Welcome to NTU

EAPSI Programme Singapore 2015

8 June 2015 to 31 July 2015

Prepared by: Research Support Office
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To get you oriented and prepared for your stay in NTU, we have consolidated all the essential information and hope that this would be useful for you in preparing for the visit to NTU.
Agenda

• **Pre-arrival**
  -- TEP
  – Research attachment schedule
  – Procurement
  – Buddies’ contact details
  – Your flight details
  – Key contact list

• **Useful information compiled by International Student Support (ISS) at Student Affairs Office (SAO)**

• **Your Housing**
Agenda (cont’d)

• Your stipends and other fees
• Getting to know your surroundings
• After you have arrived
• Administrative matters
• More about Singapore
Pre-arrival
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• TEP

  – Please ensure that you have already obtained approval under the TEP PRIOR to your arrival in Singapore. If you have not obtained any approval by 22 May 15, please do get in touch with your host school in NTU or RSO (eapsi-rso@ntu.edu.sg)
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

These are some **mandatory documents** you will need to bring along:

**Entry to Singapore (for Immigration clearance)**

- IPA Letter + Annexes
- Passport
- Letter of Admission

On the 1st day of orientation, RSO would bring students to the NTU International Student Support (ISS) at Student Affairs Office (SAO) to be briefed on the Collection of TEP at MOM.

ISS will assist the students with online payment for their TEP application fee, issuance of notification letters and making e-appointment for collection passes.
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

Students then proceed to MOM for collection of TEP with the following documents:

• Letter of Admission from NTU
• Detailed Training Program
• In-Principle Approval Letter (IPA)
• Passport
• Academic Transcripts and Certificates
• Certification Letter from home university
• Embarkation Card (IMM27)
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

The following fees will be charged for the application of TEP:

**TEP:** The following payment has to be made to MOM when the student is at ISS

- Application Fee – SGD 70
- Training Employment Pass Issuance Fee – SGD 150
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• Buddies’ contact details
  – Please ensure that you have been informed about the contact details of your buddy nominated by your supervisor
  – Your buddy will accompany you during the first two days of orientation in Singapore and he/she will also be the one who you can help you during your attachment programme
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

- Flight details
  - Please inform your buddy, your School, your supervisor and RSO regarding your flight details
  - Your buddies will see you at the airport so please ensure that you have their cell phone numbers!
    -> This is very important because the keys to your room will be given to your buddy!
  - We have made arrangements for you to check-in the weekend before the EAPSI programme begins
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• Flight details
  
  – Past EAPSI students have shared with us that they appreciated coming in **early** (arriving on the Sat before the programme) because they had time to settle down. We urge you to consider this suggestion!
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• Key contact details

  – It is suggested that you compile a list of key contacts in NTU for any emergencies. You may like to have the contact details of the following personnel:

    • Your supervisor
    • Your School Administrator
    • Your buddy
    • RSO officers
    • ISS
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• Research programme schedule
  – To maximise your 8 week attachment programme at NTU, please do work with your supervisor on a research programme schedule for the 8 week duration
  – You may like to schedule a meeting with your supervisor after the end of the day orientation programme to firm up the details and objectives of your attachment programme
Pre-Arrival In Singapore – a checklist

• Equipment or consumables
  – We suggest that you inform your supervisors early if you need specific laboratory equipment for your research. This is to allow your supervisor to assign relevant staff to follow up accordingly so that the required equipment or consumables are available upon your arrival.
  – We also suggest that you ask your supervisor to book you for the earliest laboratory or safety briefing so that you can get started almost immediately upon arrival.
Useful information compiled by Student Affairs Office (SAO)
SAO has a guide for international students. Some information is relevant to you. **Details are available at:**  
Your Housing
During your stay in NTU, you will be living in the **Graduate Hall 1**, located at **50 Nanyang Crescent**.

You need to sign a tenancy agreement for the rental of your room and this will be done at Hall 11 Office on the 1st day of the Orientation Program which is held on 8 June 2015.
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*6 June 2015 to 2 August 2015*

Each room has an attached bathroom and is furnished with a bed, study table, a chair, ceiling fan, wardrobe, a shoe rack and water heater.

All rooms are equipped with air-conditioners. A Pre-Paid Card is required to activate the air-conditioners.

Please refer to the next page for more details.
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The Pre-Paid Cards (PPCs) can be purchased from Admin Offices at Hall 11 (located next to Graduate Hall 1) at S$ 5.35 with zero value.

The top-up machine is at Lobby 1 (level B2) and Lobby 3 (level L1) of Graduate Hall using cash card. Top up amount ranges from S$10, S$20 to a maximum of S$50 only. The rate is S$0.01 per 2 minutes block.

Cash cards are available at Cheers Store on NTU campus and many other stores island-wide. For more information please refer to https://www.nets.com.sg/cards/cashcard

Please note that the $5.35 and any remaining amount in the pre-paid card is non-refundable.
There are 3 lobbies in Graduate Hall 1 and each lobby has its own pantry.

The pantry is furnished with a hot water dispenser and microwave ovens.

The pantries are also furnished with washing machines, dryers and ironing boards. The washing machines and dryers are coin operated.
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However you need to bring the following items as they are not provided:

- Linens
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Bolsters (Optional)
- Wardrobe Hangers
- Electric Kettle (Optional)
- Utensils (i.e. bowls, cups, spoons, etc)
- Toiletries
- Toilet rolls
- Personal laptop (Optional)
- LNA cables (for internet access)
For returning of room card & key, you can either return them to the Hall 11 Office during office hours or deposit them (in an sealed envelope with your name and room number written on it) in the box just located outside the Office.

Office hours are from:
- Monday to Thursdays: 8.30 am to 5.45 pm
- Fridays: 8.30 am to 5.15 pm
Your Stipends and Other Fees
Your Stipend

The following schedule is the payment of your stipend

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<tr>
<th>Payment</th>
<th>Amount of Housing</th>
<th>Balance* (to be given to you by cheque)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st payment on 8 Jun (first day of EAPSI 2015)</td>
<td>S$369 (6 Jun – 30 Jun)</td>
<td>S$2,000 - S$369 = S$1631 # (S$2199.95 for Jason, S$1829.95 for Emil)</td>
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<td>2nd payment on 29 Jun (4\textsuperscript{th} week of EAPSI 2015)</td>
<td>S$440 (1 Jul – 31 Jul )</td>
<td>S$1,000 - S$440 = S$560 (S$1000 for Jason)</td>
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<td>3rd payment on 13 Jul (6\textsuperscript{th} week of EAPSI 2015)</td>
<td>$30</td>
<td>S$1,000 – S$30 = S$970 (S$1000 for Jason)</td>
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#Should you choose to have EZ-Link Card and Cash Card, the respective amount will be deducted from the balance
During the course of your Research Attachment with NTU, you are required to pay the fees listed below. However, these fees will be absorbed by NTU 😊

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<th>Other Fees</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Registration Fee (Graduate)</td>
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<td>Matriculation Card Fee</td>
<td>S$10.70</td>
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<td>Amenities Fee</td>
<td>S$26.65</td>
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<td>IT Facilities Fee</td>
<td>S$13.90</td>
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<td>Copyright Fee</td>
<td>S$6.50</td>
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<td>Group Hospitalization &amp; Surgical Insurance (GHSI)</td>
<td>S$40.50</td>
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<td>Student Health Service Fees</td>
<td>S$26.75</td>
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<td>Sports Fee</td>
<td>$22.45</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>S$199.95</td>
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Getting to know NTU and its surroundings
There are 6 main Colleges/Schools and 4 Autonomous Institutes in NTU.

- College of Engineering (CoE)
- College of Science (CoS)
- Nanyang Business School (NBS)
- College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CoHASS)
- Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCSoM)
- Interdisciplinary Graduate School (IGS)
- Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS)
- National Institute of Education (NIE)
- S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
- Singapore Centre on environmental Life Sciences Engineering
Transportation Within Campus

Within the campus, there are Internal Shuttles Buses available for you to get around. These buses are free-of-charge and travel around campus in a loop service. In addition, there is also a free shuttle service that would take you to Pioneer MRT station from campus grounds.
Transportation Within Campus

**Campus Loop – Red (CL-R):**
LWN Library, Opp. NIE – SBS – WKWSCI – Hall 7 – Innovation Centre – Hall 4 – Hall 1 (Blk 18) – Canteen 2 – Hall 8 & Hall 9 – Graduate Hall 1 & 2 – Hall 12 & Hall 13  [map]

**Campus Loop – Blue (CL-B):**

**Campus Loop – Yellow (CL-Y):**
**Morning:** NEC Campus Clubhouse – Child Care Centre – Opposite Hall 11 – Nanyang Heights – Student Services Centre – Tan Chin Tuan LT

**Evening:** Tan Chin Tuan LT – NEC Campus Clubhouse – Child Care Centre – Opposite Hall 11 – Nanyang Heights – Student Services Centre [map]
Transportation Within Campus

**Campus Rider (CR): Mon - Fri**
Pioneer MRT Station at Blk 649A – Hall 1 (Blk 18) – Canteen 2 – Student Services Centre – Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre, Opp. Admin Bldg – Opp. Canteen 2 - Pioneer MRT Station at Blk 649A [map]

**Campus Weekend Rider (CWR): Sat, Sun & Public Holidays**
Transportation Within Campus

The Operating Time for the Shuttle Buses:

• Campus Loop – Blue and Red:
  – Everyday: 8.00 am to 11.00 pm
• Campus Loop – Yellow:
  – Mon – Fri: 7.30 am to 9.10 am, 5.00 pm to 6.40 pm
  – Sat, Sun & Public Holidays: No Service
• Campus Rider:
  – Mon – Fri: 7.30 am to 11.00 pm
• Campus Weekend Rider
  – Sat, Sun & Public Holidays : 7.30 am to 11.00 pm

For more information please refer to
http://www.ntu.edu.sg/has/Transportation/Pages/GettingAroundNTU.aspx
Transportation Outside Campus

- There are two local public transport service buses, namely service numbers 179 and 199 which will take you from the campus to the nearest regional bus interchange, Boon Lay Interchange, and train stations Boon Lay (EW27) and Pioneer (EW28).

- Once at Boon Lay Interchange, you can select from a wide range of bus services available there or board the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) service to bring you to your destinations. In case you need directions or advice on which service you should take, there are Passenger Service Staff within the interchange who will be ready to assist you.
Transportation Outside Campus

• The nearest MRT Station from NTU is the Pioneer MRT Station. From Pioneer, you may take bus service number 179 or the NTU-Pioneer MRT shuttle bus (Campus Rider/Campus Weekend Rider) to NTU.

• Please refer to the next slide for the MRT Network Map.
Transportation Outside Campus

- If you’re in a hurry or just in need of a hassle-free transport solution, you can always call or flag down a taxi from wherever you are.

- Two of the Main Cab Companies are Comfort Cab and City Cab and the Hotline to call is: 65521111

Cost of Transportation for MRT Trains and Public Buses

- Charges for these public transport services vary depending on the mode of transport you’ve chosen. Taking the public buses or MRT services would require you to pay fares via one of two ways:

  1. **Cash transaction** *Refer to Slide 40*
     
     Be sure to have some loose change on you when you board the public buses to purchase the tickets. At MRT stations, you can buy your ticket at the Ticketing Machines within the stations itself.
2. Adult Stored Value Card (EZ-Link fare cards)
The adult stored value card is a contactless stored value smartcard, which can be used on buses, the MRT and LRT.

When you board either public buses or MRTs, all you have to do is tap these specialized cards on the card readers and tap again when you alight. The value on the card will be deducted automatically. It is a lot more convenient than paying cash each time you board these public transport. And not to mention cheaper too!

You can purchase EZ-Link cards at the Passenger Service offices in all MRT stations at S$12 a piece out of which $7 is stored value for your use. The remaining $5 is the cost of the card which is non-refundable. When the credit on your card is running low, you can top-up your EZ-Link cards at the General Ticketing Machines at all MRT stations.

Guides on how to use the EZ-Link card when traveling on buses can be found on this link [http://ezlink.com.sg/use-your-ez-link-card/where-to-use](http://ezlink.com.sg/use-your-ez-link-card/where-to-use)
Transportation Outside Campus

*The table below shows the cost of travelling via Public Buses for both Cash Fares and EZ-Link Card Fares.

### Aircon Trunk Services

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<th>Fare Per Ride (cent)</th>
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<td>Card</td>
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<td>23.3 km - 24.2 km</td>
<td>188</td>
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If you are uncertain on how much the Fare is based on the Fare Stages, you can simply tell the Bus Driver your destination and he will tell you how much to pay.

However, if you are using the EZ-Link card, then your bus fare will be automatically deducted from your card when you tap your card on the Card Reader before alighting as mentioned in the previous slide.
Transportation Outside Campus

Distance Fares
All commuters are charged a fare according to the total distance travelled, on the bus, LRT and MRT. With Distance Fares, fares are computed on a journey basis, without a boarding charge being imposed for every transfer trip that makes up your journey. This way, you can choose the travel option that suits you best.

To fully enjoy the benefits of Distance Fares, remember these points:

– Pay with an EZ-Link card
– You may make up to 5 transfers within a single journey, with a 45-minute allowance between each transfer
– You can take up to 2 hours to complete your journey
– You can enter and exit the train network only once in a journey and
– You should not take the same bus service number more than once in a journey
Transportation Outside Campus

Cost of Transportation for Taxis

- As for taxis, the mode of transaction widely used is cash. Certain taxi companies however do accept credit cards.

You can always ask the operator when you’re calling for a taxi or just ask the taxi driver before you get into the taxi if credit cards are accepted.

<table>
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<th>Basic fare</th>
<th>Normal</th>
<th>Limousine</th>
<th>Chrysler</th>
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<tr>
<td>Flag-Down (inclusive of 1st km or less)</td>
<td>$3.00-$3.40</td>
<td>$3.90</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Every 400m thereafter or less up to 10km</td>
<td>$0.22</td>
<td>$0.22</td>
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<td>Every 350 metres thereafter or less after 10 km</td>
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<tr>
<td>Every 45 secs of waiting or less</td>
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<th>Midnight surcharge</th>
<th>Additional</th>
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<td>Midnight to 5.59am</td>
<td>50% of metered fare</td>
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Applicable at the time of boarding.

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<th>Peak hour surcharge</th>
<th>Additional</th>
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<td>Mon - Fri: 6.00am to 9.30am</td>
<td>25% of metered fare</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mon - Sun &amp; Public Holidays: 6.00pm to midnight</td>
<td>25% of metered fare</td>
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Applicable at the time of boarding.

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<th>Additional passenger fee (Space MPV and London Cab only)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Applicable for more than 4 adult passengers or its equivalent</td>
<td>$2.00 per passenger</td>
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Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) charges

All ERP charges incurred during trip and for Fuji Xerox Tower drop-off.

Transportation Outside Campus

Getting back to Graduate Hall 1
To get back Graduate Hall when you travel outside NTU campus, you need to take the public service number 199 from Boon Lay Bus Interchange. Do ask the bus driver if you are uncertain about which stop to get off at. The bus drivers are always more than willing to help.

The bus route of service 199 can be found at:
Banking Facilities In And Near Campus

The 3 major banks in Singapore are:
- Development Bank of Singapore (DBS)
- United Overseas Bank Ltd (UOB)
- Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC)

ATMs on campus:

**POSB**
- Near Lee Wee Nam Library
- Canteen 2
- Canteen B

**UOB**
- Near Lee Wee Nam Library

**OCBC**
- Canteen 2 (on Campus)
- Canteen B (on Campus)

- POSB is a subsidiary of DBS and hence DBS Transactions can be done at the POSB bank counters and ATMs and vice versa.
Banking Facilities In And Near Campus

Bank Branches near Campus

**OCBC**
✓ Jurong Point Shopping Centre
   #B1-47/48/49/50
✓ Boon Lay MRT Station (ATM)
Banking Hours from Mondays to Sundays : 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

**DBS**
✓ Jurong Point Shopping Centre
   #B1-47/48/49/50
✓ Boon Lay MRT Station (ATM)
Banking Hours from Mondays to Fridays : 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturdays : 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

**UOB**
✓ Jurong Point Shopping Centre
   #01-16C (Bank) / #01-13A (ATM)
✓ Boon Lay MRT Station (ATM)
Banking Hours from Mondays to Fridays : 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturdays : 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
American Banks Near Campus

If you are looking for an American Bank, the nearest one to Campus is CitiBank and it is located at Boon Lay MRT Station.

Boon Lay MRT Station Instant Banking Centre - #01-15

Services
- Account opening and enquiry
- Citibank ATM /AXS
- Terminal Citibank Cash Deposit Machine
- Express Cheque Deposit
- Instant Issuance of Citibank Ready Credit and Credit Cards

Boon Lay SMRT Station - Instant Banking Centre Opening Hours
- Mondays to Fridays : 8.00 am to 8pm
- Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays : 10.00 am to 8.00 pm
Food Joints Around Campus

Within the campus there is a good number of canteens and eateries for you to frequent for lunch, dinner or when you just need that cup of coffee or snack to keep you going.

Following are a list of F&B outlets available within campus.

- **Hall Canteens**
  - Located in halls 1, 2, 4, 9, 11 (Closest to Graduate Hall), 13, 14, 16, Pioneer Food Court

- **NIE Canteen**

- **Common food courts**
  - North Spine Food Court (Near Lee Wee Nam Library)
  - Canteen B (In South Spine)
  - The Quad Café (Under the quadrangle outside School of Biological Sciences)
## Food Joints Around Campus

- **Specialty F&B and fast-food outlets**
  - Subway (Under North Spine Food Court )
  - McDonald’s (Under North Spine Food Court )
  - Starbucks (Under North Spine Food Court )
  - Jollibean (Under North Spine Food Court )
  - KFC & KFC Coffee (Opposite Jollibean)
  - Pizza Hut Express (Opposite Jollibean)
  - Peach Garden (Opposite North Spine Food Court )
  - The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (Near Nanyang Auditorium Centre)

Look for more information at [http://www.ntu.edu.sg/has/FnB/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/has/FnB/Pages/index.aspx)
Facilities In NTU

If you do not feel like travelling out of campus for getting groceries or for any other quintessential needs, there are alternatives available within campus grounds.

• **Giant** *(supermarket sells groceries, toiletries and stationeries):* Located outside Canteen 2, Daily 8am - 11pm

• **Convenience Stores**
  - Cheers: below North Spine Food Court, Mon – Fri 7am to 9pm, Sat 7am – 3pm
  - Cheers: Nanyang Executive Centre, Guest Wing, Daily 7am – 9pm
  - 7- Eleven: outside Canteen 2, Mon – Fri 7am to 9pm, Sat 7am – 3pm
  - 7- Eleven: Hall 14, Mon – Fri 7am to 9pm, Sat 7am – 3pm

• **Medical Centre at NTU:** Fullerton Healthcare Group @ Gethin-Jones, NTU
  
  Located at University Health Service Building besides Student Services Centre
  
  More information available at [http://www.ntu.edu.sg/campuslife/Pages/HealthCare.aspx](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/campuslife/Pages/HealthCare.aspx)
Facilities In NTU

As for your leisure activities, you can use the sports and recreational facilities accessible to you. Some need to be reserved online via NTU’s StudentLink though.

Following is the list of facilities accessible to you.

1. Tennis Courts
2. Street Soccer and Outdoor Futsal Courts
3. Soccer Fields and Multi-Purpose Field
4. Basketball Courts
5. Swimming Pool
6. Badminton Courts and Table-Tennis Tables
7. Athletic 400m Outdoor Track
8. Gymnasium and Indoor Basketball Court

All these facilities are located on NTU campus at the Students’ Recreational Center (SRC).
Grocery shopping outside campus

• If you’ll like to do your grocery shopping outside campus, you can go to the nearest housing estate at Jurong West Extension (accessible by bus 179) or go to Jurong Point Shopping Centre http://www.jurongpoint.com.sg/

• Jurong Point is a large shopping mall that serves the residents in the western part of Singapore and the nearby industrial estate.

• There are many variety of shops, from sports shops, computer shops, restaurants, food courts, pharmacies to hypermart

• Fairprice Xtra is a hypermart that is open 24 hours and is very popular with all residents in this part of Singapore
After you have arrived....
After you have arrived....

This is a list of suggested things to do before the official programme starts on 8 Jun 2015:

a) Purchase an EZ-link card so that you can travel on the public transport system (get from the Transit link office located at the bus interchange inside Jurong Point)

b) Get a local cell phone SIM card (see next slide for service providers) at Jurong Point

c) Get local currency from the money changer (if you need) at Jurong Point

d) Do some grocery shopping at Fairprice Xtra
Mobile Phone Service Providers

During your 8-week stay here, you can buy a prepaid mobile phone line to stay connected to both your friends and family back home and your new found friends in Singapore. It would be cheaper than having to pay for expensive roaming rates when you use an American mobile phone line in Singapore. The following are the three telecommunications service providers you can choose from.

• SingTel
  http://info.singtel.com/personal/communication/mobile

• Starhub
  http://www.starhub.com/mobile.html

• M1
  http://www.m1.com.sg/M1/site/M1Corp/

*You can purchase the mobile line SIM packs from any other authorized dealers
Administrative Matters
Locations of key NTU departments

These are the locations of 4 key departments which you may need to know during your 8 week attachment:

• **Research Support Office (RSO)**
  76 Nanyang Drive
  N2 . 1- B4 - 01
  Tel: (65) 6592 1684
  Fax: (65) 6793 2019

• **International Student Support (ISS) at Student Affairs Office**
  42 Nanyang Avenue, Level 4 Student Services Centre,
  Singapore 639815
  Tel: (65) 6790 6823 (during office hour)
  Fax: (65) 6793 4558
  Email: SAO-ISS@ntu.edu.sg
Locations of key NTU departments (cont’d)

• **Graduate Studies Office (GSO)**
  Student Services Centre
  42 Nanyang Avenue
  Level 3
  Tel: 6790 5895
  Fax: 67931 140

• **Office of Finance (FIN)**
  76 Nanyang Drive
  N2 1-B3-01
  Tel: 6790 4555/6790 5147
Orientation Program

• There will be an orientation programme put together by the NRF. It starts with an Opening Ceremony at NUS in the morning of 9 Jun 2014. More details will be shared with you separately.
Matriculation Card And Email Accounts

*Maticulation Cards* or commonly known as *Matric Cards* will be issued to you by the Graduate Studies Office (GSO).

With this Matric Card, you would have unlimited access to the libraries and other facilities that you can use for both your leisure and for your research.
Matriculation Card And Email Accounts

In order to login in to the NTU’s wireless network, you need to have a NTU User Name and Password. Your unique user name and password were sent you earlier via email.

You also need this NTU User Name and Password to access your NTU Emails i.e. yourusername@ntu.edu.sg

For this, Centre for IT Services (CITS) will help you to activate a new account and an email notification regarding the details of the activation of this account will be sent to you.
Matriculation Card And Email Accounts

The login password and format as advised by CITS as follows:

The username for Postgrad exchange starts with P followed by passport/NRIC, and default password is passport/NRIC

E.g. student’s passport number is A1234567

Username: PA1234567
Password: A1234567 (in upper case)
Domain: Student

For security reasons, please change your password at https://pwd.ntu.edu.sg before accessing the network account and change password at LIVE mailbox as well.
At the end of your Research Attachment in NTU, you are required to complete the following:

1. Submit a written report to your Supervisor

2. Prepare a presentation and present your work at the closing ceremony that will be held on 31 July 2015

- Each Presentation takes about 20 minutes (15 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)
- The presentation should cover mainly your research findings as well as your experiential stay in Singapore
More About Singapore
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• Singapore is a tropical city state in Southeast Asia. It is still largely an Asian, conservative society

• Singapore is a land of immigrants (still is today). Hence there are many cultural influences from many places like China, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and some Western countries like Britain (Singapore was a former British colony)

• The predominant race is Chinese, followed by Malay, Indians and others

• English is widely spoken in Singapore and is the business language for commerce. Signage in public places are also in English

• Other spoken languages are Mandarin and its dialects (Hokkien, Teochew and Cantonese are the three major Chinese dialects), Malay and Tamil
More About Singapore

• 82% of Singaporeans or permanent residents stay in public housing. These are multi-storey, affordable flats of various sizes provided by the government.

• More information about Singapore can be found at this website:

http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/browse/aboutsingapore.html
Weather In Singapore

Here are some quick facts about the climate in Singapore, a tropical haven by the virtue of geography.

1. Temperature ranges between 22 ° to 34°C (72° to 93°F)

2. Average humidity ~90% in the morning and ~60% in the afternoon

3. Abundant rainfall throughout the year, with the months of November and December being the monsoon season.

4. Lots of Sun!! Daytime, of about 13 hours, is almost constant throughout the year.

The months of June and July are considered to be the hottest months of the year. However, most indoor facilities throughout Singapore and public transportations are fully air-conditioned and so, you don’t have to worry about the heat. 😊

For more information on Singapore's weather and weather forecast, you can view the following link:
Local Newspapers

During your stay here in Singapore, you might want to stay in touch with current affairs both locally and globally. And what better way to do so than to get a copy of the following papers.

- **The Straits Times** - [http://www.straitstimes.com/Home.html](http://www.straitstimes.com/Home.html)
The main English daily of Singapore

A subsidiary of Strait Times that brings you the latest in economic and business news.

- **Today** - [http://www.todayonline.com/](http://www.todayonline.com/)
Free newspaper distributed at MRT stations and selected stores


First bilingual newspaper in Singapore

Chinese daily
Singapore’s School Holidays

• School holidays (primary and secondary schools) from 30 May to 28 June 2015
  – hence be prepared for packed shopping malls during this time 😊

• School holidays in NTU from 11 May to 3 Aug 2015
  – hence you may not meet as many local students on campus as you’d like to
Singapore’s Universities

• There are four universities in Singapore:
  – National University of Singapore
  – Nanyang Technological University
  – Singapore Management University
  – Singapore University of Technology and Design
Recommended “To Eat” List

• Durians! The durian is a pungent smelling but sweet tasting fruit that is indigenous to this particular region. The durian is also notorious for its thorny exterior. It’s an experience not to be missed!

• Chilli crab! A dish much loved by Singaporeans and tourists alike. You have to try it to know why it is such a popular dish in Singapore!

• Our coffee and tea culture known as “kopi” and “teh” respectively, and our kaya toast and egg breakfast set.

• Singapore’s local food:

• [http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/browse/dining.html](http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/browse/dining.html)
Recommended “To Do” List

• Go shopping! The Great Singapore Sale 2015 is on! From 29 May to 26 July 2015. Come prepared for bargain hunting!

• Visit the tourist places: Universal Studio@Sentosa, Gardens by the Bay, Singapore Flyer, Singapore Zoo, River Safari, Night Safari, Jurong Bird Park, Chinatown, Little India, Botanic Gardens, etc.
Recommended “To Do” List

• Get to know the less “mainstream” tourist places: Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Palau Ubin, Megazip Adventure Park at Sentosa, Forest Adventure Bedok Reservoir
Recommended “To Do” List

• Our Esplanade is an iconic place for Singaporeans. Either we hate it or love it the design of the building. It is a place for arts/performance/music related events. More details can be found at: http://www.esplanade.com/index.jsp

• There are also museums that you can visit like the Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore Art Museum, Peranakan Museum etc

• Music lovers can listen to the concerts at Victoria Concert Hall or the various foreign acts that come to Singapore. Tickets can be purchased at http://www.sistic.com.sg/
Who Can I seek For Assistance?

This is a list of people whom you can look for when you need any help.

- Your Supervisor
- School Administrators of the faculty you are attached to
- Your Buddies
- RSO: Xiaomeng (6592 1684) @ eapsi-rso@ntu.edu.sg
Last But Not Least....

We hope that you will enjoy your stay in Singapore and that your research stint will be a fruitful one during your attachment in NTU!