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TIPS FOR APPLYING TO CIS



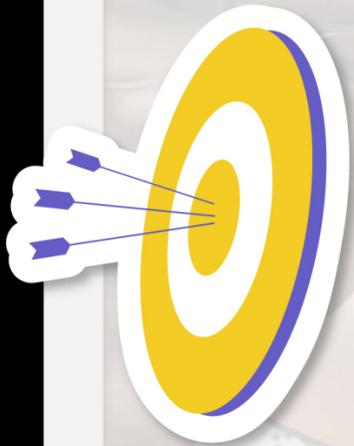
TIP

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UNDERSTAND WHAT CIS IS LOOKING FOR



SMU and CIS adopt a **holistic, aptitude-based** admissions approach. While your grades are important for assessing your academic readiness, we also value your individual qualities and potential contributions to the SMU community.



CIS is looking for students who want to **take charge of their learning** by designing and curating their major with courses that matter to them and prepare them for careers in a fast-changing world.



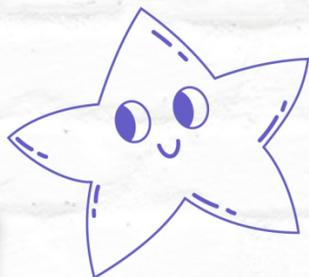
CIS also values **individuality**, so include your interests, hobbies and passions that make you stand out.



TIP 2

TAILOR YOUR APPLICATION TO SHOWCASE YOURSELF

When reviewing your application, **we want to learn more about you**. Share your academic aspirations and career goals, highlighting achievements, leadership roles, volunteer work, sports, arts, or projects showcasing your inter-disciplinary excellence.

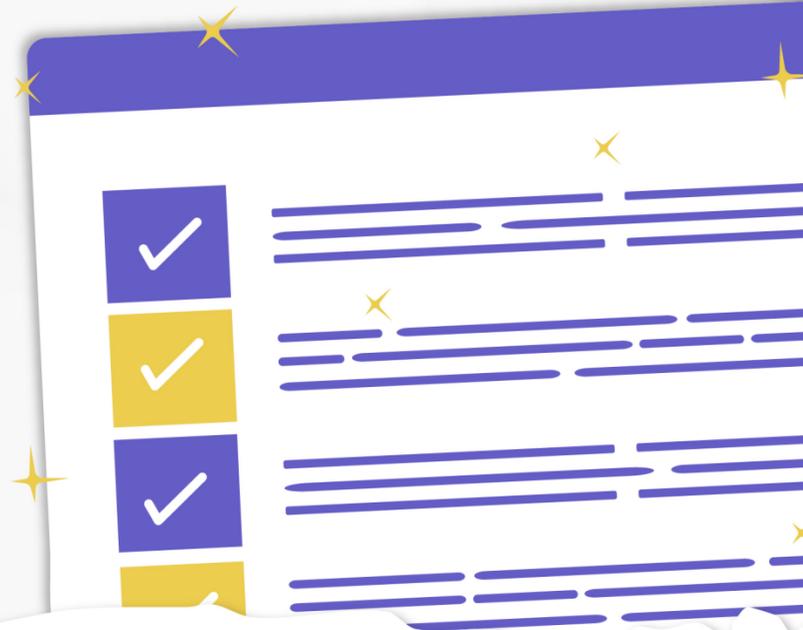


TIP 3

PREPARE STRONG SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Make sure your academic and CCA transcripts are **current and error-free**.



Pick referees who know you well, and share some information about CIS with them. This way, they can craft a **strong testimonial** that truly reflects your suitability for the CIS programmes!



TIP 4

ENGAGE WITH CIS TO DEMONSTRATE INTEREST

Join us at **SMU Open House** held every year in February, or participate in any of our other outreach events to discover more about what we offer in CIS.



WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Join the **CIS community on social media!** By connecting with current students and faculty, you can discover more about the collegiate experience and stay in the loop with all the latest news and events.

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TIP 5

PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW

If you make it to the interview stage, take some time to practise sharing your interests and academic journey! It's a great opportunity to express your aspirations and goals, and to convey why you're so excited about applying to CIS. Plus, think about how the CIS programmes can really support you in achieving your aspirations!

In the interview, **be yourself** and let your excitement for learning sparkle! CIS is eager to find students who are ready to **embrace new challenges** and forge their own unique academic paths.

