



# HEO GUIDANCE FOR ALUMNI

Congratulations on your graduation!



## So I have my A Level results. Now what?



Follow our guide to help you with your decisions about universities and courses.



## MAKING CHOICES

Pick courses because *you* decide so, not because they're popular or prestigious. Explore with an open mind; avoid following the crowd.

## EXPLORE AND BE BOLD

What are the new majors on offer? Cross disciplinary and interdisciplinary options are now available and encouraged. Take time to explore, as you don't know what you don't know!

## INDICATIVE GRADE PROFILE (IGP)

IGPs provide you with a grade profile for each course - is your course the right one for *you*? *Balance idealism with realism.*

## COURSE MODULES

Take a look at the core modules in your course - are you drawn towards them or do you only like the *idea* of the major?



## OPEN HOUSES!



Attend them to obtain the most updated information on what's available. Take time to consider the plethora of options before choosing.



## KEEP AN OPEN MIND



Sometimes, the offers that come may not be your first choice. When facing rejection, *keep an open mind, and give value to that which values you.* The best thing you can do for yourself is to keep moving forward and excel in the field which chooses you!



## TALKING TO SOMEONE



Decisions do not need to be made alone. If your scores are not ideal and you need help with realistic options, drop us an email at [collegeadmissions@ri.edu.sg](mailto:collegeadmissions@ri.edu.sg) for counsel via email or appointment.

Kindly note that we do not review application statements given their brevity, specificity of prompts and need for personal voice.



# LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

## HOW TO APPLY?

Apply online at each uni's admission portals.



## WHEN TO APPLY?

From results day until **19 Mar 2024** for most courses. Aptitude-based admissions may have earlier deadlines - **check uni websites directly for most updated information and don't miss your deadline!**



## INDICATIVE GRADE PROFILE (IGP)

Refer to the IGPs of your courses of interest—this indicates the representative grades of applicants who gained entry in the previous year.

E.g. a major that quotes 90th percentile as “AAB/B” means that at the 90th percentile of admission, students achieved H2 subject grades of AAB and H1 content subject B. The IGP assumes that PW and GP are C grades.

## UNIVERSITY ADMISSION SCORE (UAS)

To calculate your UAS, take the total score of 3H2 + 1H1 content subject + GP + PW.

If you take 4 H2s, the lowest of your H2s is converted into a H1 score. If you take 3 H2s and 1H1, all the scores are directly taken into account. The maximum score possible is 90.\*

### EXAMPLE\*

If a student scores the following:

- 3H2s (A, A, B) = 20+20+17.5
- Lowest H2 converted to H1 (B) = 8.75
- GP (A) + PW (B) = 10 + 8.75

**Total UAS = 57.5 + 8.75 + 18.75 = 85**

Caveat: popular courses can have more stringent criteria, and some courses have specific H2 prerequisites.

**GP A & PW B  
4 H2s = AABB**

## OUR COUNSEL

When choosing your course options, you will want to be **realistic** - best chances are where your UAS is at least close to the IGP of your desired courses, at the minimum 10th percentile.

The best situation would be where both your UAS and grades are at or beyond the published IGP.

Admission is primarily merit-based. When prioritizing courses in your applications, consider IGP and your UAS carefully. Rank order matters.

Score*	H2	H1
A	20	10
B	17.5	8.75
C	15	7.5
D	12.5	6.25
E	10	5
S	5	2.5
U	0	0

\*These are indicative, not official, scores.

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## PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Your statement should reflect the best sides of yourself, and highlight how and why you are a **match** for the course of study. Don't be afraid to advocate for yourself: focus on your strengths and who you are. Talk about academic as well as soft skills, which are **relevant** to the field of choice. Use your activities (both within and without school) wisely: do not just list achievements; **reflect** on what you learnt in the process. **It is through your reflection that you demonstrate fit and understanding of the course.** Keep it concise.

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Should recommendations be required, do approach tutors personally first, before pinging them **as early as possible on the university portals**. Tutors need time to complete the necessary for all of you.

You may be tempted to ask your tutors for (unnecessary) references; avoid the urge to spam a university. It's good practice and good manners to submit **only what is required**. You should only ask for a reference if it is a stated requirement. Advocate for yourself instead!

For those of you interested in applying to Medicine, you can refer to our other guide, [Guide to Medicine Applications 2024](#), for more details.

## INTERVIEWS

Prepare yourself well! Know yourself, know why you're interested in the course and how you're suited for it.

**#HEOprotip:** Practice speaking out aloud and practice listening. Remember that **every interview is a conversation**. Articulate your opinions and thoughts, get comfortable to the sound of your own voice, even as you get similarly comfortable with a two-way dialogue. Should your interview be online, ensure a secure connection and a conducive place for interviews. Of course, be it online or F2F, ensure you dress smartly for the occasion.

## APTITUDE-BASED ADMISSIONS (ABA)

Aptitude-based admissions are applied for on the basis of exceptional talent/ability. Some examples which the universities cite: winning an international Olympiad medal, representation in arts/sports, having key leadership positions in external organisations. For 2024, NUS requires students to write about their achievements and respond to prompts (essentially, ABA) **for all their programmes**. The other universities use ABA for discretionary admission. Refer to the relevant university admissions websites for more details. Excluding NUS, **you do not need to apply under ABA if your UAS qualifies you for the course.**

**#HEOprotip:** For those of you applying to NUS, you can refer to our new [NUS Application Guide 2024](#) for guidance on the ABA section of the NUS application form.

## UNI OPEN HOUSES

Check out the university's Open House sites. Some require registration, so do sign up for what you're interested in.

Useful Links:

[NUS open house](#)

[NTU open house](#)

[SMU open house](#)

[SUTD open house](#)

[SUSS open house](#)

[SIT open house](#)



*Wishing you all the best in your applications!*

# LOCAL UNIS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



## Links to Admission Portals

NUS - [Office of Admissions](#)

NTU - [Undergraduate Admission Guide](#)

SMU - [Office of Admissions & Financial Assistance](#)

SUTD - [Undergraduate Application Timeline](#)

SUSS - [Full-time Undergraduate Programmes](#)

SIT - [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

UAS - [Admissions via LASALLE or NAFA](#)



## Links to Admission Requirements and Indicative Grade Profiles

NUS - [Undergraduate Programmes IGP](#)

NTU - [Undergraduate IGP](#)

SMU - [IGP and Number of Course Places](#)

SUTD - [Undergraduate Admission Requirements](#)

SUSS - [Undergraduate IGP and Number of Programme Places](#)

SIT - [Undergraduate Admission Requirements](#)

LASALLE - [Bachelor Programme Entry Requirements](#)

NAFA - [Bachelor Degree Admissions Requirements](#)



## Undergraduate Scholarships

[Brightsparks Scholarship Portal](#)



# OVERSEAS UNIVERSITY

(especially for those serving NS)

## HOW TO APPLY?

For the UK and US: you will still apply through RI using UCAS, CIALFO and CommonApp. Information will be published from end-May. Look out for and **adhere to all internal RI deadlines.**

## WHEN TO APPLY?

We will update our application timelines for the 2024/25 cycle by end May when the current cycle closes and universities refresh guidance.



## UCAS AND COMMONAPP

Do **not** start any UCAS or CommonApp or CIALFO accounts at this stage. Follow our timeline and application guides after May.

## CONTACT US

Find us on the RI web site, where all guides will be made available once the new cycle begins.



[ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office](https://ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office)



## REQUESTING TUTOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND HELP

A strong application takes months of effort to build and also requires the support of your teachers and our office. Everyone needs time to help you. So ping your tutors early according to our timeline, such that they have time to write for the many of you.

