“My FASS Family” Host Programme
Frequently Asked Questions (Students)

Does the programme include a homestay?
The programme does not include a homestay at the residence of the host. However, you are encouraged to visit your host family when you are invited to their home for meals or festive celebrations.

How is a host selected for me? When are we introduced?
The programme coordinator will carefully select a host closest to your similar interests and requests, subject to availability of such hosts. We will try our utmost best to find a match that is mutually satisfying. Once matched, you and your host may contact each other. The Faculty will organise a welcome dinner at the beginning of the semester for you and your host.

What is the financial arrangement between my host and me, and do I need to pay the share of my own expenses?
The host families volunteer their effort and time and are not paid for their services. Hence, it would be helpful to share in the expenses, just like you would with friends. Generally for activities such as family meals, the host would pay for the costs. However, for activities such as excursions and travels, it would be appropriate if you share in the expenses.

Is “My FASS Family” programme integrated with the Office of Student Affairs’ Host Family programme?
“My FASS Family” programme is separate and distinct from OSA’s Host Family Programme. It is unique in providing you with an opportunity to bond with a graduate from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) who has the interest of your well-being at heart.

How often do I get to meet my host and what kind of activities can I expect to be engaged in?
Ideally, you and your host should make contact regularly. This would depend on the arrangements between you and your host. You are encouraged to participate in activities planned by your host (e.g. celebrating festive occasions, having meals at your host’s home and participating in recreational activities such as sightseeing, movies, shopping and visiting places of interests).

As an international student am I automatically enrolled for the “My FASS Family Host Programme”?
Enrolment is not automatic. If you wish to participate in the programme, please submit an online application here.

How would I benefit from the programme?
Your host family will help you adjust to living in Singapore during your period of study at NUS. You will be introduced to a new lifestyle and culture which can be a positive, enriching and memorable experience for you. Besides learning more about life in the faculty and NUS, you will get to meet Singaporeans from other walks of life.