

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Application for Admission

1. When/how will I receive the application outcome for January 2024 intake?

You should receive an outcome by end October 2023 via the email you submitted your application with.

2. The official application requires us to submit a documentary proof of financial support in English. What does this refer to? What document can I submit as financial proof?

You may submit a bank statement (original, certified true copy or electronically generated statements will be accepted) OR a certificate of deposit in English issued by the bank as a proof that you (or your parent) have the stated amount in the bank account. If you are not the account holder indicated in the bank statement, attach another document stating your relationship with the account holder.

The financial proof should certify your financial ability to make payment for the Miscellaneous Student Fees (MSFs) and tuition fees for at least 2 semesters. For more information on MSFs, please visit the Registrar's Office's website at <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate/graduate-fees>.

3. There is a 'Referee' section on the application page. Is this compulsory?

Referees are not required for the MSc in Applied Biomedicine programme.

4. Can I upload supporting documents that are not in English?

All supporting documents which are not in English must be accompanied by an official certified English translation.

5. If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?

Yes, applicants who are unsuccessful in their application can submit a new online application with all the relevant and updated supporting documents uploaded, if they are interested to be considered for the programme again in the next intake.

International applicants

1. I am an international student, what document do I need to study and stay in Singapore?

All international students must hold a valid Student's Pass (SP) issued by the Singapore [Immigration & Checkpoints Authority \(ICA\)](#) for their studies at NUS.

2. How do I apply for a student's pass?

Upon acceptance of your offer of Admission, the University will apply for the Student's Pass on your behalf via the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) SOLAR system. Once NUS has successfully registered your information, you may login to SOLAR to submit eForm 16. Please refer [here](#) for the information required.

3. I have applied to more than one institution. Can I hold more than 1 student's pass?

ICA will only issue one Student's Pass to a student at any one time. You may apply to more than one institution, but you may only accept one offer. If you have earlier accepted an offer from another institution but now wish to accept NUS offer instead, you would have to inform the other institution to cancel their Student's Pass application before you can proceed to submit your eForm 16. Please refer [here](#) for the steps to submit eForm 16.

4. Pre-Admission Medical Examination

As an admission condition, all incoming students (excluding non-graduating students and continuing & professional education students) are required to undergo a medical examination. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to or exclude a student from any particular course of study if he/she declines to undergo the health examinations or refuse any prescribed tests. All international students who plan to stay in Singapore for 6 months or more will need to undergo and pass an additional medical examination which must include a HIV test for the application of the Student's Pass. Please refer [here](#) for more information.

5. Must the medical examination be done in Singapore?

You may complete the medical examination (i) at the University Health Centre (UHC); (ii) with your own physician either in Singapore; or (iii) in your home country. If you choose to consult your own physician, please submit the completed medical examination report, written in English, to UHC before the stipulated deadline. Please refer to the [UHC website](#) for more information.

Hostels/Accommodation

1. Will NUS help to arrange for my accommodation in Singapore?

Only Full-time NUS graduate students may apply for a place in selected Student Residences. Being a research-intensive university, new Graduate students by Research are prioritised for campus accommodation. As demand far exceeds supply, not all applicants will be successful in their applications. With the present high demand for campus housing, Graduate students by Coursework are unlikely to be offered campus accommodation in Kent Ridge Campus with the exception of College Green. It is advisable to budget for off-campus housing and source for one early.

More information on off-campus housing can be found [here](#).

**Any agreement signed between a Student and the Private Hostel is deemed to be a private arrangement between the two parties. NUS is unable to mediate in the event of a dispute. Students are advised to practice due care and diligence prior to any contractual commitments.*

2. What are the alternative options for accommodation in Singapore if I am not successful in my hostel application?

We strongly encourage students to arrange for temporary or short-term accommodation before they leave their home country if they have not secured the accommodation for the duration of their course. You may refer to the [Office of Student Affairs \(OSA\) website](#) for the lists of private short-term and long-term accommodation in Singapore. Please note that students are responsible to source for their own accommodation in Singapore. You may refer [here](#) for a list of contacts and resource references to help facilitate your arrangement of alternative accommodation.

3. How much would accommodation cost in Singapore per month?

The average monthly rental rate can cost anywhere from SGD \$500- \$2000 and above, depending on the type of housing, geographical location, size, facilities etc.

4. How much would it cost to live in Singapore during the course of my studies?

Please refer [here](#) for a list of estimated expenditure a single student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. These amounts will vary accordingly depending on your personal needs and lifestyle pattern. You are advised to refer to the sample data as a rough guide for planning your expected living costs.

Matriculation

1. How/when will I receive my NUS student card?

You will be notified to collect your student card on campus once it is ready.

2. Is there orientation for newly matriculated students?

Orientation session will be held in-person during the 1st week of the term before lessons starts in January 2024.

Curriculum

1. What is the maximum candidature?

The MSc in Applied Biomedicine programme is a 1 year, full-time or 2 year part-time 40 units' degree with 3 specialisations in either Vaccinology and Immunotherapy, Drug Discovery and Development or Infectious Diseases Management.

- Full-time students are expected to complete the programme within 12 - 24 months. The maximum candidature is 24 months; excluding Leave of Absence (LOA).
- Part-time students are expected to complete the programme within 24- 48 months. The maximum candidature is 36 months; excluding Leave of Absence (LOA).

2. What are the continuation and graduation requirements?

Continuation Requirement:

- For continuation of candidature a student must obtain satisfactory progress during his/her candidature (Coursework), i.e.,
- Student will be issued a warning for any semester in which his/her GPA falls below 3.00. If in the following semester, the student's GPA again falls below 3.00 but is above 2.50, he/she will be placed on probation.

Student's candidature may be terminated and refused re-admission if he/she obtains:

- GPA < 1.5 in the first semester of study; or
- GPA < 2.50 for two consecutive semesters of study; or
- GPA < 3.00 for three consecutive semesters of study

Graduation Requirement:

- Read and pass five core courses and five elective courses that are in the course list.
- Obtained a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 out of 5.0 or equivalently, an average grade of at least B-.

3. Where can I find the list of courses?

Please refer to the programme website under "Curriculum" tab for the list of courses.

Please refer to [NUSMods](#) for more information regarding the courses.

Please note that the courses may only be available once per academic year (AY) and you are to refer to NUSMods or the programme website for more information.

4. How many courses am I allowed to take per semester?

The maximum workload for full-time and part-time students is 20 Units (5 courses) and 12 Units (3 courses) respectively.

The minimum workload for full-time and part-time students is 12 Units (3 courses) and 4 Units (1 course) respectively.

Students are highly encouraged to complete their course of study within the maximum candidature or earlier. Please pace and select your course choices across the semesters within the candidature.

5. Am I allowed to change my choice of specialisation?

Students are allowed to change their specialisation except in their last semester of study. Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet all course requirements for their desired specialisation.

6. I am not allocated the elective of my choice, what should I do?

Electives are subjected to availability and popular courses are often over-subscribed. You may try to register for the elective in subsequent semesters or choose an alternative course.

7. How do I register for the courses?

Both full-time and part-time students would be pre-allocated the core courses ABM5001 Leadership in Biomedicine, ABM5002 Advanced Biostatistics for Research, ABM5003 Biomedical Innovation & Enterprise and BMI5101 Advanced Biomedical Informatics in the 1st year of their candidature during the respective semesters that the courses are being offered.

As for the elective courses, students would be required to register for them using Course Registration at Education Records System (CourseReg@EduRec), which is the University's consolidated course registration platform.

8. Can I apply for other courses in other faculties?

You may apply for other courses. However, they are subjected to their availability and approval by respective faculties. Do take note that the other courses will not be included as part of your graduation requirements and additional fee charges may apply as per other faculties' guidelines.

9. Where can I find the lesson schedule?

Please refer to the programme website under "Study Plan" tab for the list of core and elective courses and the semesters which they are being offered. Actual course timetables can be found on the [Canvas](#) platform after you have successfully registered for the courses.