



GEM Discoverer (For Non-NTU Students)

ASEAN Summer @NTU 2025

Nurturing Global-Savvy Future Ready Citizens in the heart of Global Asia

Track 1: Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Track 2: Sustainable Futures





ASEAN SUMMER @NTU

The GEM Discoverer's ASEAN Summer @NTU provides a global learning experience for outstanding ASEAN undergraduates with strong academic standing and leadership potential to cultivate essential 21st Century skillsets to excel in today's dynamic workforce and acquire a global mindset while fostering a sustained regional network of friends for the future development of ASEAN.

In 2025, **Sustainable Futures** will join **Entrepreneurship & Innovation** as the second track of the ASEAN Summer @NTU.

The goal of ASEAN Summer @NTU is to nurture global-savvy future ready citizens, building bridges among student leaders globally, with an aim to achieve the following:

- 1. Form a sustained network amongst participants and build connection for the future development of ASEAN.
- 2. Work together in a culturally diverse, multidisciplinary team on a real-world project and apply it for the benefit of ASEAN.
- 3. Acquire 21st Century skillsets such as cross-cultural intelligence, entrepreneurship, sustainability, design & systems thinking and social innovation whilst involved in the immersion programme.
- 4. Develop a global mindset and acquire a better appreciation of an ASEAN culture, lifestyle, language, whilst enhancing the leadership skills of the participants.

Application for ASEAN Summer @NTU 2025 is now open!



ABOUT NTU SINGAPORE

Young and research intensive, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in engineering, business, science, humanities, arts, social sciences, education and medicine.

Ranked among the world's top universities, NTU is home to world-class institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering.

Besides being reputed as one of the world's most beautiful campuses, the NTU Smart Campus is a living testbed of tomorrow's technologies and a model of sustainability, with 61 Green Mark Platinum awards for its building projects.

In addition to its main campus in the western part of Singapore, NTU also has a medical campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.





IMPORTANT DATES

ASEAN Summer @NTU Programme Dates	Track 1: Entrepreneurship & Innovation (4.5-week) Programme Dates: Wed, 25 June – Sat, 26 July 2025 Immersion in Singapore: Wed, 25 June – Mon, 14 July 2025 Immersion in Hanoi, Vietnam: Tue, 15 July – Sat, 26 July 2025 Track 2: Sustainable Futures (2.5-week)
	Programme Dates: Wed, 25 June – Sat, 12 July 2025
Nomination & Application Deadlines	Nomination Deadline: Fri, 4 April 2025 (For Partner Institution to submit list of nominees to NTU)
	Online Application Deadline: Fri, 25 April 2025 (For student applicant to submit online application together with required documents) Invitations for nominations and applications will be emailed to the International Relations Office of NTU's Partner Institutions for internal dissemination.



NOMINATION GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nomination Guidelines for Partner Institutions

- NTU will only review student applications that are nominated and formally submitted to NTU Office of Global Education & Mobility Education (OGEM) by the International Relations Office of Partner Institutions.
- We welcome Partner Institutions to select good students based on the eligibility criteria.
- The International Relations Office of Partner Institutions may nominate up to six (6) students who meet the eligibility criteria.
- Submission of nomination does not guarantee an acceptance into the programme. Nominees will be assessed on a competitive basis.
- Please rank your nominations and provide reasons for your ranking. Offers will be made from Thu, 8
 May 2025 and students from reserve list will be considered till Thu, 15 May 2025.
- Please complete the attached nomination form and return it to us by Fri, 4 April 2025.
- The nominees should be from different faculties/schools within the nominating Partner Institution.

Eligibility Criteria for the ASEAN Summer @NTU Programme

- Applicants should have an interest to do research and/ or pursue a post-graduate programme.
- Applicants must be full-time, matriculated undergraduate students from one of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) member universities.
- Applicants must have completed at least two (2) semesters of study at home university, with proof of academic results.
- Applicants should possess the following:
 - a) An excellent academic record,
 - b) A good command of the English Language. English proficiency level is based on NTU admission standards. Partner institution may provide a letter to confirm the standard. (see "English Proficiency Requirement" on page 11).
 - c) A track record of student leadership roles and/or contribution to community service,
 - d) A Recommendation Letter from a faculty of their home institution, and
 - e) An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae of the individual's accomplishments.
- Please check the **requirements** of the ASEAN Summer @NTU programme and the required **documents** for the application (see pages 10 and 11).



ASEAN Summer @NTU 2025

Building Bridges: Innovation, Culture, and Sustainability in ASEAN

The ASEAN Summer @NTU offers participating students the opportunity to select from two dynamic summer tracks.

I. Entrepreneurship & Innovation Track

A comprehensive summer programme over 4.5 weeks has been specially curated to build and enhance key skillsets that are important for students to be Future Ready. ASEAN youths shall first travel to Singapore to meet up with NTU and international students for cultural and academic immersion. Here at NTU, they will take an Entrepreneurship course, attend workshops and lectures covering design/systems thinking and intercultural competences and then apply the learnings to solve a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) issue within a multicultural and multidisciplinary team.

For the second segment of their learning, they will participate in an academic, cultural and industrial immersive experience in an ASEAN city and gain a deeper appreciation about Singapore and the selected ASEAN host country. This will cultivate a better understanding and sensitivity to diverse cultures and perspectives. In 2025, this segment of the programme will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

1. Coursework on 'Professional Development and Occupational Success' Pillar

At NTU, the participants will gain a fundamental understanding of the entrepreneurial process, of how entrepreneurs start and implement their business ideas and this will instill in them an entrepreneurial mindset posture for the future. They will attend workshops and lectures covering design/ systems thinking and intercultural competences and then apply the learnings to work on an SDG-related project and build a business model. They will then pitch the business solution to their peers and the academics.

2. Experiential Learning on 'Role and Impact of Asia in the World (Singapore's Perspective) and Intercultural Competence' Pillar

The programme will culminate in a two-week immersive experience in Hanoi, Vietnam where the participants continue their learning to build actionable strategies for their business models to penetrate into the Vietnamese market and fast track new business ventures. They will embark on a co-curricular learning journey interacting with entrepreneurs, business leaders and industry experts through visits to innovative businesses in both high growth technology sectors and transforming traditional core sectors. This programme also features cultural appreciation activities, excursions to important heritage sites and collaborative teamwork to deepen cross-cultural connections.



3. Programme Funding

The **Entrepreneurship & Innovation** track is supported by the Temasek Foundation through TF LEaRN Scholarship.

- 1. Each TF LEaRN Scholarship is tenable for the summer term at NTU.
- 2. Each TF LEaRN Scholarship is worth up to SGD7,600 and the benefits cover the following:
 - Singapore:
 - Programme fee at NTU (Tuition and socio-cultural activities)
 - Accommodation*
 - Vietnam:
 - Programme fee at Vietnam (Tuition, socio-cultural activities and corporate visits)
 - Accommodation
 - Financial award of SGD1,500 in cash as:
 - subsidy for airfare costs
 - subsistence or basic living allowance for the duration of the programme

The terms and conditions of the TF LEaRN Scholarship will be reflected in the award letter to be signed by the awardee.

^{*} Students who apply by Wed, 9 April 2025 will be guaranteed on-campus accommodation with full housing fee waiver.



II. Sustainable Futures Track

In response to the global shift towards sustainability, a summer programme over 2.5 weeks is designed to build skills and knowledge to drive green transformation. Here at NTU, they will take a sustainability course, attend workshops on intercultural competences and then through collaborative teamwork apply the learnings to solve an environmental issue facing Asia.

1. Coursework on Sustainable Futures

Participants will gain insights into Earth's systems and major environmental topics that relate to the Earth. They will attend lectures and tutorials covering earth cycles and systems, green cities, environmental resource management and environmental engineering then apply the learnings to work on a video assignment related to an environmental issue.

2. Programme Funding

NTU is fully funding this programme for students nominated by AUN member universities. This funding will cover all ground expenses, including tuition and accommodation* in Singapore.

- 1. Each study award is tenable for the summer term at NTU.
- 2. Each successful candidate shall receive a study award worth up to SGD5,500 and the benefits include the following:
 - Singapore:
 - Programme fee at NTU (Tuition and socio-cultural activities)
 - Accommodation*
- 3. Additional support of SGD350 for students from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar (CLM) to cover airfare costs.

The terms and conditions of the study award will be reflected in the award letter to be signed by the awardee.

* Students who apply by Wed, 9 April 2025 will be guaranteed on-campus accommodation with full housing fee waiver.



III. Events and Activities

ASEAN Summer participants are required to participate in <u>ALL</u> activities organised during the programme.

IV. Reflections and Journal Reports

Participants are required to periodically write down their reflections as well as to produce a journal, with photos, of **1,500 - 2,000 words** at the end of the ASEAN Summer @NTU programme on their immersion experience.

V. Post-Programme

After the study programme ends, the participants must be prepared to:

- share their learning experiences through seminars, blogs, university websites, presentations at their home university and country,
- · complete online surveys regarding their progress and development.



APPLICATION

Application Process

(Please note that students' application must be submitted electronically together with the relevant supporting documents) Only applicants who have been officially nominated by their home institution for the ASEAN Summer @NTU are eligible to apply.

Applicants are required to complete the online application form and upload all required documents at:

Application Link: https://venus2.wis.ntu.edu.sg/NG APP/Login.aspx

In the online application form, please indicate that you are applying for 'ASEAN Summer' found on the Home University tab, under Student Category.

In the **Course Registration** section, please select the summer track that you have been nominated for.

Note: Participants should maintain at least a B grade for the programme.

NTU uses the Grade Point Average (GPA) system in awarding grades as follows:

Letter Grade	Grade Point
A+	5.0
Α	5.0
A-	4.5
B+	4.0
В	3.5
B-	3.0
C+	2.5
С	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0.0

Supporting documents

All required information and documents as follows <u>must be submitted online</u> together with the application form:

- Scanned copy of the latest official transcript (signed by the Registrar and includes home university's seal) in English, reflecting all courses taken in PDF format (<600kb).
- 2. Colour passport-size photo in JPEG format (<60kb; 400(W) x 514(H) pixels). The photo must be clear and sharp and taken within the last 3 months.
- Scanned copy of passport information page in JPEG format (<200kb).
 Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the commencement of the second segment of the programme in Vietnam.
- 4. Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae in PDF format (<600kb)
- 5. Proof of English proficiency (See Page 11 for more information) and/or letter from home institution certifying applicant's proficiency in English.



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- 6. A 200-word letter written by the applicant on why he/she deserves to be part of the **ASEAN Summer @NTU** programme.

 (List the leadership roles that he/she is currently undertaking, including
 - (List the leadership roles that he/she is currently undertaking, including involvement in any form of social or community service. In the application portal, look for the tab "Attachments", then upload your letter under "Other Documents".)
- 7. A Recommendation Letter from a faculty of the home institution and an outline of the nominee's accomplishments.

 (Upload your letter under "Other Documents".)

The mailing in of original documents (hard copies) is **NOT** required.

Above documents are to be uploaded to the application portal by <u>Fri, 25 April</u> 2025.

Please note that late and/incomplete submissions will **not** be processed.

English Proficiency Requirement

As English is the medium of instruction at NTU, non-native English speakers must meet a minimum level of proficiency in English to undertake studies at NTU.

Applicants are expected to have fulfilled any of the following:

- · IELTS: a minimum of 6 for Overall and 6 for Writing
- TOEFL: a minimum of 570 (paper) or 90 (internet) or 237 (computer)
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): a minimum of 55
- SAT: a minimum of 1250 for SAT taken from March 2016 onwards.

For IELTS, TOEFL and PTE Academic, only scores obtained in the two years leading up to the application deadline will be considered. The validity period for SAT is 5 years.

IELTS Indicator and TOEFL iBT ® Special Home Edition are also acceptable.

For other English proficiency tests accepted by NTU, please refer to our Office of Admissions website at:

https://www.ntu.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduate/admissionguide/international-qualifications

Alternatively, applicants may provide a letter issued by home university to certify that they possess sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate successfully in the ASEAN Summer @NTU Programme.



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Selection and Announcement of Results

All nominated candidates will be notified of their application outcome via the email address provided in the application form by **Thu**, **8 May 2025**.

Successful ASEAN Summer Programme applicants will be given access and instructions to log on to the **NTU Inbound Study Abroad Portal** to view the following information and perform the following tasks required for enrolment:

- · View and accept Offer of Admission
- View Letter of Enrolment
- Update personal particulars
- Submit health and medical information
- View information on Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (GHSI)



ACCOMMODATION & AIRPORT RECEPTION

IMMERSION IN SINGAPORE				
Accommodation	On-campus accommodation is guaranteed with full housing fee waiver if you apply by Wed, 9 April 2025.			
	You do not need to apply for Office of Campus Housing (C for FULL-TIME students.			
	NTU has 24 Halls of Residen		_	
	ASEAN Summer participants will be allocated randomly to rooms in an NTU undergraduate Hall of Residence based on double occupancy (twin-sharing). Request for specific room-mates or preferred Halls is not allowed.			
	More information on NTU Halls of Residence is available at: https://www.ntu.edu.sg/life-at-ntu/accommodation .			
	Note: Students with a medical condition and/or have specific requests will have to submit doctor's letter certifying the condition, which will then be verified by the NTU Medical Centre.			
	Students are required to corequests when submitting the Programme.			
Getting to NTU	There is no airport reception. For more information on how to get to NTU, refer to: https://www.ntu.edu.sg/life-at-ntu/visiting-ntu .			
Official Check-in Date and Time	The official check-in time to the NTU Hall of Residence is from 9:00am - 4:00pm.			
	ASEAN Summer participants must arrive in NTU before 4:00pm to complete all the official check-in procedures. Early hall check-in is not possible.			
	Summer Track	Check-in date	Check-out date	
	Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Wed, 25 June 2025	Mon, 14 July 2025	
	Sustainable Futures	Wed, 25 June 2025	Sat, 12 July 2025	



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IMMERSION IN VIETNAM (Only applicable to students enrolled in the <i>Entrepreneurship & Innovation</i> track)		
Accommodation	Accommodation at student hostels will be arranged by the selected NTU partner institution in Vietnam.	
Airport Reception in Vietnam	Airport pickup service to the place of accommodation will be offered to all the participants.	
	More information about flight bookings and the airport reception will be shared with the participants during the programme briefing.	



INSURANCE

NTU Student Insurance Schemes

Participants are covered under the NTU student insurance schemes while they are in Singapore, namely Group Personal Accident Insurance (GPAI), Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (GHSI) and Medical scheme, even if students have already bought similar insurance in their home country.

Falling ill and being hospitalised in Singapore can be a financial drain on international students, who are not entitled to the medical subsidies that Singapore citizens enjoy. Besides the coverage it provides, the GHSI (subject to its terms and conditions) allows you to request a Letter of Guarantee from the underwriter and present it in lieu of the requisite deposit upon admission to government/ restructured hospitals in Singapore.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.ntu.edu.sg/life-at-ntu/student-life/onestop/insurance-coverage.

Personal Insurance

The NTU student insurance schemes cover only your time in Singapore.

Students enrolled in the *Entrepreneurship & Innovation* track will <u>need</u> to purchase additional insurance for your stay in Vietnam.

Please ensure you have sufficient and comprehensive insurance coverage for the entire duration of your trip (from arrival into Singapore till the date you return to your home country).



TRAVELLING TO SINGAPORE

Entering, Transiting and Departing Singapore	Students travelling to Singapore must comply with the prevailing Public Health and Entry Requirements . Please read up on important information for your travel to Singapore: https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-Singapore .
Public Health Requirements	Public Health Requirements for Travellers to Singapore: 1. Yellow Fever Requirements Students coming from or who have passed through any country at risk of yellow fever six (6) days prior to arriving in Singapore, are required to have valid certificates of vaccination for yellow fever. More information on the Public Health Requirements is available at: https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore .
Entry Requirements	Participants are exempted from requiring a Student's Pass and may use a Short-Term Visit Pass issued at a Singapore Checkpoint for a short-term stay in Singapore to attend the ASEAN Summer @NTU programme. You are not allowed to engage in employment activities during the immersion period.
SG Arrival Card	Please take note of the additional entry requirements that have been implemented by the Singapore government. Submission of SG Arrival Card (SGAC) with Electronic Health Declaration: The SG Arrival Card should be submitted within three (3) days prior to the date of arrival in Singapore. More information may be found at: https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart/entering-singapore/sg-arrival-card .



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will I know the result of my course? Will there be a transcript?

The release of the examination results would usually be in mid-August. You will receive an email notification about the release of the examination results from NTU via your NTU student email account. The original hardcopy copy of the academic transcript will be mailed directly to your Home University after the completion of the summer programme within two (2) months from the date of release of examination results by NTU.

Q: What if I miss a class?

We highly encouraged students to attend all the classes as scheduled. However, if you have to miss a class, please inform the class lecturer and write an email to gem-aseansummer@ntu.edu.sg of your absence. The absence should be supported by a medical certificate issued by a registered doctor.

Q: Do I need to apply for an entry visa?

Students from certain countries are required to apply for an Entry Visa prior to arrival. You may refer to ICA website for the list of countries that require an Entry Visa. If an Entry Visa is required for your nationality, please make sure that you apply at least 6 weeks before your arrival and follow-up diligently on its approval. NTU will not be responsible for your entry visa application.

Q: What are the currencies used in Singapore? Can I use my credit card(s) or bank card(s) in Singapore?

Singapore official currency is Singapore Dollars (SGD). Credit cards such as VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Maestro and PLUS can be used in Singapore. You may withdraw cash from most of the Automated Teller Machines (ATM) which can be found within the campus. Alternatively, you can visit the nearest shopping mall, Jurong Point Shopping Centre for individual banking needs.

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