

## Accommodation

Is university accommodation available for exchange students?

NUS offers on-campus accommodation to exchange students, but it is **NOT** guaranteed.

NUS receives more exchange students in Semester 1 (August to December) compared to Semester 2 (January to May); therefore it is more difficult to secure accommodation in Semester 1. **Prospective students who are able to come on exchange in Semester 2 are strongly encouraged to do so.**

How will I know if I am eligible to apply?

If you are eligible to apply for on-campus housing, the Offer Letter from Registrar's Office will include an invitation to apply for housing along with the instructions and deadlines on how and when to submit your housing application. If you do not receive an invitation to apply for housing, the Offer Letter will include information on off-campus accommodation options.

We highly encourage students to follow the instructions on their Offer Letter, and to not submit a housing application if their Offer Letter does not instruct them to do so. Please click here for more information on housing application [instructions](#) and [deadlines](#).

It is important for students to indicate on their initial exchange application if they require on-campus housing or not. If students indicate they do not require housing or leave the answer blank on their applications, they will not receive an invitation to apply for housing in their Offer Letter once accepted into the exchange programme.

What are the options?

NUS offers three [types of on-campus accommodation](#): (1) Residential Colleges, (2) Residences, and (3) Halls of Residence.

Students will be able to indicate their top three (3) accommodation preferences during application. Please note that not all accommodation options will be available for selection as NUS may not be able to allocate students to one of their preferred accommodations.

With off-campus options generally being more expensive due to scarcity of land, we strongly recommend students to accept any on-campus accommodation given to them, even if it is not one of their preferred choices.

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Off-campus accommodation options

NUS has identified several off-campus accommodation options which are affordable to students and conveniently located near to the NUS's main Kent Ridge Campus and Bukit Timah Campus (for Law students). These include:

- **Hwa Chong Institution Boarding School**  
[www.hcibs.edu.sg](http://www.hcibs.edu.sg)
- **Nanyang Girls Boarding School**  
<http://www.nyboarding.edu.sg>

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- Yo:HA Student Hostel Ulu Pandan and Henderson Outlets  
<http://www.yoha.com.sg/hostels.aspx>
  - Evan's Lodge (near Bukit Timah Campus)  
<http://www.65hostel.com/news/20111018/1207.html>

For a complete list of off-campus accommodation options, please refer to the following [Guide](#) prepared by NUS Office of Student Affairs.

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**How will students be informed if they are selected for on-campus accommodation?**

Students will need to submit their housing applications via the **University Hostel Management System (UHMS)** before the stipulated deadline(s). Once their application has been submitted in full, their application status will be reflected as 'pending' while our Office of Student Affairs (OSA) processes their housing application. If the student's application is successful, they will receive a **housing offer** via email from OSA. The student will then need to log back into UHMS to formally **accept the offer** and **pay the necessary deposit** to secure the room. It is important for students to complete each follow-up action by the stipulated deadline(s).

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**What are the administrative procedures to follow once students have been invited to apply for accommodation?**

To apply for on-campus accommodation, students must pay the non-refundable application fee of S\$26.75. In the event that students are successful in securing on-campus accommodation, they will be required to formally accept their offer and pay a deposit of S\$200.00 by the stipulated deadline.

**If a student is offered accommodation, but fails to accept the offer and/or does not pay the deposit by the stipulated deadline, he/she will automatically forfeit his/her allocated accommodation.** Please read the terms and conditions found at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/has/non-graduating/hostel-application-exercises-terms-and-conditions/168>.

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**Is on-campus accommodation available over semester breaks?**

Yes. Students who are on full year exchange and have successfully secured on-campus accommodation, are eligible for vacation stay by paying the additional rates mentioned at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/has/non-graduating/hostel-rates>, subject to availability.

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**Compulsory meal plans for selected on-campus accommodation**

If students stay at the [Residential Colleges](#) in University Town or in the [Hall of Residences](#), they will have to pay for the compulsory meal plan during their stay on campus.

The food offered under the compulsory meal plan is certified Halal. Asian style vegetarian food is also available. However, it might not be suitable for strict Vegans or students who need Kosher food. Students with special dietary requirements can consider staying at other on-campus accommodation without the compulsory meal plans. For more information on compulsory meal plans, please visit [here](#).

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**Check-in**

Check-in to on-campus accommodation is available from Monday to Friday during office hours from 9am to 5pm. To request a check-in outside of the office hours, please refer to <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/contactus>.

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