

THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Application for Admission to Undergraduate Programs (2020/21)

Notes for Applicants

I. General Information

Applications are invited from students applying for undergraduate admission for 2020/21 Entry. Apart from local applicants applying solely on the strength of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination results, all individuals should submit their application directly to HKUST via the [HKUST Undergraduate Admission Online Application System](#) (UGOAS) using different application forms according to the qualifications they hold.

Name of the application form	Type of applicant by qualification held	Application guides
Undergraduate Program Application	All individuals EXCEPT i) local students applying for admission solely on the strength of HKDSE examination results, and ii) candidates of 2020 Mainland National Joint College Entrance Examination	Guide to HKUST Online Application
本科课程入学申请	2020 年度中国全国统一高考考生(包括复读生)	科大本科课程网上申请指引

Local applicants applying to the University solely on the strength of HKDSE examination results should submit their admission application through the [Joint University Programmes Admissions System \(JUPAS\)](#).

The University reserves the right to alter or change the curriculum of any program at any time without prior notice.

II. Application Submission

Each applicant can submit ONE application for admission only in any one academic year, through any one of the admissions schemes. Duplicate applications received by the University through the same or different admissions scheme(s) will not be considered and all application fees paid are non-refundable.

Applicants who are currently enrolled in a full-time bachelor's degree program funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in a local tertiary institution should submit their applications directly to HKUST using the [UGOAS](#). Please note however that following UGC's guidelines, inter-institutional transfer is generally discouraged. Current undergraduate students of the University who wish to apply for a transfer to another program should contact the Academic Registry Office, instead of submitting an admission application.

Any incorrect or misrepresented information given in the application will lead to disqualification and any offer(s) made by the University will be withdrawn.

III. Local and Non-local Status of Applicants

According to the Education Bureau (EDB), "non-local students", for the purpose of admission to post-secondary programs, are defined as follows:

The student is a holder of the following documents issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR:

- a. Student visa/entry permit; or
- b. Visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangement for Non-local Graduates; or
- c. Dependent visa/entry permit and was 18 years old or above when he/she is issued with such visa/entry permit.

For holders of Recognizance Form, please clarify with the EDB their local/non-local status.

IV. Eligibility for Application

To be considered for admission, applicants must satisfy the General Admission Requirement, English Language Admission Requirement and Program-specific Admission Requirement set by the University.

To facilitate the application review process, applicants should complete all relevant sections of the application form and upload supporting documents as appropriate.

V. Application Fee

The online application fee is HK\$450 for 2020/21 Entry. The application fee, once paid, is not refundable and not transferable irrespective of whether the application is successful or not.

The University accepts online payment of application fee by either VISA or MasterCard through the UGOAS at the time of application submission. Online payment by UnionPay is also accepted only for applicants taking 2020 Mainland National Joint College Entrance Examination and applying using the form “本科课程入学申请”. Please refer to the [“Guide to HKUST Online Application”](#) or [“科大本科课程网上申请指引”](#) if you have any problem.

An application will not be processed until the application fee is fully paid and the status of the application is changed to “Submitted”. Payment status of the application fee is shown in the “Payments and Submission” section of each online application profile.

VI. Points to Note After Submission of Application

If the submission is successful, the status of the application will change to “Submitted” in the “My Application” page of [UGOAS](#) and the applicant will receive an acknowledgement email through the email account in the application. Subsequent changes to the application status will be reflected in the “My Application” page.

Other than the “My Application” page, the University will contact applicants only through the email account quoted in the application. Applicants should regularly check for emails from the University and visit the [UGOAS](#) for messages and updates. Applicants should also ensure their contact information are correct and valid at all times. For data privacy reasons, the University will address the enquiries from the applicants directly.

Applicants should upload all necessary documentary evidence promptly and update their online application, especially in cases of new qualifications and certificates obtained or at the request of the University. Delays in providing such additional information may affect the processing of the application and therefore also the application results.

Applicants should quote their full name and application number in all enquiries and correspondences.

VII. Admission and Registration

Undergraduate students admitted to HKUST should observe the University’s [Academic Regulation](#) and make reference to the [Undergraduate Student Guide](#) as necessary. Successful applicants receiving an offer of admission should also follow the instruction provided in the offer letter and the University’s website before they can register with the HKUST. In addition, previous student of HKUST who is seeking admission/ re-admission to the University should have settled all outstanding payment from previous studies in order to proceed to new program registration.

VIII. Collection of Information and Data Privacy

The University shall observe the [Personal Information Collection Statement](#) and the [University Data Privacy Policy Statement](#) in handling the data collected in the application.

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