Notes for Applicants

I. General Information

Students enrolled in tertiary institutions outside Hong Kong who wish to study at the HKUST on a short-term basis may apply for admission as Visiting Students or Visiting Internship Students, depending on their study purposes and the preferred length of study.

If your home institution has a formal exchange agreement with HKUST, you may apply to study at HKUST as an Exchange Student. Please refer to this link for further information.

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<th>Visiting Students</th>
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<td><strong>Course of Study</strong></td>
<td>Credit-bearing courses</td>
<td>A special one-credit project course, typically to fulfill directed research or internship assignments from their home institution</td>
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<td><strong>Length of Study</strong></td>
<td>One term</td>
<td>One to six months</td>
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<td><strong>Mode of Study</strong></td>
<td>Full-time</td>
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<td><strong>Program Completion</strong></td>
<td>By coursework only</td>
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<td><strong>Remarks</strong></td>
<td>These students may take courses, but are not enrolled on any specific program of studies.</td>
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The University reserves the right to alter or change the syllabus of any courses at any time without prior notice.

II. Application Submission

Each applicant can submit ONE application for admission in any one academic term, through each of the admissions schemes via the Online Application System. Duplicate applications submitted through the same admissions scheme in the same academic term will not be considered.

An application is academic term specific and cannot be transferred/deferred to another academic term. As such, applicants should submit a separate application for an admissions scheme in a different academic term.

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information given in the application will lead to disqualification and any offer(s) made by the University will be withdrawn.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. Eligibility for Application

To be considered for admission, applicants must be a student enrolled in tertiary institutions outside Hong Kong and satisfy the General Admission Requirement and English Language Admission Requirement set by the University for Visiting Students and Visiting Internship Students respectively.

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

The online application fee is HK$450 per application for 2019/20 Intake. 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 Online Application System at the time of application submission. Please refer to the “Guide to HKUST Visiting Students Application” or “Guide to HKUST Visiting Internship Students Application” 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.

V. Points to Note After Submission of Application

If the submission is successful, the status of the application will change to “Submitted” in the “My Applications” page of Online Application System 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 Applications” page.

Other than the “My Applications” page, email is the ONLY means of communication and official notification. The University will contact applicants only through the email account quoted in their applications for any updates, including further documents request, offer issuance, and visa application. Applicants should regularly check for emails from the University 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 provide all necessary documentary evidence promptly, especially in cases of new transcript or certificates are 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.

VI. 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, a 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.

VII. Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for 2019/20 intake is HK$4,700 per credit for Visiting student and HK$1,754 for Visiting Internship students. Such fee needs to be settled upon registration.

VIII. Collection of Information and Data Privacy

The University shall observe the Personal Information Collection Statement and the University’s Data Privacy Policy Statement in handling the data collected in the application.

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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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