

Selection of students for the EANS Summer School programme

There are 35 places to be filled by new first year students each year, plus one place reserved for an additional applicant from the host University for that year. The principle by which places are allocated is strictly random. The randomisation process is stratified to ensure as even a spread as possible between countries. Within each country, applications are further stratified according to place of study of applicants. The process is rigorously applied to ensure EANS offers places to students from as many different countries and Universities as possible.

The process is outlined in detail below:

1. All applications are checked to ensure that the forms have been completed correctly and all the required supporting documents have been submitted.
2. The applications are sorted according to:
 - a) the country of nationality for European applicants or the European country of study for non-European nationals
 - b) the University of study for each applicant within each country
3. The number of places available (35) is divided by the number of European countries from which applications have been received. This is to determine the minimum number of potential places available per country.
4. Round 1 selection: where the number of applications from countries is equal to or less than the minimum per-country figure, all applicants from those countries are accepted onto the programme.
5. The remaining places are equally divided between the remaining countries that have more applications than the minimum number above. Where the number of countries does not divide equally into places remaining, these additional spaces are allocated randomly to countries.
6. Each applicant is given a number from 1 to x, where x is the total number of applicants from that country.
7. Round 2 selection: applicants are selected from each remaining country at random by pulling a number out of a hat. The first number pulled out of the hat is allocated a place.
8. If any remaining applicants are studying at the same University as the successful round 2 applicant, their numbers are removed from the round 3 selection unless no other applicants are from alternative Universities, in which case all applicants remain in the selection process.
9. Round 3 selection onwards: where the minimum number of places available per country is 2 or more, further applicant numbers are selected from the hat up to the maximum number available per country. At each selection stage, if a student from University A has already been selected in previous rounds of the selection process then random numbers allocated to other students from that same University A are removed from further rounds unless no other applicants are from alternative Universities, in which case all applicants remain in the selection process.
10. For each country, reserve applicants are selected from those unsuccessful.

11. The following is an example:

Country	Applications	Selected	Reserve	Not selected
Belgium	3	2	1	-
Denmark	4	2	1	1
Finland	6	3	1	2
Germany	3	3	-	-
Iceland	1	1	-	-
Ireland	2	2	-	-
Italy	8	3	1	4
Lithuania	1	1	-	-
Netherlands	5	3	1	1
Norway	2	2	-	-
Poland	1	1	-	-
Portugal	2	2	-	-
Romania	1	1	-	-
Spain	5	3	1	1
Sweden	3	3	-	-
United Kingdom	4	3	1	-
Total	51	35	7	9

51 completed and eligible applications are received from 16 countries.

35 places are divided by 16 countries equalling a minimum allocation of two places per country.

Round 1 selection: seven countries have the minimum number of applicants (2) or less (Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania). All applicants from these countries are selected. Total: 10 selected

The 25 places remaining are then divided between the nine countries who have more than two applicants. Each country gets their minimum of two places. The remaining seven places are allocated randomly between the nine remaining countries so that seven countries (Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, UK) have three places and two countries (Belgium, Denmark) have two places.

Rounds 2 and 3 selection onwards: applicants are selected using the stratified procedure described above. For the seven countries that still have unsuccessful applicants (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UK), a reserve is selected randomly for each country from among the remaining applicants using the same stratified procedure.