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1. Introduction

Home

This Applicant Guide is a reference for applicants who wish to apply to the NUS graduate programmes using the Graduate Admission System.

As the admission requirements vary from programme to programme, please expect to encounter pages / sections that may be different from those shown in this guide.

If you require assistance with your online application, please <u>contact</u> the respective Faculty/School that you are applying to.

2. Accessing the NUS Graduate Admission System

You can access the Graduate Admission Systems (GDA3) at https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/apply

At the login page, applicants can register for an account to start an application or log in if they have an existing account.

Graduate Admission System 3 (GDA3)



Have a GradApp Account?

Log in

Not Registered?

Register

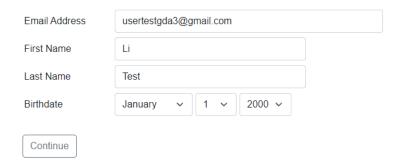
After clicking on "Register" you will be brought to this page to enter your information. Please note that the email address which you provide when creating your new GDA account will also be your login ID. You will also receive email notifications relating to your applications via this email address.

Hence, it is important that you remember which email address you provided as you will need it to access the system and receive alerts.

Register

To register for an account, please enter the information requested below.

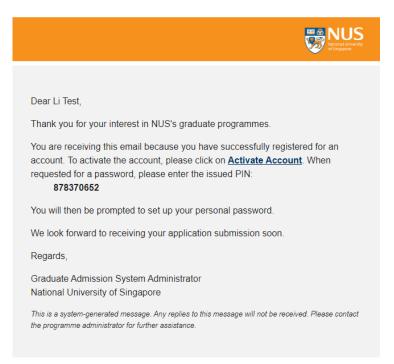
- 1) Please register one account for each email address. Please do not link one email address to multiple accounts.
- Your email address will serve as your Login ID.
- 3) If you have already registered, please return to the previous screen and "Log In" with your Email Address (i.e. your Login ID).



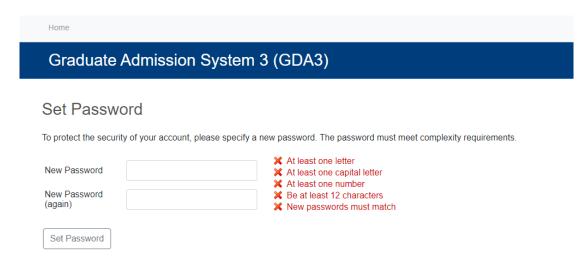
GDA3 will send a temporary PIN to the registered email address. If you did not receive your temporary PIN in the next few minutes, please check your junk mail folder.

Login





GDA3 will prompt applicants to set a password.



Once the password is set up, applicants can proceed to search for the programme to apply for.

User, Test Logout Applicant ID: 394004534 usertest@gmail.com

Search for Programme Which degree type would you like to apply for? O Doctor by Coursework O Doctor of Engineering O Doctor of Pharmacy Doctor of Philosophy O Graduate Diploma O Master's by Coursework O Master's by Research O Non Degree Programme Please select your preferred commitment Full-Time O Part-Time When would you like to enroll? O Nov 2025 (Nominations only) O January 2026 O March 2026 O May 2026 Special Term O June 2026 Special Term August 2026 O January 2027 O August 2027 View Programmes

Applicants can further search for their desired programme by using Filter by Programmes or Filter by Faculty search field.



Should applicants require more information on the programme, they can mouse over and click on the programme. A new tab will be launched with the programme's information.

Programmes that are open for applications will have the Apply Now button. Application Open and Close Dates are indicated next to the respective programmes. To apply, click on the Apply Now. Applicants will be brought to the summary page to confirm the Programme Detail and application fee.

User, Test Logout

Begin Your Application



Once confirmed, click on the Confirm Programme Details. The applicant will be brought to the Application page to start the application process. Click on the Application ID to open the application form. More information on the Application will be shared in the Submit an Application section.

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One final step, User!

You have successfully kick-started your application for the programme! To enter your application form, please select the programme name below.

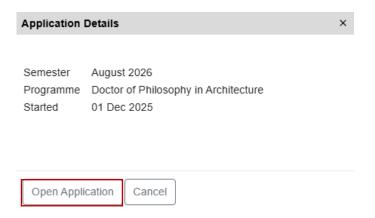
Here's a tip – please visit the Faculty/ School's website for comprehensive instructions and requirements specific to your chosen programme throughout the application process.

Add New Programme

Your Applications

Application ID Semester Programme Started Date Submitted Date Status

R489145764 August 2026 Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture 1 Dec 2025 Pending Submission



If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it here. A temporary PIN will be sent to your registered email address to setup a new password.



Login

To log in, please enter your email address and password.						
Email Address						
Password	Forgot Your Password?					
Login						

3. Submit an Application

When you are ready to submit your application for the programme, click on the Application ID.

User, Test Logout Applicant ID: 394004534 usertest@gmail.com

One final step, User!

You have successfully kick-started your application for the programme! To enter your application form, please select the programme name below.

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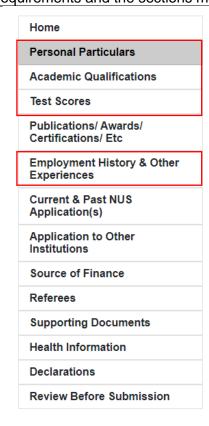
Add New Programme

Your Applications

Application ID Semester Programme Started Date Submitted Date Status

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You will be brought to the following page to complete the various sections of the application. Please note that different programmes may have different admission requirements and the sections may differ between programme.



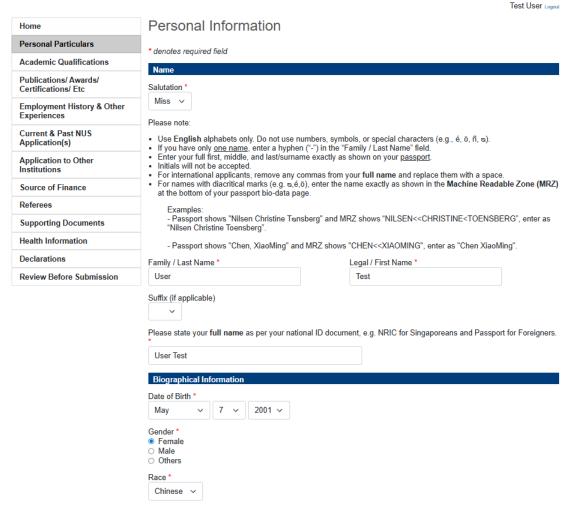
You will need to complete all sections in the application.

Information in the section (highlighted in red) will be pre-populated if you submit applications to another programme. In other words, you need not refill information in these sections in subsequent application(s) to other programmes.

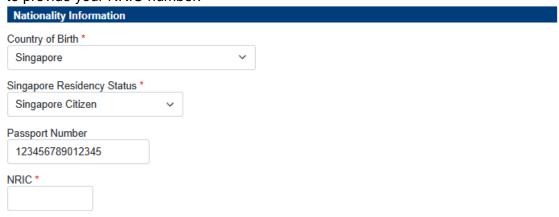
3.1 Personal Particulars

If you are successful in your admission, your official name will be printed on your NUS Student Card, as well as on your Academic Transcript and Degree Scroll upon graduation. For full-time International Students, your personal particulars will be submitted to the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) for your Student Pass application.

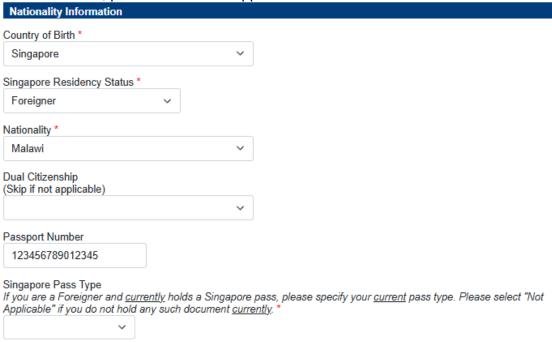
Please ensure that your personal particulars correspond **exactly** with the information printed on your National Identity Card or Passport.



If you are a Singapore Citizen and Singapore Permanent Resident, you are required to provide your NRIC number.

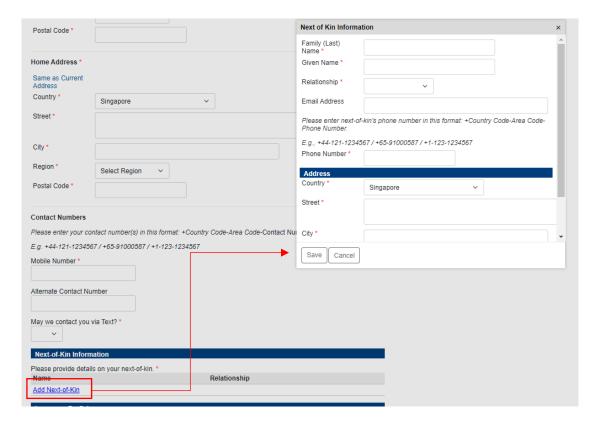


For international applicants who are currently residing in Singapore on a Pass, please specify the type of Singapore Pass which you are holding. If you do not hold any of such document, please select "Not Applicable".

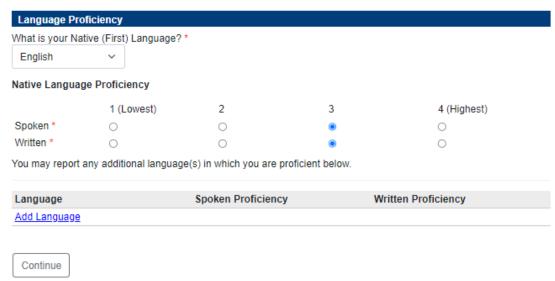


Contact Information

As part of the University's efforts to ensure readiness in dealing with crisis or emergency situations, it is compulsory for you to provide your Personal Contact Information and Next of Kin Contact.



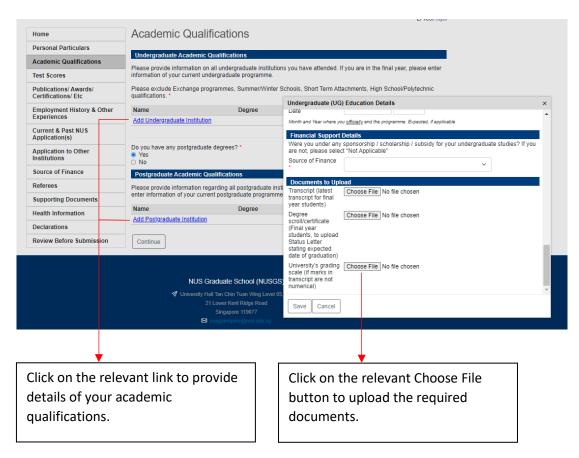
Applicants are required to indicate their ability to speak or write in their native language and any other acquired languages.



To continue to the next section, or to save the section to continue the application later, applicants can click the **Continue** button.

3.2 Academic Qualifications

Please provide details of your academic qualifications (including postgraduate qualification, if any) that you have completed, or are going to complete, under this section.



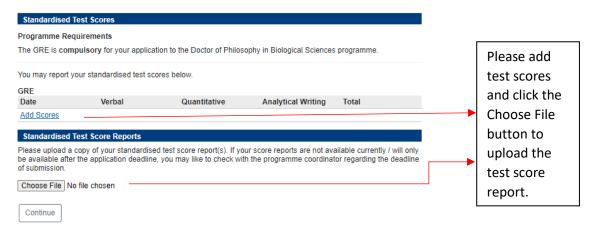
3.3 Test Scores

Certain graduate programmes may require the applicant to demonstrate readiness for graduate study through a specific standard of achievement in common placement examinations such as:

- GRE (Graduate Record Exam)
- TOEFL (Test for English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Testing System)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

These tests may be required by certain Programmes and will be displayed in the Application form.

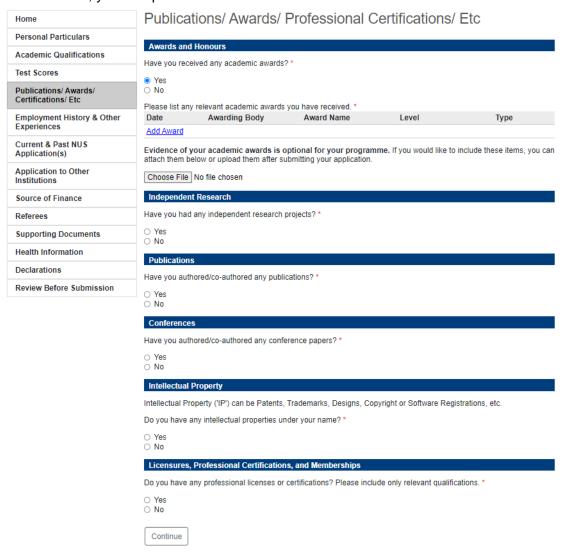
Test Scores



GDA3 prompts applicants to add TOEFL/IELTS test scores if these tests are required by the programme.

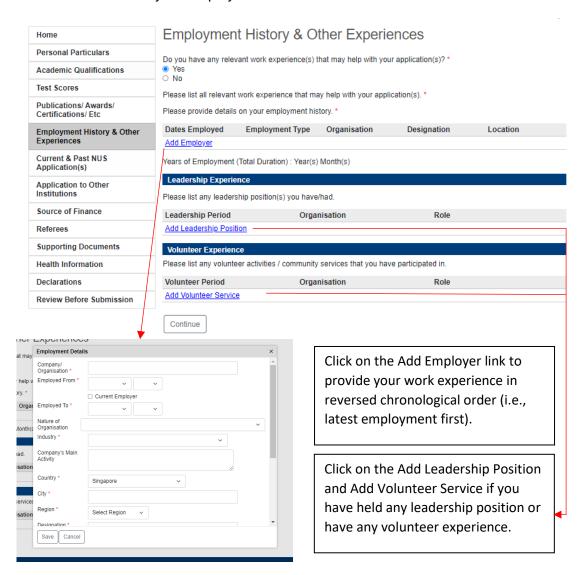
3.4 Publications/ Awards / Professional Certifications/ Etc.

If you have obtained any relevant awards or prizes that may support your application for admission, you can provide the details under this section.



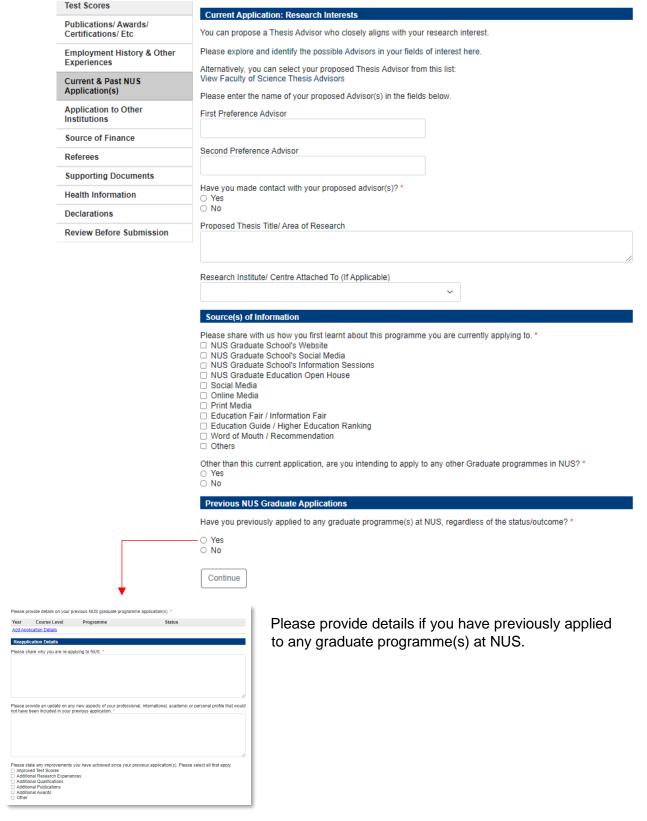
3.5 Employment History & Other Experiences

You need not complete this section if you do not have any working experience at the point of your application. To help you check for accuracy, the total duration of your work experience will be automatically computed and displayed once you have keyed in the start and end date of your employment.



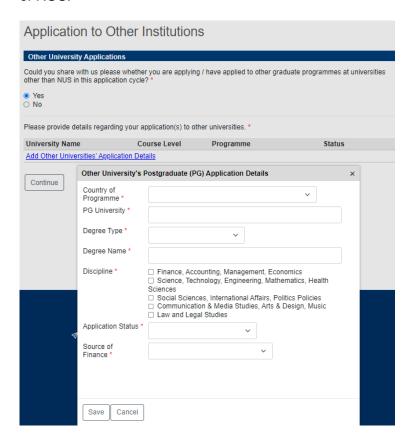
3.6 Current and Past NUS Applications

Applicants to research programmes are to propose a Thesis Advisor and thesis title/research area, research institute/centre attached to, etc. Please share where you first heard about the programme that you are applying to and indicate if they have applied to any graduate programme(s) at NUS, regardless of the status/outcome.



3.7 Application to Other Institutions

Please share if you are applying or have applied to other graduate programmes outside of NUS.



3.8 Source of Finance

Applicants are to select the source of finance (e.g., applying for scholarship, on company sponsorship, self-funding applicant, etc.) if enrolled into the programme. If you are applying for a scholarship, please select the scholarship that you are applying for. Please note that some research programmes do not allow applicants to enroll if they are not awarded the scholarship.

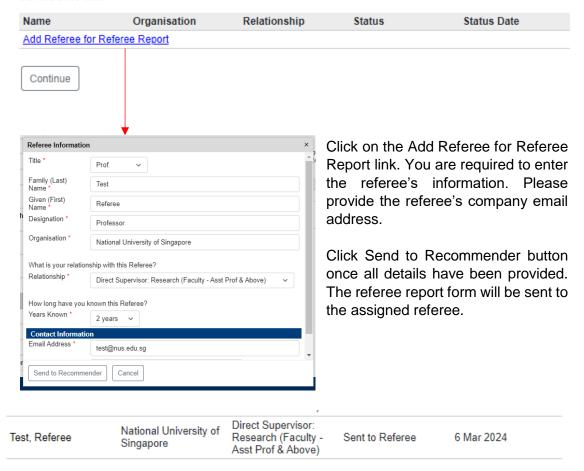


3.9 Referee

As part of the review criteria, the Faculty/School may require at least one referee's report(s) for the programe. In this section, you can create referee details and assign referees to your application.

Referees

This programme requires a minimum of two (2) referee reports. Please "Add Referee" below to enter information of your referees. Your referees will receive an email with instructions on completing the Referee Report form and/or uploading the reference letter. *



3.10 Supporting Documents

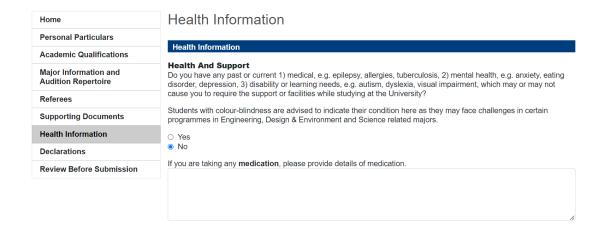


This section allows you to upload supporting document(s) that are required or optional for assessment.

Click on the Choose File button to upload the relevant documents.

3.11 Health Information

Applicants with disabilities may face challenges in certain programmes. Should you require special needs, it is advisable that you make this known under this section.



3.12 Declaration

Applicants are to complete the declarations honestly.

Home	Declarations				
Personal Particulars					
Academic Qualifications	Academic Disciplinary Action				
Test Scores	Are you currently, or have you ever been under investigation, charged with or subject to disciplinary action or enquiry for any type of misconduct, scholastic or otherwise, at any educational institution?*				
Publications/ Awards/ Certifications/ Etc	○ Yes ○ No				
Employment History & Other Experiences	Other Disciplinary Action				
Current & Past NUS Application(s)	Have you ever been the subject of any other disciplinary action (including, but not limited to, during military/national service or at place of employment)? *				
Application to Other Institutions	○ Yes ○ No				
Source of Finance	Legal/ Criminal Offences				
Referees	Have you ever been convicted of any offence by a court of law in any country or are there any court proceedings pending against you anywhere in respect of any offence (excluding minor traffic violations)? * Yes No				
Supporting Documents					
Health Information					
Declarations	Government Subsidy/ Sponsorship				
Review Before Submission	Have you received any Singapore government fee subsidy or sponsorship from any Singapore government agency for any previous graduate studies, i.e. Graduate Diploma, Master's and Doctorate programmes? *				
	○ Yes ○ No				
	Final Declarations				
	Personal data will be collected, stored and retained in accordance with NUS's Personal Data Protection policy and procedures, Singapore's Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) and related Singapore data protection legislation. Please read the University's Data Protection Notice and accept the terms and conditions before submitting your application.				
	☐ I accept the terms and conditions of NUS's Personal Data Protection policy.				
	☐ I declare that all the information given by me in this application and any additional documents attached hereto are true to the best of my knowledge and that I have not willfully suppressed any material fact. I accept that if any of the information given by me in this application is in any way false or incorrect, my application may be rejected, any offer may be withdrawn or my candidature may be terminated summarily or I may be dismissed from NUS.				
	Type your full name below as your signature. *				
	Continue				

3.13 Review Before Submission

Before submitting your application, please ensure that all mandatory fields and documents are updated. You will not be allowed to submit your online application if there are any mandatory sections that are not completed. Such sections will be highlighted in **red**. You can go back to the relevant section by clicking on the link.

This section will also detect optional sections that are left blank. While it is not compulsory to complete these in order to submit your application, you may wish to complete them if they are relevant in proving your credentials and eligibility for the programme. Such sections are highlighted in orange.

Review Before Submission

We have detected the following errors with your application. These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error		
Source of Finance	Please respond to all required financing questions.		
Referees	Please ensure you have sent a referee request to a minimum of two unique referees.		
<u>Declarations</u>	Please acknowledge NUS' Personal Data Protection policy.		
<u>Declarations</u>	Please acknowledge the Truthfulness Statement.		
<u>Declarations</u>	Please respond to all required questions.		
<u>Declarations</u>	Please type your full name as your signature.		

We have detected the following potential problems with your application:

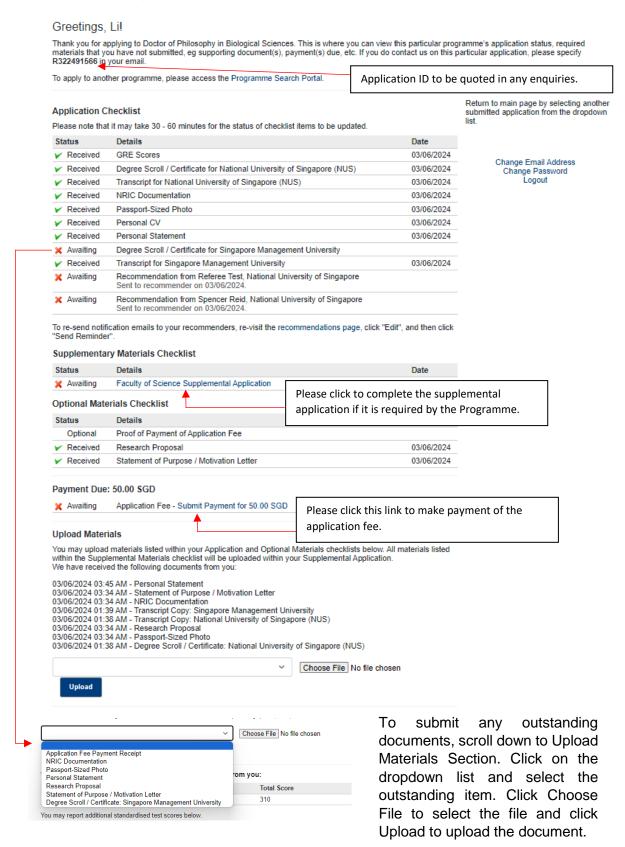
Section	Warning
Employment History & Other Experiences	Optional: Please provide information on your leadership or volunteer experiences, if you have any.
Supporting Documents	You have not yet uploaded a copy of your NRIC. This material will be required prior to reviewing your application.
Supporting Documents	You have not yet uploaded your Personal CV. This material will be required prior to reviewing your application.

Save for Later

Please ensure that the information entered in the application form is accurate as you are unable to make changes to your application after the submission is done.

4. Application Checklist

This section will indicate if further information or documents are required to be completed for assessment. Please note that the status of checklist may take 30-60 minutes to be updated.



4.1 Payment of Application Fee

Please note that your application will not be processed until the application fee (if any) is paid. Payment can be made by using VISA, Mastercard, Amex or PayNow.



Disclaimer: Please note that the application/acceptance fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. By submitting the fee, you acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions:

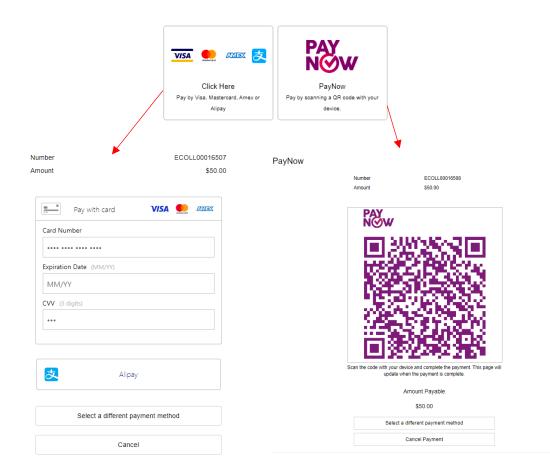
- Non-refundable: The application/acceptance fee is non-refundable under any circumstances. This includes but is not limited to cases where an
 applicant decides not to enroll, withdraws from the university, or is unable to attend for any reason.
- Non-transferable. The application/acceptance fee is non-transferable and cannot be applied to any other individual or programme. It is specifically intended for the purpose of securing your admission and cannot be transferred to another student or used for any other purpose.
- 3. Payment deadline: The application fee must be paid by the application closing date. Failure to make the payment before the application closing date may result in your application not being accepted. The acceptance fee must be paid by the specified deadline mentioned in the admission offer letter Failure to make the payment within the given timeframe may result in the revocation of the admission offer.
- 4. Terms subject to change. National University of Singapore reserves the right to modify or amend the terms and conditions related to the acceptance fee at any time, without prior notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to stay updated with any changes communicated by the university.

By submitting the application and acceptance fee, you agree to comply with the above terms and conditions and understand that the fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Please carefully consider these conditions before proceeding with the payment.

Submit Payment

Payment Method

This is a list of different ways you can pay for your selections. To proceed, please select the following. Please note that payment should be completed within 15 minutes.



You will see this page once payment is successful. Click on View Payment Receipt to print a copy of the receipt for reference, or click Return to Status to return to the Application Checklist page.



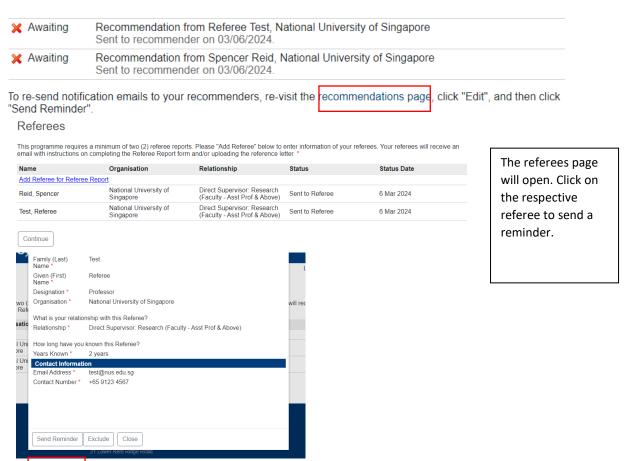
The checklist will be updated to show that payment has been received.

5. Managing Referees

As referee reports are commonly included as part of the assessment criteria for NUS graduate programmes, this section highlights the key aspects on the management of referees.

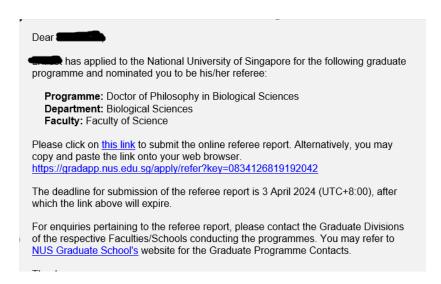
5.1 Send Reminder to Referee

You can send a reminder to the assigned referee(s) by clicking on the recommendations page link in the Application Checklist page.



5.2 Email Invitation to Submit Referee Report

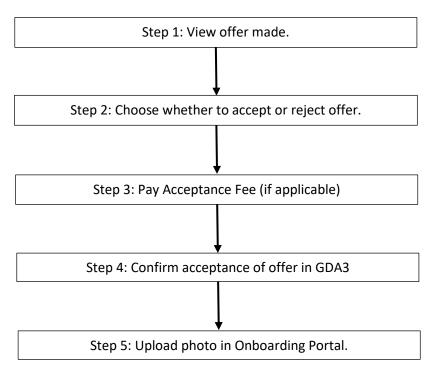
After you have submitted your application online, your assigned referees will each receive an email inviting them to submit their referee report online within 28 days from the date of the email:



Applicants can send reminders to their assigned referees. An email notification will be triggered to the referee. If the deadline for submission of the referee report has passed, the referee will be given a 1-week extension to submit his referee report.

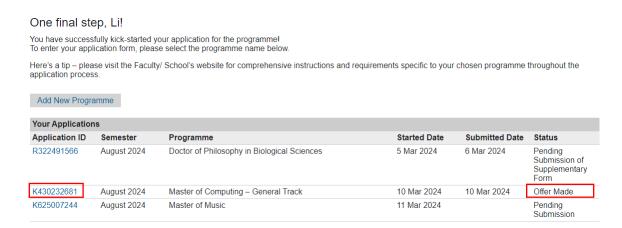
6. Submit Reply on Offer

Applicants, who receive offers to the NUS graduate programmes, will be notified via email to submit their acceptance via the Graduate Admissions System. This section explains the various steps to take when accepting the NUS offer online: -

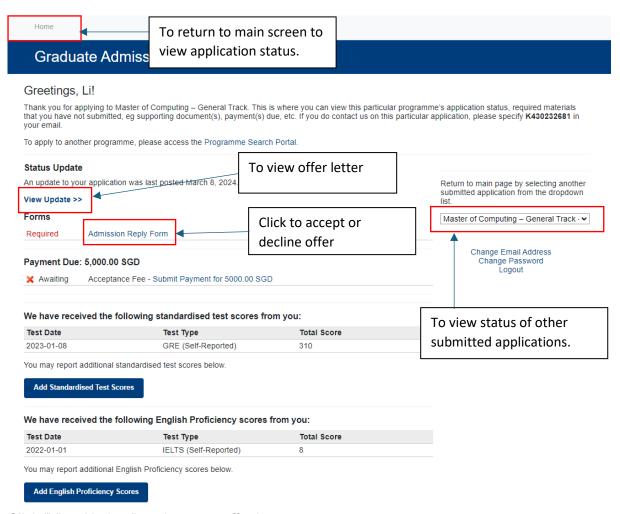


Step 1: View offer made

Log into GDA3 and click on the Application ID with the status "Offer Made".



Overview of the Application Management Page



Click "View Update" to view your offer letter.

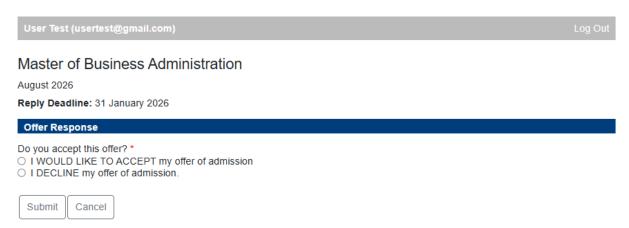
Please complete your online reply by the deadline given in your admission offer letter. If you have been offered admission to multiple programmes, please note that you can only accept one programme within the same intake. Please also note that the offer letter, reply form,

payment of fees and photo submission will appear in sequence. Please wait for a while if the Admission Reply Form or Acceptance fee payment (if any) does not appear after viewing your offer letter.

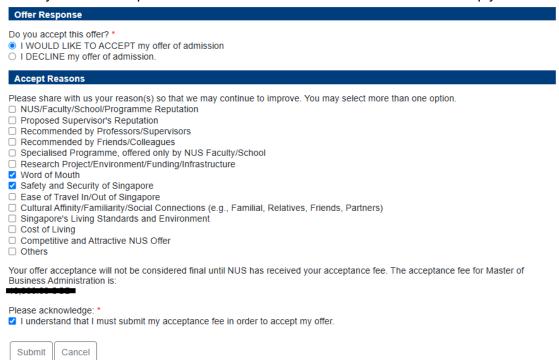
Step 2: Choose whether to accept or reject offer

The Admission Reply Form will be generated after you view your Letter of Offer. If the Reply Form does not appear, please wait for GDA3 to generate the Reply Form. Select the relevant option to confirm if you are accepting or declining the offer of admission.

Admission Reply Form



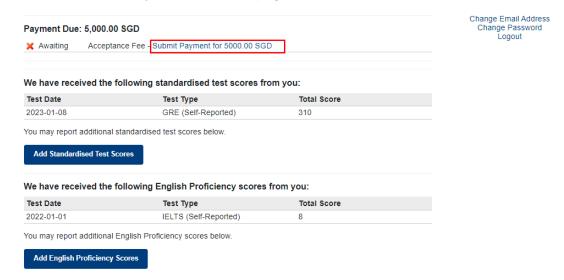
• If you are accepting the offer, you will be prompted to select acceptance reason(s). Click submit to confirm your decision on the Admission Reply Form. There are some programmes that require applicants to pay the acceptance fee. Kindly note that your offer acceptance will not be considered as final until NUS has received your acceptance fee. Payment of acceptance fee will be made outside of the Admission Reply Form in Step 3.



• If you decide to reject the offer of admissions, you will be prompted to select a reason for declining the offer. Click submit to confirm your decision.

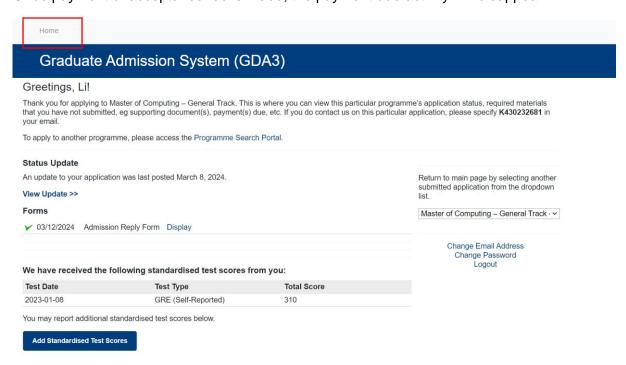
Step 3: Pay Acceptance Fee (if applicable)

Payment of acceptance fee can be made by clicking on the Submit Payment link. Please refer to the chapter on "Payment for Fees" (page 20) for details.



Step 4: Confirm acceptance of offer in GDA3.

Once payment of acceptance fee is made, the payment due activity will disappear.



You have confirmed acceptance of offer. Click on Home to view the Offer Accepted status.

Welcome, Li!

Congratulations for taking your first step in applying for a graduate programme at NUS!

Here's a tip – please visit the Faculty/ School's website for comprehensive instructions and requirements specific to your chosen programme throughout the application process.

To resume an application, please click on the programme name

Add New Programme

Your Application	Your Applications								
Application ID	Semester	Programme	Started Date	Submitted Date	Status				
R322491566	August 2024	Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences	5 Mar 2024	6 Mar 2024	Offer Made				
K430232681	August 2024	Master of Computing – General Track	10 Mar 2024	10 Mar 2024	Offer Accepted				
K520461245	August 2024	Master of Music Leadership	11 Mar 2024	13 Mar 2024	Awaiting				

Step 5: Submit passport - sized photo

You are required to submit a recent photograph for official records and for the printing of your **NUS Student Card** as part of the check-in and onboarding process. Please upload your photo via the Onboarding Portal. An email invitation will be sent to you progressively, so kindly check your mailbox regularly, including your spam or junk folder. Please ensure that the photograph submitted meets the <u>requirements</u>.

Status Update

An update to your application was last posted May 20, 2025.

View Update >>

Return to main page by selecting another submitted application from the dropdown list

Submission of Photograph:

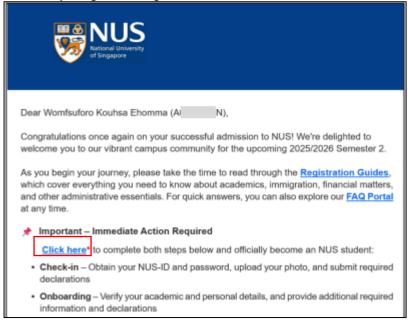
You are required to submit a recent photograph for official records and for the printing of your NUS Student Card as part of the check-in and onboarding process. Please upload your photo via the Onboarding Portal. An email invitation will be sent to you progressively, so kindly check your mailbox regularly, including your spam or junk folder. Please ensure that the photograph submitted meets the requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact your respective programme office for assistance. Further information on the check-in and onboarding can be found on the NUS Office of the University Registrar Page here.

Change Email Address Change Password Logout

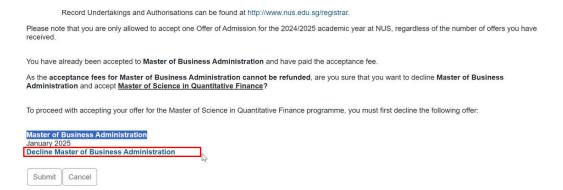
Look out for the "NUS Welcome Email", and click on the personalised link, which will direct you to the Check-in page.

Further information on the check-in and onboarding can be found on the NUS Office of the University Registrar Page here.



5.1 To decline earlier acceptance and accept a new offer

If you have been offered admission to multiple programmes, please note that you can only accept one programme within the same intake. In an event where you have earlier accepted an offer and now wish to accept another programme's offer, you will receive a message stating that you have already accepted a programme's offer and paid the acceptance fee (if applicable).



If you wish to proceed to accept another programme's offer, you will have to first decline the prior acceptance by clicking "Decline <Name of previously accepted programme>".

Decline Offer of Admission



Click on the acknowledgement and submit to decline the earlier accepted offer. You will be directed to accept the offer.