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**NTU IMPLEMENTS DISCRETIONARY ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS**

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will implement discretionary admission criteria to admit up to 10 per cent of its total student enrolment. (NTU admits approximately 4000 students each year.)

The criteria will come into effect for the 2004-2005 academic year intake.

With these criteria, NTU aims to attract students with unique and special talents and abilities.

But applicants are expected to have at least a Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level certificate or a diploma from a polytechnic in Singapore.

**The process***The Philosophy behind the process and how it works*

Because NTU wishes to focus on qualities other than academic ability for the shortlisting of candidates to be considered under the discretionary intake, it will begin the selection process by looking for the desired qualities. These qualities will be considered in the light of the candidates' academic achievements as well. This is to allow us to determine how well they are prepared for the course of study chosen. Thereafter, the list will be narrowed to 10%. In short, NTU will not be shortlisting candidates first on academic results alone, and then subsequently selecting the 10% as if this 10% were from the least academically qualified.

### *Meritocracy and Integrity*

The process will:

- a) Be unbiased despite the discretionary nature of the intake
- b) Apply well-tested principles and methods of assessment

Decisions taken on admissions will be done by committee. One innovation is that student leaders in NTU will be invited to participate in the selection process. The results will be presented for university level review to be subjected to an internal audit process to ensure objectivity.

### *Shortlisting Criteria*

NTU is positioning itself as a Global University of Excellence; its mission is: *“Educating Leaders and Creating Knowledge for Singapore and Beyond.”*

We value academic ability. But we also believe in a capacity for leadership, creativity and innovation. Our students must also possess passion and a strong sense of values. Our discretionary intake is thus based on a balanced consideration of these qualities. We will therefore focus on:

1. Leadership
2. Creativity and invention
3. Passion and values

Applicants may submit a one-page write-up, along with testimonials and recommendations, testifying to their leadership qualities, creativity, inventiveness, passion and values as demonstrated by action and results. If necessary, NTU might contact the applicant or references to verify the information submitted.

### **Note:**

The current application form has a page for applicants to submit their one-page write-up. Those who have already applied and who wish to resubmit their one-page write-up in the light of this announcement may do so before the application deadline. They need not resubmit their entire application.

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