HALL ADMISSION SCHEME – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs pertaining to Category A

Question 1: Will co-opted or appointed Management Committee members in student organisations be eligible under Category A?

Answer:

Yes, co-opted (only applicable to co-opted positions approved by Student Affairs Office before implementation of HAS) and appointed Management Committee members elected in the current academic year and not staying in the Hall are eligible for a room under Category A. The reason is that they assume the same level of duty and responsibility as that of elected members. However, prior approval from Student Affairs Office must be obtained for the co-option.

Question 2: Why is the total allocation for Non-Constituent Clubs capped at 75?

Answer:

The Students’ Union, Constituent Clubs and Junior Common Room Committees are formed by regulatory requirements. Non-Constituent Clubs are formed on a random and interest-group basis. The formation of Non-Constituent Clubs is usually predicated on divergent and specific areas of interests along religious, ethnic and cultural lines. Therefore, the number of places allocated to Non-Constituent Clubs cannot be kept indefinite.

Question 3: What is the effect on the total points for newly elected management committee members under Cat A for admission to halls in the following academic year?

Answer

2 points will be deducted from the total weightings for admission to hall in the following year.

Question 4: How the newly elected management committee members in the current academic year are allocated a hall under Cat A?

Answer

These members will be randomly allocated to a hall as and when there are vacancies if he/she is not staying in the hall when elected into office in the current academic year. Student organization after completed their election and have eligible members who wish to apply for hall, may email to Ms Yeo from SAO, latest by end Oct.
A computer balloting will be carried out when more than 75 names were submitted by the Non-Constituent Clubs.
FAQs pertaining to Category C

Question 5: Why is there a need to give 2 points when a local student is willing to share a room with an international student or vice versa?

Answer:

This is put in place to align to the University’s objective to encourage more interaction between local and international students and the same time allow a more balanced competition for a place in the Hall. The 2 points will be given when the conditions of the scheme are met.

Question 6: How is the 2 points given for a local student willing to share with an international student and vice versa?

Answer:

It will be assigned only when both students state each other as room-mates in their online application and the difference between the total point of an applicant and total point of the desired roommate is 2 points or less. For example, an applicant who is an international student will not be given the 2 points for willing-to-share option if his/her chosen local roommate has 3 or more points, lesser than him/her and vice versa.

No weighting is awarded to both parties if ‘roommate’ field left unfilled, roommates’ matric number not matched or key in wrongly, either one of the pair opted for single room or either one of the pair does not meet the minimum campus life involvement.

Students who are given 2 points under this scheme will not be allowed to transfer to a single room during the stay or request for mutual exchange of room when the conditions for the scheme are not met and it the transfer involved a single room.

Question 7: If a local student opts for single room, will he/she still be awarded 2 points if he/she is willing to share with an international student, or vice versa?

Answer:

No point is awarded to both applicant and roommate. 2 points are given only if both students state each other as room-mate on their on-line application form during the application exercise in late Mar and the difference between the total point of an applicant and total point of the desired roommate is 2 points or less.

Also, no point is awarded to both parties if ‘roommate’ field left unfilled, roommates’ matric number not matched or key in wrongly, either one of the pair opted for single room or either one of the pair does not meet the minimum campus life involvement.
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Question 8: If a local student finds that he or she is unable to get along with an international student, or vice versa, what can he or she do?

Answer:

A mutually agreed swap of two local-international pairs will be allowed but the students concerned must search for such a match themselves to stay in a double room. The final outcome must still be two local-international pairs in order to retain the assigned point. For practical purposes, local and international students who wish to stay with international and local students respectively must give some thought before they proceed with their plan.

Question 9: Why is there a need to introduce a system to categorise Non-Constituent Clubs (NCCs) into 4 tiers?

Answer:

Feedback received from students indicated that a large number of management committee members of NCCs getting nine point has distorted what should have been a pyramidal distribution of points for campus life involvement. The NCCs representatives of HAS Implementation Committee had arranged meetings with all NCCs Presidents on 17 Jan 08 and 9 Jun 08 on this new system. The categorisation into 4 tier is based on several factors such as membership size, budget and activities.

The review (subject to the need to review) of the categorisation of NCCs will be carried out after every 2-year.

Question 10: Why is there a revision to the points for main committees of Cultural Activities Club’s member clubs, Sports Club’s sub-clubs and Students’ Union (BP Mentoring, Students’ Fund and ICON)?

Answer:

This revision was done to align with the 4-tier system of NCCs and also recognize the Cultural/Sports representation of these committees and/or their comparable status to main committees of other students’ organization like Students’ Union, Constituent Clubs and Junior Common Room Committees.

Question 11: Can students who do not meet the minimum Campus Life Involvement apply for hall?
Answer:

Can. However, in the event that demand for accommodation in Halls has far exceeded the number of vacancies available for the application year, applicants who do not meet the campus life involvement criterion will be placed on the same general waiting list with the unsuccessful applicants with total points and will be processed after these unsuccessful applicants are assigned a hall. Due to the uncertain waiting time, this category of applicants are advised to look for off-campus accommodation. The application fee paid is non-refundable.

Question 12: Will the points of a student be added on if he or she joins more than one committee?

Answer:

No, he or she will be awarded one set of points for Campus Life participation, whichever is the highest.

Question 13: How does the university obtain information on Campus Life participation?

Answer:

The Honorary General Secretary of each student group has a duty to document the participation of members. The system used for the documentation will still be the one used under the PAS (known as the ECA Record System). Therefore, the onus is on every student to ensure that his or her participation is documented dutifully.

Question 14: How are the points computed under Cat C?

Answer:

At the time of application, students must first be involved in Campus Life as set out in Annex B (Campus Life Involvement) to qualify for the points. The following is an example of how the points are computed.

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FAQs pertaining to Hall and Room Allocation

Question 15: What is General Cut-off Point (GCP) and how is it derived?

Answer:

GCP is the minimum weight you must have in order to be given a vacancy and qualify for Hall admission. The GCP is determined by demand and supply of vacancies. There will be 2 GCPs: one for male and one for female. If you do not meet the GCP, you would be placed on the general waiting list.

In the event that demand for accommodation in Halls has far exceeded the number of vacancies available for the application year, applicants who do not meet the campus life involvement criterion will be placed on the same general waiting list with the unsuccessful applicants with total points and will be processed after these unsuccessful applicants are assigned a hall. Due to the uncertain waiting time, this category of applicants are advised to look for off-campus accommodation.

Question 16: How does the point system work? Does having higher points mean a better chance of getting the room that I want?

Answer:

No. The points you get under HAS shall only determine your chances of getting a vacancy, but NOT which room you get (the point system is only to facilitate Hall Allocation, not Room Allocation). In other words, the higher your points, the better your chances of getting Hall accommodation but it does not determine the likelihood of you getting the hall or room of your preference.

Question 17: What determines a student’s chances of getting the room that he/she wants?

Answer:

Room Allocation is determined by your priority as returning resident and by balloting when there are more returning residents applied back to the same Hall than the number of rooms set aside for senior students for each Hall. This criterion is not applicable to applicants under CN Yang Programme, University Scholar Programme, NTU-NIE Teaching Scholar Programme, Renaissance Engineering Programme and LKC Medicine MBBS programme.

Question 18: What does “returning resident of a hall” mean?

Answer:

“returning resident hall ” refers to the first preferred hall being the current or last stayed hall. However there can be more than one returning resident for a particular hall or room.
Eg) If a senior stayed in hall X, room XX-Y-ZZZ in AY13/14 but for some reason did not stay in Hall at all for AY14/15, and is intending to apply for a room in the same Hall for AY15/16, he/she shares the same priority as the current occupant of this same room because both are returning residents of XX-Y-ZZZ. This is also the case for single room applicants.

Question 19: How are the single rooms allocated?

Answer:

Single rooms will be allocated by ballot to students whose applications are successful and who have indicated their preference for a single room.

A common balloting will first be carried out to determine the successful applicants for single rooms. The following criteria are used for the allocation of a specific single room.

i) Returning residents (if the current or last stayed hall is the first preferred Hall) will be given priority to the same single room in which they stayed. If the number of returning residents is more than the number of single rooms, the single rooms will be allocated by ballot. If there are single rooms remaining after allocation to returning residents, allocation of the single rooms to other applicants will be random.

ii) If unsuccessful in admission to the hall of first preference, applicants will be considered for the hall of second preference. Balloting is done and allocation of single rooms is random.

iii) If still unsuccessful for the hall of second preference, applicants will be randomly allocated to other halls with single-room vacations.

Question 20: Are students allowed to choose their roommate in a double room?

Answer:

Yes, but both applicants must first qualify for admission to the halls before their applications to be roommates are processed. Choice of roommate will not be taken into consideration for students on the waiting list when it is his/her turn to be offered a place.

Question 21: How is the allocation of hall done?

Answer:

Please refer to Annex C-1 for applicants in Category A, Annex C-2 for applicants in Category B, Annex C-3 for applicants in Category C.
Question 22: How are the students on the waiting list allocated a hall or room?

Answer:

In the event that demand for accommodation in Halls has far exceeded the number of vacancies available for the application year, students who have met the minimum Campus Life Involvement in Annex B (Campus Life Involvement) but do not meet the General Cut-Off Point are put on the general waiting list ranked in descending order of weights. Should there be vacancies in any of the Halls in the course of the entire academic year the first person on the list will be notified and so on until the last person on the list is made an offer. As there could be many students with the same weightage points as the number of vacancies available, computer balloting will be carried out to determine the successful applicants so that applicants with the same total points have an equal chance of being assigned to a hall. Only successful applicants will be notified.

Applicants who do not meet the campus life involvement criterion will be placed on the same general waiting list with the unsuccessful applicants with total points and will be processed after these unsuccessful applicants are assigned a hall. Due to the uncertain waiting time, applicants on the general waiting list are advised to look for off-campus accommodation.

Question 23: How is the room allocation done? Are students allowed to choose their room? Will returning residents have priority to the same room?

Answer:

If a returning resident is successful in his or her application, he or she will be given priority to the same room if he or she has indicated it as the preferred room in the application. Computer balloting is carried out to when there are more returning residents applied back to the same Hall than the number of rooms set aside for senior students for each Hall. This is not applicable to students in the Premier Scholar Programmes applying for either Crescent Hall or Pioneer Hall. If there is more than one applicant vying for the same room, the room will be allocated by ballot. Allocation is done through a computerised system.

Question 24: Are students allowed to choose their toilet sharers if they wish to apply for Hall 1 and Hall 2?

Answer:

Applicants must first qualify for admission to the halls. The room assignment will be based on their application as roommates and not as toilet sharers. If students wish to stay together as toilet sharers, both pairs of roommates must choose their rooms next to each other.
General FAQs

Question 25: Will there be changes made to the Hall Admission Scheme in future?

Answer:

While there may be refinements along the way as and when necessary, the principles which the scheme is premised upon will not change so long as they are relevant.

Question 26: Where can I send my feedback or input on the Hall Admission Scheme?

Answer:

You can email to HAS-ug@ntu.edu.sg.