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THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Welcome to HKUST

By now, you have probably heard yet another piece of good news about HKUST. For the third year in a row, the Quacquarelli Symonds University Rankings has given us the top billing as Asia's No.1 university. We are of course pleased and proud with this latest international validation of our academic excellence. But we are not resting on our growing reputation. If anything, this most recent recognition is spurring us to reach for a new plateau of achievement.

As a prospective postgraduate student, you would be pleased to know that we have spared no efforts in expanding links with many quality overseas institutions, which include a greater choice of exchange opportunities for postgraduate as well as undergraduate students. We firmly believe that in the global age, a university can't be great without being international. Our rapid rise in reputation has done much to attract more first-rate students from other countries than before. As soon as you arrive here, you will feel the international aura of this campus.

Come embrace this international culture and enjoy the unfettered academic freedom of a young university dedicated to offering our students a first-class education. Come and bask in the scenic glory of a stunning seaside campus set at a tranquil distance from a throbbing cosmopolitan city.

Tony F Chan
President, HKUST



The Hong Kong Edge

China's International City of the Future, Asia's World City

Undertaking your postgraduate studies at HKUST in Hong Kong opens the door to a new view of life. With its Chinese heritage and 150 years of British administration up to 1997, Hong Kong has evolved into a one-of-a-kind international city. One of the world's leading financial centers, a major tourist destination, a business hub for Asia and a springboard to the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong helps to set the pace in numerous fields while its East-West vision continuously drives you forward to fresh lines of thought.

Strategic Location

Hong Kong's position on the edge of southern China makes it the ideal location to keep up to date with the rapid scientific, technological, economic and social developments in one of the world's fastest growing and most influential economies. At the same time, Hong Kong's international standing and competitive environment enables it to keep fully up to speed with the latest regional and global advances.

Global Business Center

Along with Hong Kong's numerous enterprises, over 3,800 overseas companies have regional operations in the city. A low and simple tax structure, stable social environment and international lifestyle all help to keep overseas businesses moving in. An estimated 2,000 Mainland China-backed enterprises seeking international exposure are also registered in Hong Kong.

Spirit of Enterprise

With its positive, can-do spirit, life in Hong Kong is stimulating, surprising, rewarding and enlightening. It is a city that fosters enterprise and bold thought, expects hard work and results, and refuses to stand still. It is the right place for postgraduates who want to make a world of difference.

A Regional Higher Education Hub

Hong Kong has a thriving academic community with eight tertiary institutions supported by public funds, along with other higher education institutions. It attracts top academic faculty from around the world and offers first-rate teaching and research facilities creating a vibrant environment for learning and knowledge creation. The Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI), Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine Limited (also under ASTRI), Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks organization, and several R&D centers carry out and assist companies with applied research activities and commercialization of technologies in fields including nanotechnology, IT and communications, traditional Chinese medicine and logistics.

With an aim to further develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub, the HKSAR Government has initiated several measures to increase Hong Kong's attractiveness. In 2009, the Research Grants Council (RGC) established the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) to attract top quality students to pursue PhD studies in Hong Kong.

Restrictions have been lifted so that non-local graduates who wish to stay and work in Hong Kong after graduation can stay for 12 months during which they are free to take up or change employment in Hong Kong provided that normal immigration requirements are met.

Size

Hong Kong covers 1,100 square kilometers. Despite its reputation for high-rises, country parks and other protected areas cover 40% of its land.

Border

There is a border with immigration controls separating Hong Kong from Shenzhen in Mainland China. People, goods and vehicles flow constantly across it in both directions.

People

Of Hong Kong's population of 7 million plus, 95% are of Chinese descent and 5% from all over the world. The latter are active and highly visible members of the community.

Languages

The official languages are Chinese and English. English is generally the medium of instruction in public higher education institutions. While Cantonese is the dialect of the man-in-the-street, many Hong Kong people are able to converse in English and Putonghua.

Information

Hong Kong is home to more than 130 media organizations, with leading international news organizations having a presence in the city and more than 50 newspapers and 700 periodicals published in English and Chinese.

Living in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong lifestyle bears many resemblances to other major international cities but also takes its own charismatic approach to various aspects of life, making it easy to feel at home while offering new cultural insights.

East-West Culture

Hong Kong is a colorful place to live. The city celebrates Western and Chinese traditional festivals, including the Dragon Boat Festival, the beautiful Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival, Christmas and two different New Years. Long-established street markets sit next to designer shops. Chinese opera and art are available along with Western movies, performing arts and music. Tai chi, kung fu and the Rugby Sevens all have their place.

Leisure

Hong Kong is well provided with attractions. These include the Disneyland and Ocean Park theme parks, Peak Tram, Hong Kong Wetland Park, Giant Buddha and spectacular harbor firework displays held to celebrate special occasions. Major international sporting events, a thriving night-life scene, and a multicultural array of restaurants add to the picture. Located in beautiful Clear Water Bay, HKUST offers easy access to dramatic country parks and beaches as well as the bright lights of the city center.

Moving Around

Helped by its compact size and fast-moving lifestyle, Hong Kong has developed a highly efficient public transportation system. Reliable and cost-effective, the network offers many different ways of getting around the city. Bus, tram, minibus, MTR (subway), taxi, ferry, and the renowned cross-harbor Star Ferry are among the options.

Climate

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with temperatures ranging from around 10°C in winter to 34°C in summer. Most rain falls in the summer months.

Food

A wide selection of Chinese, Asian and Western cuisines is available in restaurants ranging from fast food takeaways to 3-star Michelin dining establishments.

Communication

The city's sophisticated telecommunications allows fast and ubiquitous data access within the territory as well as easy communication with Mainland China and other countries.

Health

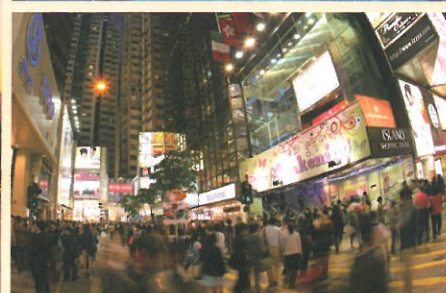
Western public and private healthcare and traditional Chinese medicine are available in Hong Kong.

Goods and Services

The latest electronics, computers, clothes, music and gadgets of every kind are sold throughout the city, along with daily necessities. Services are usually fast and efficient.

Travel

State-of-the-art Chek Lap Kok International Airport provides flights to over 150 locations. Most major Asian destinations are within four hours' flight time. Ferries, trains and cross-border buses give additional access to Mainland China.



HKUST Research Excellence

HKUST's research breakthroughs and pursuit of academic excellence have played an essential role in building the University's global reputation since its establishment in 1991. The University comprises six Schools and an Interdisciplinary Programs Office which co-ordinates interdisciplinary programs. The Schools of Science, Engineering, Business and Management, Humanities and Social Science, and Interdisciplinary Programs Office are located at the Hong Kong campus while the HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School in Nansha and the Xian Jiaotong University-HKUST Joint School of Sustainable Development (JSSD) have been established across the border in the Mainland China.

Academic Powerhouse

One of HKUST's central objectives is to be a leading research institution, working to expand knowledge in both fundamental and applied areas and establishing partnerships with business and industry to promote technological advances and economic development. This mission to go beyond the traditional areas of teaching and academic research to assist in the social and economic development of Hong Kong distinguishes HKUST from other tertiary institutions in the region.

Our comprehensive research infrastructure and the continuous drive of faculty members see the University succeed in world-class breakthroughs as well as the application, development and transfer of innovations into the wider community. A number of facilities were firsts for Hong Kong and some were ground-breaking moves beyond the city as well. HKUST developed the first Nanoelectronics Fabrication Facility sited in a tertiary institution in

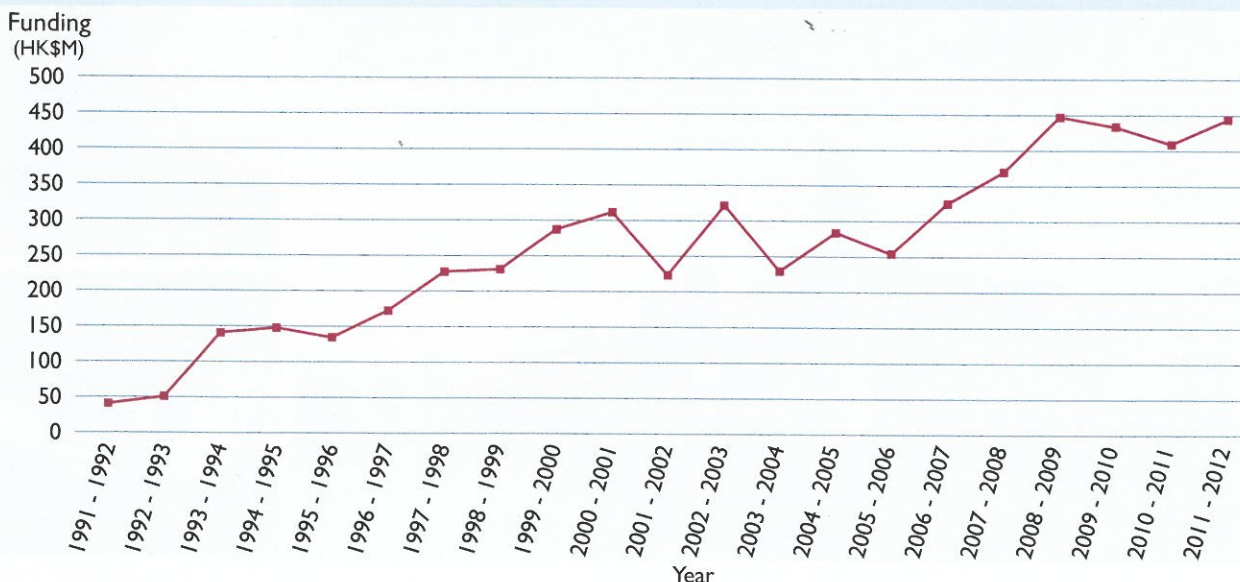
Hong Kong. The CLP Power Wind/Wave Tunnel Facility for wind/wave and pollution dispersion studies was the one and only in Asia when launched. The Geotechnical Centrifuge Facility which stimulates earthquake motions with a bi-axial shaking table was also a unique facility. In-house design and fabrication of tailor-made equipment enable top-notch R&D and provide significant advantages in research and development.

The University files numerous patent applications each year, licenses the transfer of intellectual property, and incubates start-up companies founded with HKUST expertise and technology developed at the University.

For the past 20 years, we have achieved the top success rate in Hong Kong's internationally peer-reviewed Research Grants Council's General Research Fund (GRF, formerly known as Competitive Earmarked Research Grants (CERG) program).

Research Funding

The excellence of fundamental research at HKUST is reflected by the competitive research funding secured from various sources, including both government and industry.



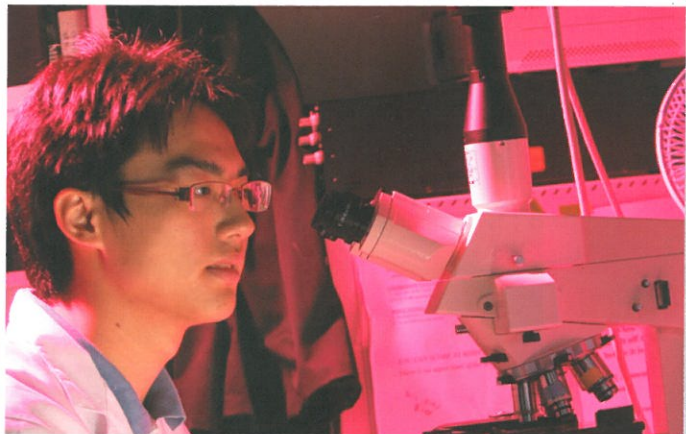
High Impact Areas

Five high-impact areas were identified in which the University seeks to build on its first-rate competencies to drive international advances and global understanding. These are all key areas for the advancement of life in the 21st century and will serve to reinforce HKUST's world standing and Hong Kong's role as a higher education hub. The fields are:

- Nanoscience and nanotechnology;
- Biological sciences and biotechnology;
- Electronics, wireless and information technology;
- Environment and sustainable development; and
- Management education and research.

Institute for Advanced Study

HKUST IAS (ias.ust.hk), also part of the strategic plan, aims to provide a home for catalytic interaction among the world's foremost scientists and scholars to pursue enduring knowledge. IAS is committed to creating an inclusive scholarly platform for great minds to converge. It recruits top-notch scholars as IAS Professors to further raise the academic standing of HKUST and Hong Kong, invites leaders in their respective areas to visit and interact with the local academic community, and engages outstanding HKUST faculty to lead frontier research projects. It champions collaborative endeavors across disciplines and institutions. It supports initiatives that are important for the advancement of HKUST and Hong Kong. It organizes and sponsors activities like conferences and workshops, lectures and programs. It forges relationships with leaders from a diversity of backgrounds to make a difference in the academic world. Since the inaugural lecture given by Prof Stephen Hawking of Cambridge University in June 2006, IAS has organized some 460 distinguished lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc., including 29 talks delivered by 19 Nobel Laureates.



Our People

World-class Faculty

HKUST's international academics include renowned names in their respective fields and rising stars. Our faculty members, drawn from famous research universities around the world, frequently receive top international honors for their work and have their research published in leading academic journals. Working at the cutting edge, they are stimulating teachers and excellent role models for research postgraduate students. Supporting our faculty's achievements are some of the region's leading research facilities.

Students

As an active, forward-looking university, HKUST seeks highly qualified, open-minded students with the passion and initiative to participate in the diverse academic and social activities on campus. HKUST's student community comes from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas. This lively, multicultural mix creates a dynamic learning environment and a great opportunity for increased cross-cultural understanding. The University fosters collaboration and a multidisciplinary approach, while a global outlook with China and Asia perspectives helps students develop the all-round vision to succeed anywhere in the world.

Alumni

HKUST's alumni community is composed of interesting and vibrant people who have ventured into a diversity of careers.



Dr Eddy Wu BSc(BICH) • PhD(BICH)

Medical Director, Asia Pacific, Middle East & African Countries, Novartis

Having earned his PhD degree in Biochemistry, Dr Wu did not restrict himself to the field of research in university after graduation. From his PhD study to joining the pharmaceutical sector, he has proved himself not merely a medical expert, but has also demonstrated his determination to make a breakthrough out of the traditional path when opportunities come.

Kylie Lam BEng(CIVL) • MSc(CIVL)

Associate Director, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.

Civil Engineering graduate, Kylie Lam, was involved in a dream project – helping to build the Bird's Nest, which was the main venue for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. This tough yet fruitful experience has prepared her to meet any future challenges in her career path as a successful engineer.



Naubahar Sharif BBA(MARK) • MPhil(SOSC)

Associate Professor, Division of Social Science, HKUST

"I try to influence students' academic and personal development hoping that, by the end of one of my courses, my students have within them a thirst for learning, a felt need for and enjoyment in acquiring knowledge, skills, and attitudes that they can apply in their lives. I strive to do all of this by working in cooperation with my students - by creating partnerships with them."



Warren Lee MBA

Music Director, St. Paul's Co-educational College and Primary School

Trained as a concert pianist in England and the United States, Warren returned to Hong Kong and decided to undertake a whole new challenge by studying HKUST's MBA full time program to equip himself with the management knowledge and most of all, gain a wider perspective in life. "Before I took the program, I was merely an outsider of business studies. The one year study provided me with an excellent learning environment to acquire knowledge on business management and practical skills which are transferrable to my field of performing arts and education."



Facts and Figures

Rankings

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings

- 1st in World's Top 300 Asian Universities (3 years in a row)
- 1st in World's Top 50 Universities Under 50 (2013)
- 33rd in World's Top 700 Universities (2012)

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012

- 65th in the World's Top 400 Universities

Financial Times

- Kellogg-HKUST EMBA Program: 1st in Global EMBA Ranking (2009 – 2012)
- Full-Time MBA Program: 8th in the Global MBA Ranking (2013)

Faculty Profile (100% with doctorate degree)

80% of faculty's PhD degree were obtained from the following universities:

Caltech	Harvard	Northwestern	UBC
Cambridge	Illinois	Oxford	UC Berkeley
Carnegie Mellon	Imperial	Princeton	UCLA
Chicago	London	Purdue	Washington
Columbia	Michigan	Stanford	Wisconsin
Cornell	MIT	Toronto	Yale

Teaching Staff

School	Regular	Visiting	Total
Science	113	24	137
Engineering	158	16	174
Business & Management	136	12	148
Humanities & Social Science	60	7	67
Interdisciplinary Programs Office	9	3	12
Total (as at 31 Jan 2013)	476	62	538

Student Numbers

School	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total
Science	2,060	527	2,587
Engineering	3,096	1,691	4,787
Business & Management	2,995	1,329	4,324
Humanities & Social Science	134	255	389
Interdisciplinary Programs Office	355	81	436
HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School	N/A	61	61
Total (as at 31 Dec 2012)	8,640	3,944	12,584

Postgraduate Opportunities

HKUST encourages well qualified and enthusiastic students from around the world to apply for its challenging and intellectually rewarding postgraduate programs.

Programs

HKUST currently offers postgraduate programs in five Schools: Science, Engineering, Business and Management, Humanities and Social Science, and HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School. In addition, the Interdisciplinary Programs Office (IPO) offers postgraduate programs that bring together two or more different fields of study.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programs are research degrees. Master of Science (MSc), Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Arts (MA) programs are taught postgraduate degrees.

Listed below are HKUST postgraduate programs with intakes in 2014-15.

You can check for updates at <http://pg.ust.hk/admissions>

To read in greater detail about individual postgraduate programs, please visit <http://pg.ust.hk/programs>



Program Title	Research Postgraduate Programs		Taught Postgraduate Programs			
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Master of Philosophy (MPhil)	Graduate Diploma (GD)	Master of Arts (MA)	Master of Science (MSc)	Master of Business Administration (MBA/EMBA)
School of Science						
Atmospheric Environmental Science	•	•				
Biotechnology					•	
Chemistry	•	•				
Environmental Health and Safety					FT Only	
Financial Mathematics					•	
Life Science	•	•				
Marine Environmental Science	•	•				
Mathematics	•	•				
Nano Science and Technology	•	•				
Physics	•	•				
School of Engineering						
Bioengineering	•	•				
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering ¹	ET, NT	ET, NT			•	
Civil Engineering ¹	ET, NT	ET, NT				
Civil Infrastructural Engineering and Management			PT Only		•	
Computer Science and Engineering ¹	ET	ET				
Electronic and Computer Engineering ¹	ET, NT	ET, NT				
Electronic Engineering					•	
Engineering Enterprise Management					•	
Environmental Engineering	•	•				
Environmental Engineering and Management			•		•	
IC Design Engineering					•	
Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management ¹	ET	ET				
Information Technology					•	
Intelligent Building Technology and Management					•	
Mechanical Engineering ¹	ET, NT	ET, NT			•	
Telecommunications					•	

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	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Master of Philosophy (MPhil)	Graduate Diploma (GD)	Master of Arts (MA)	Master of Science (MSc)	Master of Business Administration (MBA/EMBA)
School of Business and Management						
Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA						PT Only
HKUST Executive MBA						PT Only
MBA						•
MBA Programs in Shenzhen						PT Only
Accounting	•				FT Only	
Economics	•				FT Only	
Finance	•					
Financial Analysis					PT Only	
Global Finance					PT Only	
Global Operations					FT Only	
Information Systems	•					
Information Systems Management					PT Only	
International Management					FT Only	
Investment Management					•	
Operations Management	•					
Management	•					
Marketing	•					
School of Humanities and Social Science						
China Studies				•		
Global China Studies					•	
Humanities	•	•		•		
International Language Education ²				FT Only		
Liberal Studies				PT Only		
Social Science	•	•		•		
Interdisciplinary Programs Office						
Environmental Science and Management			•		•	
Environmental Science, Policy and Management	•	•				
HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School						
Innovative Technologies Leadership				FT Only		

FT = Full-time PT = Part-time

Notes:

- The School of Engineering offers the following two concentrations in its research programs:
 - Nanotechnology Concentration - disciplines offering this concentration are marked with "NT". Applicants interested in nanoscience and technology may refer to the following for details: <http://sengnano.ust.hk/introduction.html>
 - Energy Technology Concentration - disciplines offering this concentration are marked with "ET". Applicants interested in energy technology may refer to the following for details: www.seng.ust.hk/ENEG
- Applicants interested in the MA in International Language Education program can choose to pursue one of two specialized concentrations:
 - Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (TCSL)
 - Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Duration of Study

Many of HKUST's postgraduate programs are available on both full-time and part-time basis. Those undertaking PhD and MPhil programs may be required to participate in research on a full-time basis in some disciplines. Most of our taught programs offer part-time mode of study.

The following tables show the usual time it takes to complete HKUST postgraduate programs.

Research Postgraduate Program		Normal Duration of Study
PhD	Full-time	4 years with a first degree 3 years if a relevant research master's degree is earned prior to entering the PhD program
	Part-time	8 years
MPhil	Full-time	2 years
	Part-time	4 years

Taught Postgraduate Program		Normal Duration of Study
MSc and MA	Full-time	1 or 1.5 years as specified by individual programs
	Part-time	2 or 3 years as specified by individual programs
MBA	Full-time	1 to 1.5 years
	Part-time	2 years
EMBA	Part-time	16 months
Graduate Diploma	Full-time	1 year
	Part-time	1.5 to 2 years

Provisional Dates for the 2014-2015 Academic Year

Fall Term	1 Sep - 19 Dec 2014 (13 weeks)
Winter Term	2 - 29 Jan 2015
Spring Term	2 Feb - 30 May 2015 (13 weeks)
Summer Term	22 Jun - 15 Aug 2015

Visiting Students

Students from institutions outside Hong Kong who wish to study taught postgraduate courses or to take up a special research project at HKUST on a short-term basis, i.e. normally for not more than six months, may apply for admission to the University as visiting students. A visiting student will not enroll on a specific program. Non-local students must apply for a student visa/entry permit. Application procedures and further details are available at <http://pg.ust.hk/visiting>.

Credit Transfer

This may be granted in recognition of studies completed successfully elsewhere. Visit <http://publish.ust.hk/acadreg/pgreg> for further details on credit transfer policy.

Opportunities for International Exposure

To enhance the professional and international exposure of postgraduate students, Research Travel Grants are available to research postgraduate students to present papers in international conferences.



Opportunities for student exchange to universities overseas and Mainland are available. These widen global perspectives by immersing students in a different way of life and by helping them to forge international connections and expand networks. For full-time PhD students at HKUST, there is also the opportunity to apply for an overseas research attachment sponsored by the University. This enables students to gain experience of working in a different research environment and to strengthen professional contacts.

Career Development

Hong Kong's role as a global financial, business and academic hub brings exciting career openings in world-class companies and organizations in many fields, including IT, engineering, business services, the media, banking, telecommunications and management among others. HKUST's strong links with other academic institutions and different industries, locally, nationally and internationally, also helps to create career opportunities for postgraduates.

The Career Center of the Student Affairs Office (career.ust.hk) guides and assists students in their job search and career development. Career programs and workshops are organized regularly to keep students up to date with the latest developments in postgraduate career education. In addition, some schools and programs offices offer their own career development workshops, services, and information on internships.

HKUST provides orientation sessions, workshops and seminars to postgraduate teaching assistants (TAs) to further their knowledge and understanding as educators. These are offered through the Center for Enhanced Learning and Teaching (celt.ust.hk). The Center also works with TA Coordinators to support TAs in their work.

The University's Entrepreneurship Program can assist HKUST graduates to launch hi-tech start-up companies.

Personal Growth

At HKUST, there are many on-going enrichment activities to enjoy alongside your academic work. Among them are:

- lectures, seminars and forums by key thinkers and leaders including Nobel Laureates, top business executives, academics, artists and community figures.
- courses and self-access learning in many different languages, including English, written Chinese, Putonghua, Cantonese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Latin provided by the Center for Language Education (lc.ust.hk). Among the English language courses are business communication and technical communication programs catering for the career needs of graduates.
- numerous arts and cultural activities, including an Artist-in-Residence program, arranged by the University's Center for the Arts (www.ust.hk/cfa).



Tuition Fees

Research Postgraduate Programs

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) / Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Full-time	HK\$42,100 per annum
Part-time	HK\$21,050 per annum

Tuition fees are payable in two equal installments at the beginning of each regular term. The tuition fees quoted above are subject to review and government confirmation.

Taught Postgraduate Programs

Tuition fees for taught programs (i.e. all MSc, MA, MBA, EMBA and Graduate Diploma programs) are available on the websites of the relevant School/program. Please refer to <http://pg.ust.hk/programs>.

Financial Assistance

There are various ways that postgraduate students can gain assistance to help finance their studies.

Postgraduate Studentships

HKUST provides postgraduate studentship (PGS) to selected qualified full-time research postgraduates who will consequently be engaged in ancillary teaching and/or research duties which supplement their formal degree programs. In the 2013-14 academic year, the PGS rate is HK\$14,000 per month.

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

Established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC), the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme aims to attract top quality students from around the world to pursue doctoral studies in Hong Kong.

The Fellowship provides each awardee with a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (~USD2,600) and a conference travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (~USD1,300) per year for a maximum period of three years. 135 PhD Fellowships will be awarded for the 2014-15 academic year for the whole of Hong Kong.

Since the introduction in 2010-11, the University has secured more than 25% of the total awards for Hong Kong every year. Applicants seeking admission as new full-time PhD research candidates in Government-funded institutions in Hong Kong, irrespective of their country of origin and ethnic background, are eligible to apply.

Details on the Scheme are available at <http://pg.ust.hk/hkpfs>



Scholarships and Prizes

The University administers a number of scholarships and prizes on behalf of individual and corporate donors. Most are offered to students on the strength of academic merit and the recommendations of a school or department. Other scholarships may have conditions specified by the donor. Details are obtainable from the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office (sfa.ust.hk/scholarships/intro_postgraduate.html).

Financial Assistance Schemes

Local students who have financial difficulties may apply for the following financial assistance schemes:

- The Hong Kong Government Grant & Loan schemes administered by the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) (www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/schemes/pst.htm)
- University Loans and Bursaries administered by HKUST which is supplementary government financial assistance (sfa.ust.hk/sfa/info_university.html)

Non-local students who are unable to renew their scholarships and encounter financial difficulties could approach the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office for assistance.

How to Apply

Applicants must satisfy the University's general requirements and the specific admission requirements of their chosen program. Applicants whose mother tongue is not English and whose medium of instruction of the degree program completed previously was not English will also have to meet the English Language requirements.

General Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to a master's degree or graduate diploma program at HKUST should have obtained a bachelor's degree from HKUST or a recognized institution, or obtained an approved equivalent qualification.

Applicants seeking admission to a doctor of philosophy degree program at HKUST should normally have obtained a master's degree from HKUST or an approved institution, or presented evidence of satisfactory work at the postgraduate level on a full-time basis for at least one year, or on a part-time basis for at least two years.

Making an Application

Prospective students of postgraduate programs should apply online. Applications can be made either through the Postgraduate Outreach and Admissions Unit or, for some taught postgraduate programs offered by the School of Business and Management, directly to the relevant Program Office. Details on application are set out in <http://pg.ust.hk/admissions>.



In general, an application should include the following:

i	Application form	Some programs require supplementary data section(s) of the online form to be completed.
ii	Proposed Research Plan	Applicable to research programs only
iii	Supporting documents, such as official certified true copies of certificates, official academic transcripts, original score reports for international tests/exams	Applications will be assessed on the basis of uploaded documents but official credentials will be required upon offer acceptance. If any of these documents is in a language other than English or Chinese, a certified translation in English must be provided.
iv	Two sets of confidential references	To be submitted by the referees online
v	Application fee	Payment for online applications will be made by credit card.

In case you have difficulties in submitting your online application, please contact the Postgraduate Outreach and Admissions Unit at gradmit@ust.hk.

Application Fee

The application fee is HK\$180 per program for online application (except the MSc(IMT) program which charges HK\$500), and HK\$300/US\$40 for visiting student applications. Fees are non-refundable and subject to revision. Different application fees may apply to some taught postgraduate programs in the School of Business and Management.

Program Requirements

These are available on individual program websites. Visit <http://pg.ust.hk/programs> to access academic departments and program offices at HKUST.

English Language Requirements*

- 1) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
 - Paper-based test (PBT) score ≥ 550
 - Internet-based test (iBT) score ≥ 80
- or
- 2) International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
overall score ≥ 6.0 , all sub-scores ≥ 5.5

Note: * TOEFL/IELTS scores are valid for 2 years from the test date.

Admissions Timetable

Applications for admission to postgraduate programs in the academic year 2014-15 are invited from September 2013 onwards. You are recommended to apply well before the program closing dates shown on the admissions website.

Schedule for Applying for Admissions to HKUST Postgraduate Programs (2014-15)

Applications for RPg and TPg Degree Programs	Fall Term Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application starts on 2 September 2013▪ Programs with varied closing dates from December 2013 to June 2014.▪ Admission offers will be issued from January to August 2014 in accordance with admission schedules of individual programs.▪ Program registration in mid August 2014
	Spring Term Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application closes in late December 2014▪ Program registration in late January 2015
Application for Visiting Students	Fall Term Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application closes on 31 May 2014
	Spring Term Intake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Application closes on 31 October 2014

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

- Deadline for Initial Application at RGC system: 2 December 2013, 12nn (Hong Kong Time)
- Deadline for Application to HKUST: 4 December 2013, 12nn (Hong Kong Time)

Visas and Entry Permits

All non-local students, including students from Mainland China, Taiwan and Macao, are required to obtain a student visa/entry permit to study in Hong Kong. The application process normally takes about two months. Students from Mainland China should allow an additional two weeks to apply for an exit-entry permit for travel to Hong Kong and Macao.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for their visas/entry permits through HKUST, with the Head of Postgraduate Studies acting as sponsor. Details of visa/entry permit application procedures can be found at <http://pg.ust.hk/admissions>. A fee will be charged to cover the visa/entry permit label fee and cost of forwarding the label.

You will need to show sufficient financial resources to cover expenses for your period of study. Full-time non-local students may, upon written advice from the Hong Kong Immigration Department, be allowed to take up study or curriculum related internship, as well as part-time work during term time (restricted to campus work only) and full-time work during the summer vacation. However, research postgraduate students receiving Postgraduate Studentships (see p.12) may not engage in employment, full-time or part-time, during the academic year. Visiting and inbound exchange students are also not allowed to work in Hong Kong.

All non-local students should make sure they have a passport/travel document valid for six months beyond the travel period.

The Library

English Library
Useful Links



The Lee Shau Kee Library (library.ust.hk), as a core component of our academic programs, is centrally located on campus. The purpose-built five-storey Library, offering a rich array of information resources, actively supports learning, teaching and research at HKUST.

With a strong focus on technology, the Library building is finely equipped for computing, digital applications, enhanced information retrieval, and wireless network connectivity. It also includes a 24-hour Learning Commons which provides a technology-rich environment for active learning and education. In addition to reading tables and study carrels for individual use, there are group study rooms, media viewing rooms, seminar and presentation rooms, as well as e-classrooms and a multi-function room for instructional purposes.

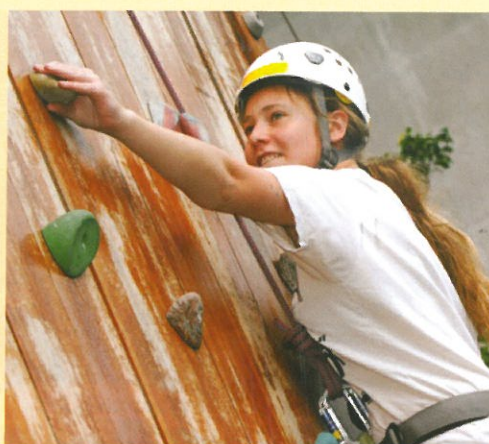
The Library provides access services, reference and information assistance, library instruction, and other quality service programs to help further learning and research. It also stages a variety of exhibitions, organizes book talks and other learning activities for self-development and broader exposure.

The Library has:

- 12,350 m² floor space
- 773,000 printed books, journals and microform
- 38,000 media items
- 340 databases
- 31,300 full text e-journals
- 212,000 e-books



Campus Life



HKUST is situated on a stunning, award-winning coastal campus spread over 60 hectares. Acclaimed by all who visit, the University's green environment offers a refreshing place to live and study, while still being conveniently located for the city center.

Daily Life www.ab.ust.hk/cso

The University has various facilities to take care of common aspects of daily life:

Banks, Supermarket, Bookstore and Restaurants
www.ab.ust.hk/cso

Healthcare
sao.ust.hk/sports/medical_dental.html

Sports and Recreation
sao.ust.hk/facilities/facilities.html

Music and Arts
sao.ust.hk/aesthetics/about.html

Social and Extracurricular Activities
sao.ust.hk/studentlife/organization.html
sao.ust.hk/studentlife/gslf.html

Accommodation

sao.ust.hk/housing



On-Campus Housing

Two types of on-campus housing are available for postgraduate students, fully furnished apartments with single and double rooms (bunk bed) and a postgraduate hall offering single rooms. Charges vary from HK\$16,000 - 38,000 per residential year (around 9-10½ months), depending on the type of accommodation.

Off-Campus Housing

The University has rented some apartments within the vicinity of the campus for taught postgraduate students.

Students may rent their own accommodation in nearby areas. The rental may depend on its location, size, furniture, facilities and the public transportation available.

The Student Housing Office provides an information (sao.ust.hk/housing/living_offcampus.html) on how and where to find off-campus accommodation.

Enquiry and Useful Links



Living Expenses

Tuition fees and accommodation are the primary expenditure for postgraduate students. In addition, you will need to cover the cost of textbooks, clothing, and other personal needs. An average HKUST student spends approximately HK\$100 (US\$12) per day on meals on campus. Off-campus restaurants are usually substantially more expensive. Miscellaneous spending on local transportation, laundry, sundries and entertainment, etc., will be about HK\$300 per week, depending on your spending habits.

Insurance sfao.ust.hk/insurance/info.html

The University has various insurance plans for students of different status to provide protection for illness, accidents and travel. Non-local students should note that it is a compulsory requirement to subscribe for a medical and/or travel insurance scheme stipulated by the University.

Accessibility

Convenient transport links connect the HKUST campus to the rest of the city. Minibuses leave directly from campus to nearby MTR stations which take you to most parts of Hong Kong. There are also buses and taxis.

Admission Enquiries

For enquiries on application procedures, or other admissions-related matters, please contact the Postgraduate Outreach and Admissions Unit:

Website: <http://pg.ust.hk/admissions>

Email : gradmit@ust.hk

Tel : (852) 2623 1120



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Scholarships and Financial Aid Office sfao.ust.hk



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Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region www.gov.hk

The Immigration Department www.immd.gov.hk

Consulates in Hong Kong www.protocol.gov.hk

Hong Kong Tourism Board www.discoveryhongkong.com

www.ust.hk



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