

RESIDENTIAL
COLLEGE 4

SMALL SYSTEMS
BIG HEARTS

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Welcome to Residential College 4!

Formally established in 2014, Residential College 4 (RC4) is a 2-year programme in NUS offering the UTown College Programme (UTCP). As a living-learning arrangement, students residing here can expect to experience a blend of academic, extra-curricular and social activities that promote holistic development. With a host of unique student-led initiatives and meticulously designed university-based programmes, RC4 enables you a one-of-a-kind experience during your undergraduate studies in NUS.



OUR VISION

Being leaders of change in a complex world.

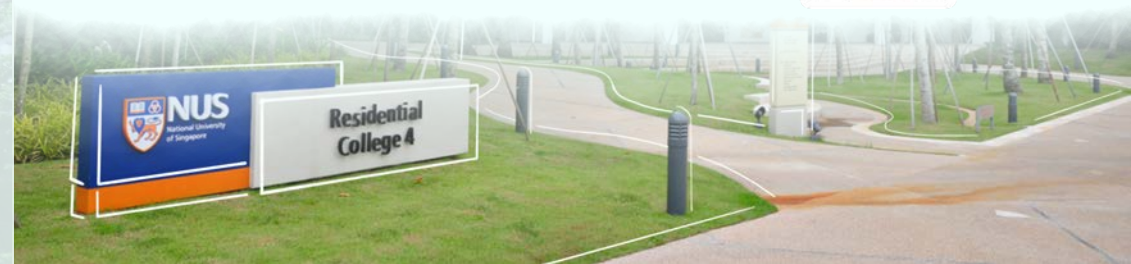
OUR MISSION

To co-develop agency and deploy interdisciplinary approaches to address challenges of a highly interdependent world.

OUR VALUES

- O**pen
- R**espectful
- C**aring
- A**ppreciative

I'm Oscar the Orca, the RC4 mascot!





Master's Message

The university years are a very special time. It is a time to discover and grow, a time to find yourself, a time to dream, and a time to expose to the "real world".

The most productive university experience is one that allows you to find your own ways to navigate the complexities and contradictions of the real world, and formulate your life goals. You "find your own ways" by trying things out, and by learning from people around you. RC4 is a safe and conducive place for you to do this.

RC4 is known to be the "chill" college. RC4 students feel welcomed to join the dance troupe even if they have little or no prior dance experience, or the captain's ball team, or the cooking interest group.

RC4 provides a plethora of opportunities to discover. We have a wide range of intellectual interest groups that explore issues such as the environment and technology. We have a variety of community engagement initiatives, both local and overseas, such as one where a committed group of students serves the migrant workers and services the Migrant's Helpline on a daily basis. Another group of highly motivated students travelled to the Indian Himalaya to study its ecology and went on to win the NUS Enterprise Alumni start-up Catalyst Award to develop a mobile application to enhance ecotourism in the Muktheshwar region.

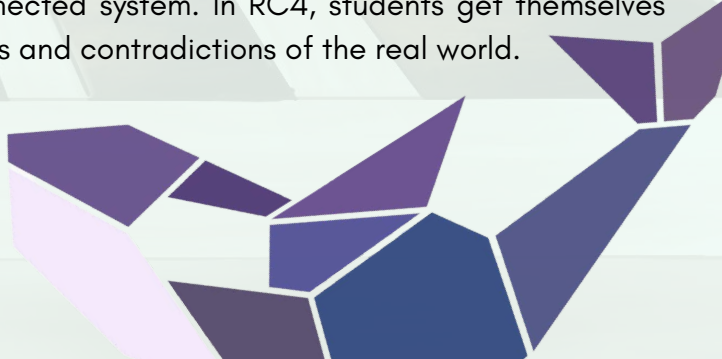
We also have a large selection of sports teams, and arts and lifestyle groups. To top it off, RC4 offers a dynamic student leadership development platform, where students can serve on the College Students' Committee, or the House Committees, or as Resident Assistants. Our Resident Assistants are supervised by staff Resident Fellows and trained to handle a variety of "crisis" situations, and have truly touched the lives of hundreds of their peers in the College.

Through all these activities, our residents grow holistically. They cultivate important life skills and forge lasting friendships that will benefit them throughout their lives.

RC4 students are willing to step out of their comfort zone and step up to these opportunities because they feel a sense of safety and that they are being cared for in the College. Every semester, our student welfare directors go into overdrive. They deliver goodies to their peers, and bring comfort to them through the many bonding activities at the College, House and Floor levels.

RC4 is tremendously proud of its residents. We derive great joy from seeing them grow to be caring and responsible members of the community. As they attempt to "push the envelope", they also appreciate the need for boundaries. As they strive to do their personal best, they also realise that they must help others realise their full potential as we are members of an interconnected system. In RC4, students get themselves ready for the complexities and contradictions of the real world.

Assoc Prof Peter Pang
College Master, RC4





Academic Programme

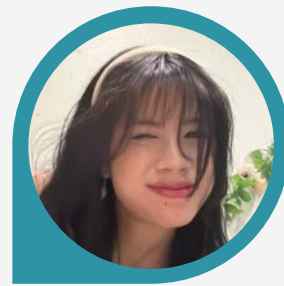
The UTown College Programme (UTCP) is a unique programme read by students in UTown residential colleges in replacement of the NUS General Education pathway. It encourages multidisciplinary learning to broaden students' perspectives.

In RC4, our seminars are centered around Systems Thinking - developing effective solutions to complex humankind problems by recognising the relationships between constituent parts of a system, rather than looking at them individually. This focus on Systems Thinking is what makes RC4 courses different from other residential colleges!



I have thoroughly enjoyed taking UTC1702G about markets and inequality. This course has provided a holistic perspective on the interdependencies between various stakeholders in the market society. The use of systems thinking frameworks allowed me to understand the impact of social interventions and how to effectively focus limited resources for lasting, system-wide change. Overall, it has been an incredibly informative and thought-provoking learning opportunity. - Marcus, Data Science & Analytics

"UTC2700: An Undefeated Mind acted as a weekly refresher as it helped me step back and take a break from my busy academic schedule to reevaluate my thoughts and feelings. Prof Angie Chew really encouraged us to take on a non-striving attitude during her lessons which is something that would keep with me throughout my life, as it reminds me of the reasons why I work towards certain goals instead of just stressing over them. - Erin, Life Science



The UTCP Curriculum

JUNIOR SEMINAR (JS) 4Units

Read during the first year of stay, JS courses introduce foundational concepts of Systems Thinking to students. Some JS offered include:

- 🏠 Sustainability and Us
- ⚙️ Energy systems
- 📊 Markets and Inequality

IDEAS & EXPOSITION COURSES (IEC) 4Units

IEC aim to equip students with the research and writing skills needed in scholarship, based on topics of their interest. Some IEC offered include:

- 🌱 The politics of food
- 🎨 Colour theory
- ⚖️ Laws, ethics & morality

SENIOR SEMINAR (SS) 2x 4Units

RC4 offers a diverse range of SS courses with a focus on one or more of the following pillars: systems thinking, community engagement, public policy, personal growth, entrepreneurship, mental well-being, leadership, overseas enrichment.

Some SS offered include:

- 👤 How would YOU lead?
- 🛏️ Sleep Health: A holistic Approach for Well-Being
- 🌊 Water Governance in Asia From a Systems Worldview
- 👴 Rethinking Ageing: Potential for Integration
- 💡 Ideas to Pitches: Tech, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- 👥 Societal collapse and resilience
- 🦠 Infectious diseases: Dynamics, Strategies & Policies

DATA/DIGITAL LITERACY 4Units

Read with home faculty under the 21st Century Competencies pillar.

📄 More info available on: rc4.nus.edu.sg/academic-programme/

RC4 EXCLUSIVE

UTOWN-WIDE

HOME FACULTY



BALL SPORTS

RC4Basketball | RC4 Captain's Ball |
RC4Dodgeball | RC4Netball |
RC4occer | RC4Spikeball |
RC4Tchoukball | RC4 Touch Rugby |
RC4 Ultimate Frisbee | RC4Volleyball



RACKET SPORTS

RC4Badminton | RC4Floorball |
RC4PingPong | RC4Squash |
RC4Tennis

FITNESS

RC4Climbing |
RC4RDIO |
RC4 Health &
Fitness |
RC4Swim



I have ZERO ball sense but RC4occer was so welcoming! I love that no prior experience is needed to join any IG!
- Yu Bin, Life Science, RC4occer



Interest Groups

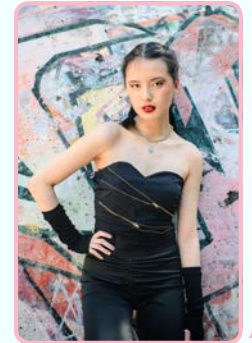
Home to an expansive range of interest groups (IG) open to all RC4 students regardless of background and experience. You can even initiate an entirely new IG that has not existed before!

Without the pressure to commit, the IGs in RC4 has allowed me the freedom to discover new hobbies and develop my interests across different fields! - Nicole, Business, R4D



RC4rtsy | R4D | RC4ME |
R4MODA | Orc4pella |
RC4Theatre

Did you know: RC4 is the only RC with a fashion interest group? R4MODA is a creative space for anyone to explore fashion regardless of experience! - Hazel, Business Analytics, R4MODA



ARTS

LIFESTYLE



RC4 Coffee is a space for me to unwind and relax after a stressful day of classes. Everyone is very inclusive and willing to teach me more about coffee! - Sharmaine, Business Administration, RC4 Coffee Academy

STRATEGY
ARC4NA | OrcaPlays |
ORCADnD | OrcaStrats

OTHERS
RC4Cue | KAR4OKE |
RC4Lifting | Orc4bikes

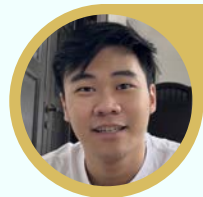
FOOD
RC4 Coffee Academy |
RC4Tea | RC4fe | Orcabakes



SPORTS

COMMUNITY

As a member of RC4lunteers, I have discovered a platform that brings together individuals who are passionate about community-based volunteering. Being part of this community has given me the unique chance to not only participate in volunteer work, but to also plan and promote volunteerism within the college! - Kai Jie, Business Analytics, RC4lunteers



CASA |
RC4lunteers





Our College Events

Freshman Orientation Camp (FOC)

Step into your new home and welcome your new family! Your journey awaits...

Formal Dinner

A night to remember, dress up and toast to a new academic year ahead.

winter break



Flag Day

Give back to the local community in this college-wide fundraising event!

Inter-House Games (IHG)

Get moving with the friendly sporting competition amongst the different houses.





Inter-College Games (ICG)

Itching your competitive bone? Represent RC4 in the major multi-sport tournament of the year!

Ops Tealsday

Snag your exclusive yet discounted RC4 merchandise, while stocks last!

summer break

Arts Night

Bands, dance crews, theatre, and fashion all come together for this mega production of the year.



Halloween / Informal Dinner

Come for the fancy food, and stay for the haunted houses that illuminate across UTown!





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HOUSE OF LEO

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Leo is a welcoming and wholesome community and my job as leader of the cubs has been none other than fulfilling. My committee and I plan legendary events such as "Sugar for Leo", while making our cubs feel at home with our generous welfare such as cookies and birthday celebrations. The lions here work hard and play hard, as we make the most of our short time here in RC4. - Shawn, Computer Science, Leo House Head



House System

Closely knit communities are fostered within RC4 under the house system, where residents staying on nearby floors come together in communal living.

Social activities and welfare events are regularly hosted by the House Committee.

All hostel issues faced by residents (admin, infrastructural, etc.) are well taken care of by Resident Assistants co-living on every floor, under the guiding arm of Resident Fellows staying within the House blocks too!



Hear from our Leaders:

Most college-wide events and operations are student-driven here in RC4. Students have the freedom to decide on major planning and execution decisions within the college. Diversity is important here, and many of those who take up key leadership positions are not solely selected based on their prior experiences, but also their unwavering passion for building a more vibrant and inclusive college life.



Living in RC4 has given my peers of various backgrounds the unparalleled freedom in exploring any of their interests with other like-minded peers living in close proximity. I take pride in leading the CSC, which has given me the rare opportunity of spearheading such initiatives that personalise the RC4 experience and form the cohesive and supportive community that is so rare to find.

- Xiang, Information Systems,
8th CSC President

1. COLLEGE STUDENTS' COMMITTEE (CSC)

RC4's main leadership body

- President & Vice-president
- General Secretary & Finance Secretary
- Subcommittees: Events, Welfare, Clubs & Societies, Publicity, Marketing, External Liaisons, IT



My role has allowed me to turn my interests in photography and graphic design into meaningful projects for RC4. Having the creative space to develop my craft while giving back to the college is an opportunity only the CSC can offer.

- Sunny, Mathematics,
7th CSC Director of Publicity

2. COLLEGE-WIDE EVENTS

- Freshman Orientation Camp
- Open House
- Flag Day
- Arts Night



FOC was a highlight of my Year 1 experience, thereby inspiring me to head the next FOC, redefining that RC4 experience for more freshmen like myself. Heading such a major project is always daunting, but I was empowered by my diverse team, learning from one another to foster a creative enthusiasm that helped make the months of preparation so meaningful. - Jia Xin, Environmental Engineering, FOC '23 Project Director

3. HOUSE COMMITTEES

I joined many interest groups just to explore my interests and try new things initially, but it was the spontaneity and enthusiasm amongst my club peers that made my experience so authentic and worthwhile. Becoming an IG head empowered me to spread my skills and passions to other RC4 friends, as well as giving me real ownership of the clubs that I've grown to treasure and love. - Euphrasia, Life Science, RC4Coffee Vice & RC4Spikeball Head

4. INTEREST GROUP COMMITTEES



5. RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RA)

RC4 feels like a 2nd home to me where it feels great to give back & to leave a legacy behind. I was inspired to become an RA to carry the act forward because of my RA back I was a clueless Year 1. Residents may come & go, but RC4 community remains giving & forgiving. - Danny, Chemistry, Resident Assistant





STEER

Overseas exploration and enrichment trips where students venture down the road less travelled and explore lesser known Asian regions, such as Himalaya and Bintan. Learning and co-living with local communities, they are exposed to different cultures, alternate lifestyles, and new ways of thinking.



I thought my opportunity for cultural exchange was closed forever until I discovered STEER. As an engineer, it was an illuminating experience as I learnt the different take on environmental sustainability and conservation the Bintan community revealed. This credit-bearing program provided a rare window for global education beyond academics and many new friends! – Nicholas, Engineering Science, STEER Bintan 2022

Special Programmes



I have always wanted to learn how to become a better supporter not just to my peers but everyone around me, and ORC4RE helped me to nurture that in such an accommodating environment!
– Fathinah, Sociology, ORC4RE Peer Supporter



ORC4RE: peer support group

Student support system that provides professional training to interested prospective peer supporters, equipping them with the interpersonal tools to be a pillar of mental health support for those in need.

RC4 Mentorship Programme

Student-led initiative where students can match up with professors and alumni, along their personal and professional interests. Through the semester, students engage in regular informal meetups, widening their perspectives through the career mentoring and life advice sharings.

RC4Wellness: promoting mental wellbeing with workshops and welfare initiatives

RC4Invest: teaching basic financial literacy

WILD RICE - Young and Wild Wing Arts Production Introductory Bootcamp

Su Dongpo - Your Way to Chinese Calligraphy

OrcaTech: creating new tech to improve lives of residents

THRC4D: sewing by Prof. Elizabeth



PODS



PRAXIS

Hands-on workshops by industry experts to develop new skills in either professional or personal pursuits.



Cognitio

Cognitio refers to a multitude of activities that encourage lifelong, multidisciplinary learning out of the classroom, through clubs, talks and workshops.



Organised similarly to interest groups, with a focus on developing intellectual or life skill interests. Pods can be student-initiated or conducted by Fellow and covers a wide range of hobbyistic or accreditable topics.



PERSPECTIVES

Rector's Ice Cream Night: Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Stories "Style, not Fashion"

Music for Healing - Science or Art

Talks by external speakers on global issues, industry topics and other unconventional perspectives.



Our Environment

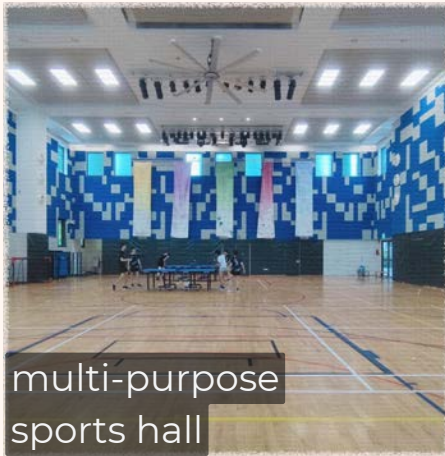
The RC4 building consists of 17 floors and has a total of 600 single rooms for residents.

Room Types:

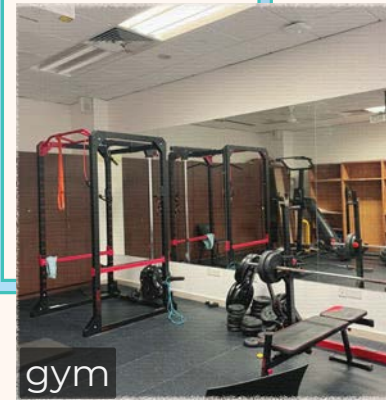
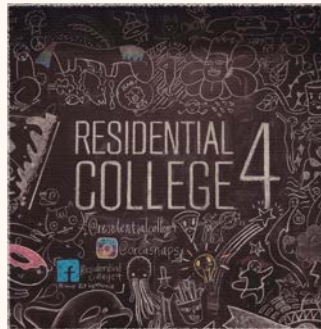
- 6-bedroom suite with its own common living area and toilet
- Corridor room



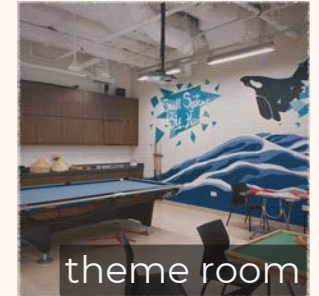
dining hall



multi-purpose sports hall



gym



theme room



common lounge

One in every house (i.e. every 3 floors):



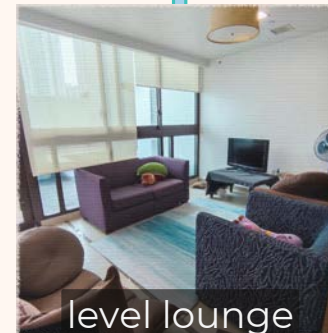
pantry



laundry room



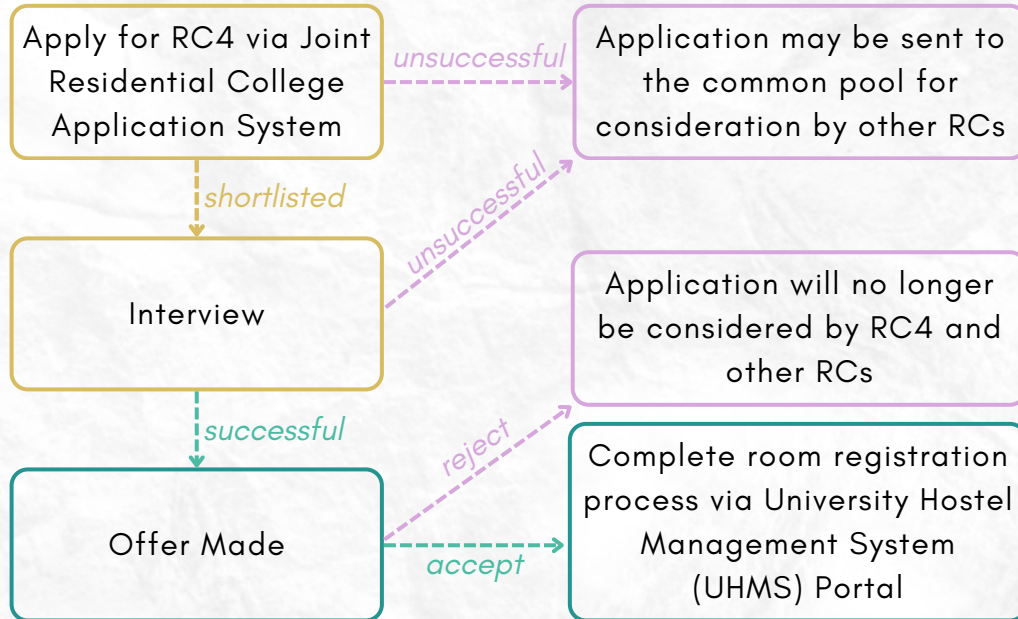
seminar room



level lounge



Admissions



I have not received an admission offer from NUS yet, can I still apply?

Yes, as there is only one application window per academic year, you are encouraged to apply, even if you have not received an admission offer from NUS. Ultimately, if you do not receive an application offer from NUS, your acceptance into RC4 will also be negated. If you choose not to apply during this period, you will no longer be able to apply after the application window closes.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP

If you are worried about funding your stay here at RC4, there are various bursaries and financial aid schemes available to help. For more information, please refer to: <https://rc4.nus.edu.sg/join-us/financial-aid/>



Our Socials

Or scan here for all links!

Official Website: rc4.nus.edu.sg

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Official: @residentialcollege4

Student Life: @orcasnaps

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See you at RC4, your second home!



