

Admissions to the Residential Colleges Programmes (UTCP and RVRC)

Admissions to the Residential College (RC) Programmes, namely **University Town College Programme (UTCP)** and **Ridge View Residential College Programme (RVRC)** are generally open to incoming freshmen matriculating in Semester 1 of the academic year. You may apply together with or after your NUS application.

There is **only one application window**, so you are strongly encouraged to apply even if you have not received your NUS offer yet. Admission to an RC is only confirmed if you accept an NUS undergraduate offer.

Admissions for current undergraduates

RC placements are primarily for freshmen matriculating in Semester 1 of the current academic year. As such, applications are generally not accepted after the RC admissions window closes. Any vacancies (if any) are considered on a case-by-case basis. Interested students may email the RC directly to check availability.

Admissions for non-graduating exchange students

For exchange students seeking hostel accommodation, please refer to:

<https://faq.nus.edu.sg/s/>

National Service

If you are serving NS and will matriculate in 1 to 2 years, you are still encouraged to apply now. If successful, your place will be reserved for your matriculation year.

If you obtain NS deferment and will matriculate this academic year, inform the RC immediately. If you already have an RC offer for a later year, the RC will consider whether your enrolment can be brought forward.

Terms and conditions

- Applicants are only allowed to submit 1 application per academic year.
- Multiple applications in the same admissions exercise (e.g., using different application numbers) are not allowed.

- Students already enrolled in NUS College, are not allowed to apply or transfer to another RC/programme.
- If you apply to both NUS College (NUSC) and RC at the same time, NUSC offers take priority. Your RC application will be considered only if you do not receive an NUSC offer.
- The University reserves the right to reject applications that do not comply with these conditions.

Process for RC admissions (Incoming Freshmen)

Apply via [Joint Residential College Application System](#).

All applicants must submit an essay. Essays cannot be edited after submission, so please plan ahead.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview. Applicants not shortlisted for interview or offer may be placed in the common pool for consideration by other RCs.

Successful applicants will receive instructions to register for rooms via the [University Hostel Management System](#).

Common Pool

Applicants not selected after the essay and/or interview stage may be placed in the common pool, where all RCs may review the application. No new application is needed.

Transfers

Please review RC options carefully before applying. Transfer appeals are highly exceptional and considered only if the receiving RC has vacancies and its application window is still open at the time of appeal.