Dear CEG Students (from AY19 direct and Poly intakes),

Please be informed that Round 2 of application for SEP in AY2021/AY2022, will open from 10 May 2021 - 11 June 2021.

1. SEP Eligibility

The general guideline is that students should have a Minimum CAP of 3.0 and completed at least two semesters of studies. Please refer to: http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/global-programmes/student-exchange/outgoing-exchangers for the detailed description of SEP eligibility.

Note: CEG students are recommended to go for SEP in year 3 (i.e. apply in Year 2) as:

a) Numerous core modules are scheduled for Year 2.
b) Students who wish to go for SEP in semester 2, AY21/22, will have to plan for 20 – 24 weeks IA in semester 1, AY21/22 (and vice versa).
c) While CG4002 Computer Engineering Capstone Project (8MCs) will be offered in both semesters, it is likely students on SEP will have to do CG4002 in Year 4. Unless an equivalent module with close match to CG4002 syllabus and credits weightage is offered at the Partner University, CEG students are strongly encouraged to take the capstone project at NUS.
d) CEG students (AY17 intake & after) are required to do at least 8 MCs of technical electives (out of 20 MCs)* at NUS.

*Please refer to https://ceg.nus.edu.sg/sep/ for more information.

2. SEP Places Available for CEG Students

Please refer to the attached file (ref: CEG_AY2122 Round 2 Places.pdf) for the list of available places in Round 2. This will be the same list that you can view on EduRec. As we have offered more out more than 90% seats in round 1, only limited seats are available in this round.

You may wish to take note on the following:

- Places or universities that are not reflected on the list mean they are not available for CEG students to apply.
- The quota allocated to CEG is separated from that to SoC or FoE. You would not be able to apply for SoC or FoE places.
- DDP students are to apply thru their home faculty.
- As students are to complete at least two semesters of studies, freshmen are welcome to apply in this round.
- Please ensure that you have read through Partner Universities information carefully to assess if the choice of partner universities is suitable for you. You may start your research by reading thru the various universities’ factsheets prepared by GRO here: http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/global-programmes/student-exchange/partner-universities.

This is an extremely important step as you will be able to find information like cost of living, course offerings and restricted modules. It is important that students have to
extremely flexible in their study planning while on exchange. Reason being, neither our partner universities nor NUS is in the position to guarantee that you are able to secure the modules that you want to read during exchange.

3. **How to apply**

Applications are to be submitted online via EduRec (*Navigation Path: EduRec > Self Service > Global Education > External Study Application*).

Please take the time to read through GRO or SoC SEP information sites *before* submitting an application.

To understand more on our partner universities, you can visit the websites below:

- Faculty-wide SEP Partner Universities:

You may list up to 5 choices of partner universities but do consider the following (in no particular order) prior:

a) Are there suitable modules to map back?
b) Is the Academic calendar of the partner University suitable for you?
c) Will there be potential problem(s) with the language of instruction?
d) Will you be able to finance the SEP stint comfortably?

4. **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

a) In view of the safety distancing measures due to Covid-19, there will not be any interviews for SEP selection. Selection will be done based on your SEP submission, academic and CCA achievements alongside with the competitiveness of the SEP spot. Should the SEP spot be oversubscribed, we will only consider first choice selection.

b) It is mandatory for you to complete and submit below as part of your SEP application:

1. **Study plan.** Please upload as supporting document for all of your five choices of universities, otherwise your application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for application. Please use template below. You can draft it as a word/PDF document and upload as supporting document.

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Do note that your study plan is not limited to the pre-approved list available on EduRec. Should there is a module that you intend to read/map during your exchange and it is not on the pre-approved list, you have to check if this is offered by the partner university and access yourself if there is sufficient module content overlapping (at least 70%). If you felt that there is sufficient module contents overlapping, you can add this to your study plan. There is no need for you to submit module mapping requests as this process will only start after you have been offered a SEP place. For more information, you can refer to https://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/programmes/ug/beyond/module/.

As this is only at planning stage, it’s possible for you to change your study plans nearing to your exchange semester. As shared earlier, it is important that students to be extremely flexible in their study planning while on exchange. Reason being, neither our partner universities nor NUS is in the position to guarantee that you are able to secure the modules that you want to read during exchange, especially with the increasing popularity for Computer Science modules around the world. It may be possible that you have to read all UEMs during your exchange, if situation arises.

II. It is mandatory for you to answer the SEP related questions in your application.

c) Please note that EduRec doesn’t not allow applications/offers with overlapping semesters. Thus, if you are planning/ have applied for NOC or any other exchange programes, you would not be able to apply for SEP (vice versa). Thus, please consider carefully before submitting your application.

d) An admin fee of $300 will be imposed for any withdrawal from SEP once you have accepted the internal offer. Therefore, you are reminded to consider carefully before accepting the internal offer.

5. Some FAQs

Question: Is there a cut off CAP for the PUs.
Answer: No, there is no definite cut off as it is determined based on the students who have applied this round. As shared, selection will be done based on your SEP submission, academic and CCA achievements alongside with the competitiveness of the SEP spot. Hence, we will look at the pre and post S/U CAP for the academic part. Due to the intense competition in round one, the cut off was at least 4.5 and above for Americas region, please note that the cut off could be higher if there are more quality applicants applying for the SEP spot.

Question: Is the study plan mandatory?
Answer: Yes, and please refer to the template above. Should your submission does not come with the study plan, it is deem that your application is incomplete and will not be considered for SEP. The purpose of the study plan is to allow students to do the necessary groundwork and research of the suitability of partner universities’ for them. Many times, you can find the information in the partner universities factsheets on GRO website. For example, it is stated clearly that ETH Zurich will only consider students’ with their Computer Science as their majority. Hence, we will not consider BZA, IS and InfoSec students for ETH Zurich.
Question: I noticed that the list of SEP places are limited in Round 2. Is there any reason why?
Answer: You may want to note round 2 comprises of the balance seats from Round 1. As almost 90% of the SEP places were offered out in round 1, this explains the limited number of places available this round.

Question: I am interested in applying for SEP or NOC yearlong NOC. As admission is not guaranteed, I would like to apply for both programmes now and decide later. Is this possible?
Answer: No. Please note that in the selection processes, both SoC and NOC will not be giving priority for students who have an exchange offer on hand. Both offices will check on the applicants’ details as well. Additionally, EduRec system would not allow you to accept the offer if there’s overlapping of semester. Hence, you may want to consider well on which programme you are incline towards and apply for it.

Question: Some of the partner universities have overlapping semesters, can I still apply for them?
Answer: Yes, you can. However, do note that for such situations, you are to request from Partner University to allow you to take distance exams here in Singapore. If not, consider doing modules that are 100% CA. Reason being, you have to return to NUS for the new semester. Leave of Absence will not be approved.

Question: Can I proceed with SEP regardless of the Covid-19 situation?

Many of you are understandably concerned in light of Covid-19. The current perspective is that any application procedures for SEP should proceed. However, given that the COVID-19 situation worldwide is still evolving with many cities experiencing worsening pandemic situations, it will be some time before vaccinations can be rolled out to the general population and subsequently for international travel to resume, it may be advisable to moderate your expectations about participating in SEP. For now, we are accepting application and offering the internal offer from NUS to the students. Students should plan to register for NUS modules in their SEP semester as a back-up plan in tandem. We will update students along the way if either our partner universities or NUS made the necessary to suspend exchange further.

Last but not least, if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at comwpd@nus.edu.sg.

Thank you.

Best Regards
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