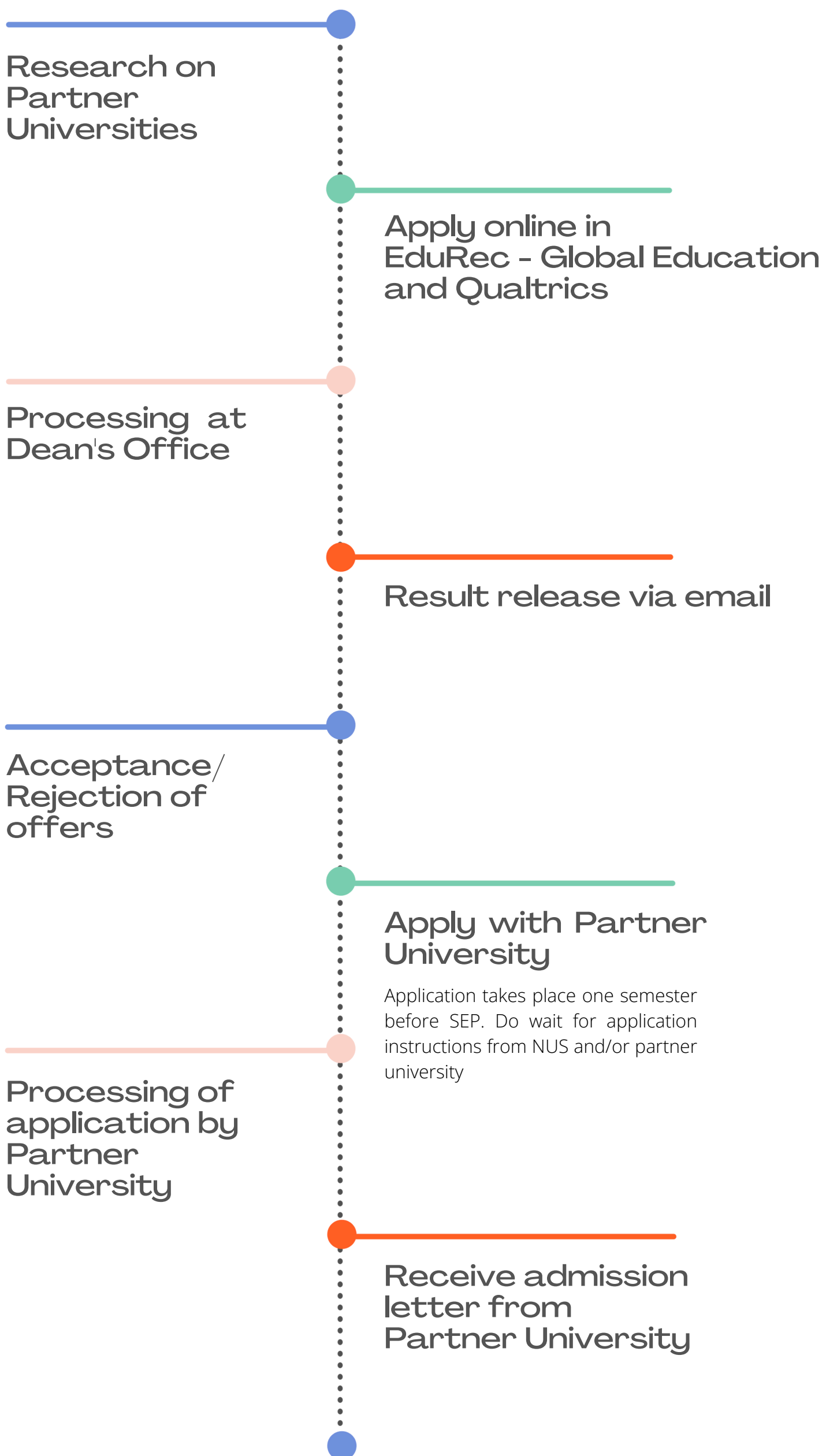
Depending on your interest, budget, duration you like to be away. There are different programmes out there!

Contact persons

FoS Study Abroad Team
Submit your query [here](#).

Process Flow

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 at NUS
- Complete and pass SP1541 or its equivalent by Year 2 Sem 2
- Minimum GPA of 3.0[^]
- 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
- How are credits transferred
- Estimated cost of study

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Choose up to 5 partner universities

Students can rank their partner university choices in order of preference. Students are asked to apply only for universities that they are happy to receive offers for only.

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Prepare supporting document

- Study plans for top 2 chosen universities

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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.

[^]A GPA of 3.0 is only a minimum eligibility criteria. Some partner universities (PU) require a higher GPA than 3.0.

*Good conduct from end-to-end (from application to return from SEP). Your internal offer may be retracted or credit transfers could 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/>
- **Study Abroad FoS** <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/study-abroad-programmes/outgoing/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 does 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 course 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 major is housed

Eligibility checks conducted

Consideration of preferred 1st choice.

Offer if demand is less than supply.

Ranking of students (highest to lowest)

Based on academic and non-academic considerations.

Consideration of universities applied

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 ATTRIBUTES MATTER

Show us through your personal statement and responses to the additional questions why we should consider you. We are looking for students that are mature, have the right attitude, are prepared, able to be a good ambassador and are self-aware.

LEAVE YOUR UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES FOR EXCHANGE

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

Questions?

I'M A FOS STUDENT. COULD I ACCESS FASS PLACEMENTS TOO GIVEN CHS?

Nope, FASS and FoS majors will have access to their own quota. 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 reviewed equally. This means NUS scholars may not receive an offer within your 5 choices if there are more competitive students.

ARE THERE OTHER OVERSEAS PROGRAMMES?

Yes, there are other overseas programmes such as Summer/Winter Programme, NUS Overseas Colleges, STEER, Global Classroom 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 [submit in MS Forms](#) 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 a course 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 (e.g. medical insurance, for usage of facilities).

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.