NRP/ NRPjr
Application Process Flow
For NRP/NRPjr Teacher Coordinators
Application Period: 5 – 25 Feb 2021
Application Dates

NANYANG research programme

5 – 25 February 2021

NANYANG Junior research programme

5 – 25 February 2021
**NRP Application Flow**

**Application Opens**  
(5 – 25 Feb)  
NRP Application Portal:  

**Teacher Endorsement**  
(2 – 10 Mar)  
Click into each applicant from your school to check:  
1) Form is complete  
2) Student has chosen an appropriate project  
3) Indicate endorsement for NRP Enrichment OR H3 Science Research (refer to Teacher Endorsement FAQ)

**Notification of Successful Placement**  
(23 Mar)  
e-Acceptance exercise: Students to indicate acceptance of offer by 25 Mar

**Work on project begins**  
(Apr)

**Submission of Forms**  
(25 Mar)  
Students to submit hardcopy forms:  
1) Acceptance Form  
2) Parental Consent Form  
3) PDPA Consent Form
**NRPJr Application Flow**

**Application Opens**
(5 – 25 Feb)
NRPJr Application Portal:
https://tinyurl.com/NRPjr2021

**Teacher Endorsement**
(2 – 10 Mar)
NTU will furnish Teacher Coordinators with an Excel document. Please check:
1) Student details are correct
2) Student has chosen an appropriate project
3) Student has a partner (pairwork is a requirement)
4) Each group has an appointed Teacher mentor

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Why do schools have to endorse all applications?
- We do want to ensure that students opting for the NRP are coping well with their school subjects.
- NRP is no child’s-play – it can be demanding and prove to be extremely stressful for a student who is already feeling the pressure from his/her school work.
- We also recognise that an academically strong student might not necessarily be the best candidate to work on the NRP – beyond book smarts, the student needs to have the aptitude and strength of character to see an 8-month long research project to fruition.

What if I choose not to endorse or recommend a student?
- The student’s application will be removed and will not be pumped to Supervisors for consideration.
## NRP Recommendation Status

*ONLY applicable to JC1 & IP Yr 5 students*

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Is there a difference between NRP Enrichment and H3 Science Research?
- Yes – some students may not have the ability or drive to work individually on a project as H3 Science Research, but may do well working with the support of a partner.

Why do students who opt for H3 Science Research have to work on the project independently?
- This is an MOE/SEAB requirement.

Can I endorse a student for NRP Enrichment but not H3 Science Research? Will this affect the student’s standing?
- Yes you may. Nope, the student will still be given equal consideration for NRP Enrichment.

Processing Applications

- Why do I have to click into every single application?
  - We know that as the appointed NRP Coordinator, you may well not know every single student that applies for the NRP.
  - We have made the entire application form available to you to provide you with as much information on each applicant as possible.
  - It would definitely help if you could speak with Civics and subject tutors to get their inputs to help with your recommendation/endorsement.
  - You should also check through your students’ project choices to ensure that they have opted for projects they are able to manage.

- Is there a quota per school and are there any specific selection criteria?
  - There is no quota per school and no specific set of selection criteria that applies across all projects.
  - Our two main criteria are:
    1) A fully completed application form
    2) The school’s endorsement for the applicant.
Selection Criteria

▪ Will NTU short-list applicants?
  o Nope – the only applications that are removed are:
    ➢ Incomplete applications
    ➢ Applications not endorsed by the student’s school
  o All other applications will be pumped to the respective Supervisor

▪ What are the criteria that might be considered:
  o Subjects taken
  o Marks obtained
  o Distance of school to NTU
  o Prior experience in science research
  o Whether the student possesses the needed skill-sets (if articulated)
Selection Criteria

- **Why do you allow for both individual and pair work for NRP?**
  - We want to maximise the learning opportunities for each student and want to ensure that every student contributes and learns from their project.
  - Depending on the demands of the project it is also sometimes a lot more manageable for two students to work on a project than to have one student work on his/her own.

- **Why do you only allow for pair work for NRPjr?**
  - We want to maximise the learning opportunities for each student and want to ensure that every student contributes and learns from their project.
  - Given that NRPjr students are younger, they will benefit from sharing and bouncing ideas off a like-minded peer and will also benefit from the having the support of a peer.
Selection Criteria

- Who decides on final placement? How is the selection made?
  - The project Supervisor makes the final decision and selects the students he/she would want to work with
  - Every Supervisor is different and what he/she is looking for in his/her student will likely also be different
  - Do note that not all Supervisors will interview the students who have put in an application for their project
NRP / NRPjr Timeline

NRP/NRPjr Research
April – December 2021

Confirmation to offer project as H3 Science Research
(only for J1 & IP Yr 5 students)
July 2021

Submission of Research Paper & Research Log
9 January 2022

Submission of Progress Report
20 September 2021

NRP/NRPjr & H3 Science Research Oral Presentation
Assessment
28 February 2022

Release of results for NRP/NRPjr Enrichment
July 2022

Release of results for H3 Science Research
February 2023
Points of Contact

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