“A place where freedom meets discipline
and vision coincides with innovation.

An institution where research excellence is
a reality, and ‘dare to dream’ is our invitation.”
Welcome to HKUST - a university of choice for talents, attractive to the best global minds.
The HKUST Difference

We take pride in our institution not only because of our rankings, but because we celebrate our students’ individuality – their backgrounds, their voices and their dreams. Diversity is a way of living and learning here.

1st in the World among Top Young Universities

27th in the World

1st Global Employability in Greater China

10th Global Employability in the World

2nd in the World for Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA Program
Truly Global, Proudly Diverse

Postgraduate Student Profile

75%+ Non-Local Students

5800+ Postgraduate Students at HKUST in 2019-20

Data as of Dec 2019

Coming from

70+ Countries and Regions

North America
- Canada, United States

Europe
- Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Central & South America
- Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican, Mexico, Peru

Africa
- Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia

Asia Pacific
- Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

Data as of Dec 2019

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The Hong Kong Advantage

Hong Kong offers you the most exciting options and opportunities to jumpstart your journey to success. With its prime location in Asia, wealth of talents and international connectivity, this dynamic city presents endless possibilities arising from the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- Strong resources and support for research development and start-up activities.
- Financial hub with the rule of law, a low tax system, a free flow of information and world-class infrastructure.
- Ranked in top 3 for economic freedom by the Heritage Foundation for over 2 decades and consistently ranked 1st on the Economic Freedom Index of the Fraser Institute.
- Abundant and forward-looking opportunities as Hong Kong plays a vital role in the development of the Greater Bay Area.
- English is widely used and also the medium of instruction in the university.
- A 24/7 character with a wide spectrum of outdoor activities, dining and entertainment options.

Keira Lee RICE
from United Kingdom
PhD Student in Life Science

I enjoy my postgraduate study here because I have found comfort in our beautiful seaside campus equipped with great research facilities and lab-mates. I can always count on my inbox for news about exciting seminars, conferences and other opportunities not only taking place on campus, but also in Hong Kong and abroad. I look forward to strengthening my technical skills as a scientist and growing up to be a more mature person, and HKUST is the perfect place for me to do so.
Where Great Minds Converge

The greatest place is made up of the greatest people. Our outstanding faculty are distinguished scholars, dedicated teachers and passionate life explorers, who nurture you, challenge you, and inspire you to fulfill your dreams.

690+ Faculty from 35+ Countries and Regions

100% with PhD degree*

Majority coming from world-renowned universities

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* Tenure-track faculty (Assistant Professor or above) and research-track faculty

Data as of June 2020

- 16.7% North America
- 8.7% Europe
- 36.9% Mainland China
- 9.5% Africa
- 25.9% Other Asian Countries
- 0.1% Australia and New Zealand
- 0.4% Central & South America
- 8.7% Hong Kong
- 1.7% Other places

Including HKUST
Where Research Flourishes

An inquisitive mind is at the heart of HKUST, and research is the soul of this institution. Our robust research infrastructure, in Hong Kong and Mainland, demonstrates our commitment to extending the boundary of knowledge and making this world work better for everyone.

Strong Research Infrastructure

85+ Research Institutes, Centers and Joint Labs

Key Research Institutes in Hong Kong
- Biotechnology Research Institute
- Institute for the Environment
- Robotics Institute
- Sino Software Research Institute
- William Mong Institute of Nano Science and Technology
- HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)

Key Research Institutes in Mainland
- Guangzhou HKUST Fok Ying Tong Research Institute
- HKUST Shenzhen Research Institute
- HKUST Shenzhen – Hong Kong Collaborative Innovation Research Institute
- HKUST LED-FPD Technology R&D Center

Explore More: pg.ust.hk/research

Alison LI
from Hong Kong
PhD Student in Atmospheric Environmental Science
I believe major challenges in the environmental sciences require multidisciplinary solutions. Postgraduate programs at HKUST are well-designed with great flexibility, enabling me to engage in both scientific analysis and project management. Besides conducting research, I also get to cooperate with top researchers, consultants and fellow students of various backgrounds. Together, we aim to develop the world’s first mobile app that helps manage personalized real-time informatics and reduce our individual exposure to air pollutants.

Federico MAGNI
from Italy
PhD Student in Management
HK PhD Fellowship Awardee
Feeling the desire to be challenged and to explore a world out of my comfort zone, I decided to pursue further studies at HKUST after working in business consulting. The unique experience offered by Hong Kong, and HKUST’s stellar academic reputation made my decision of where to study a simple one. Also, I am lucky enough to work with a variety of professors with different working styles and approaches to research.
Expanding Frontiers, Converging Minds

Creating your tomorrow means forging new paths today. With an unprecedented cross-disciplinary academic structure, HKUST(Guangzhou) is established with the mission to transform education to meet the ever-changing needs of our global community. Join us to fulfill your passions.

Thinking Forward
HKUST(GZ) strives to reinvent education and open up new frontiers of knowledge and research to address unfolding needs and challenges in the world.

Breaking Grounds
Adopting an innovative pedagogical model, HKUST(GZ) allows faculty and students to bridge diverse knowledge from multiple disciplines and break new grounds for cross-disciplinary research.

Bridging Gaps
Conveniently located in Nansha, south of Guangzhou, HKUST(GZ) helps facilitate the development of the Greater Bay Area, a strategic hub for the combined talents from HKSAR, Macao SAR and Guangdong Province.
HKUST Distinctive Academic Structure

While capitalizing on the well-established disciplinary foundation at the Clear Water Bay campus, HKUST(GZ) will chart new territories in higher education pedagogy through a unique and non-conventional Hub structure consisting of four Academic Hubs and a wide spectrum of cutting-edge Research Thrust Areas.

HKUST currently offers two types of postgraduate studies:

### Research Programs
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Public Management (MPM)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGD)

### Taught Programs
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Public Management (MPM)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGD)

#### Program Requirements
- Involve the completion of coursework and independent research, and successful defense of thesis
- Fulfill coursework requirements and projects, if any

#### Degree Type
- 2 years for MPhil studies (Full-time)
- 3 or 4 years for PhD studies (Full-time), depending on entry qualifications

#### Normative Study Duration
- 1 to 2 years (Full-time)
- 1.5 to 4 years (Part-time), depending on individual programs

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Real-world problems cannot be solved with one equation. To intervene, we must meet them where they are. The pioneering academic structure at HKUST(GZ) breaks down disciplinary silos and welcomes students from different backgrounds to integrate ideas boldly, solve problems innovatively, and work collaboratively — without borders — to address global challenges.

Program Features:

Innovative Cross-Disciplinary Research Postgraduate Studies

Cutting-Edge Research Thrust Areas
- Combining Hard, Natural and Soft Sciences

Same Admission Requirements as other HKUST Programs

Start in Hong Kong in 2021 & Move to New Guangzhou Campus in 2022

Program Features:

University Support:

Postgraduate Studentship: HK$216,360 (~US$27,700) per year

Guaranteed University Accommodation:
- On Clear Water Bay Campus in 2021/22
- Entire Normative Period of Study on Guangzhou Campus

RedBird PhD Scholarship: Renewable Scholarship of HK$40,000 (~US$5,100) per year for excellent PhD students

The amounts of tuition fee and studentship are the same as other HKUST MPhil/PhD programs. Please refer to P.20-21 for more details.

Function
- Advanced Materials
- Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences
- Microelectronics
- Sustainable Energy & Environment

Information
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computational Media & Arts
- Data Science & Analytics
- Internet of Things

Society
- Financial Technology
- Innovation, Policy & Entrepreneurship
- Urban Governance & Design

Systems
- Bioscience & Biomedical Engineering
- Intelligent Transportation
- Robotics & Autonomous Systems
- Smart Manufacturing

HKUST offers not only a rigorous, elite education but also an interactive cross-disciplinary learning atmosphere. With an innovative project-based learning and research pedagogy, the individualized interdisciplinary program at HKUST(GZ) allows me to team up with passionate students from diverse backgrounds and conduct field investigations outside of campus. I am encouraged to brainstorm beyond the lab and articles, identify the real pain points, match them with advanced research, and collaboratively discover solutions that have significant social impact.

Nan XU from China

PhD Student in Individualized Interdisciplinary Program
First Cohort of Guangzhou Pilot Scheme

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MPhil/PhD Programs Offered under HKUST(GZ) Pilot Scheme

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Generous Scholarship

- Postgraduate Studentship: HK$216,360 (~US$27,700) per year
- Up to 2 years for full-time MPhil students and up to 4 years for full-time PhD students

- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme:
  - A prestigious award for the best PhD students from around the world
  - Stipend: HK$319,200 (~US$40,900) per year for 4 years
  - Excellent Research Award: HK$40,000 (~US$5,100) in the first year
  - Conference Travel Allowance: HK$13,300 (~US$1,700) per year for 4 years
  - Application deadline: 1 Dec 2020

- RedBird PhD Scholarship:
  - A scholarship for excellent PhD candidates, in recognition of their outstanding academic performance and research capacity
  - Scholarships of HK$40,000 (~US$5,100) per year

- Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program
  - A scholarship program for young East, Southeast and South Asian scholars to pursue postgraduate studies and cross-cultural enrichment

Tuition Fees

- Research Postgraduate Programs (MPhil & PhD):
  - HK$2,100 (~US$260) per day (full-time/part-time)
  - Taught Postgraduate Programs (DBA, EMBA, MA, MSc, MPM, MPP, PGD):
    - Fees vary for each program. Details at pg.ust.hk/programs

- Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local MPhil and PhD Students:
  - HK$42,100 (~US$5,400) per year
  - Up to 2 years for full-time MPhil students and 4 years for full-time PhD students

- Overseas Research Award & Greater Bay Area Research Award:
  - HK$10,000 (~US$1,280) per month for an overseas attachment
  - HK$5,000 (~US$640) per month for a Greater Bay Area attachment
  - For PhD students to engage in research attachment outside Hong Kong

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More Details: pg.ust.hk/funding

Charikleia STOURA
from Greece

PhD Student in Civil Engineering

HK PhD Fellowship Awardee

Research life here is incredible. HKUST gives me an excellent platform to pursue research on train-bridge systems. It also offers me necessary supplies and equipment for the research. I don’t have to worry about resources, instead, I can just focus on my work — that is not often the case in other universities. Also, I am very thankful to my supervisor, who has motivated me to do the best that I can in my own research.

More Details: pg.ust.hk/sharing
Admission Requirements

1 General Admission Requirements

For all applicants seeking postgraduate admission
- a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, or an approved equivalent qualification

For PhD applicants (additional to the above)
- a proven record of outstanding performance from a recognized 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

Admission Timeline

2021/22 Fall Intake
- Applications open: 1 September 2020
- HKPFS applications close: 1 December 2020
- Mid-December 2020 onwards: Applications for individual programs close. Please check the program closing dates at pg.ust.hk/timeline and apply well before the respective deadlines
- Mid-August 2021: Admission offers will be issued according to individual program’s admission schedule

2021/22 Spring Intake
- Applications open: September 2021
- Applications close: Mid-December 2021
- Mid-January 2022: Program registration

Ready to submit your application and seize the infinite opportunities at HKUST?

Submit Your Application

2 English Language Requirements

You have to fulfill the English Language requirements with one of the following proficiency attainments:

Proficiency Test Minimum Scores
TOEFL – Internet-based Test (IBT) 80*
TOEFL – Paper-based Test (PBT) 550
TOEFL – Revised paper - delivered test (total scores for Reading, Listening and Writing sections) 60
IELTS (Academic Module) Overall score: 6.5 and all sub-scores: 5.5

*The University accepts alternative English Tests (Duolingo English Test, IELTS Indicator, TOEFL-iBT Home Edition) in meeting the University English Language admission requirements under the COVID-19. Visit pg.ust.hk/covid-19 for details.

You are not required to present TOEFL or IELTS score if your first language is English, or your bachelor’s degree (or equivalent qualification) was awarded by an institution where the medium of instruction was English.

3 Program-Specific Admission Requirements

Some programs may stipulate additional requirements for admissions. For details, please visit pg.ust.hk/programs.

For the most up-to-date admission requirements and information, please refer to pg.ust.hk.
HKUST has a well-constructed academic atmosphere, eco-system and network, providing us with many opportunities to turn our ideas into reality.

We know how it is to build something great from nothing. With state-of-the-art facilities and ample resources, we offer a place to nurture your entrepreneurial spirit and let it soar. This is where your ideas can be transformed into action.

Kenneth and Benjamin, who both are enthusiastic about music and technology, teamed up to develop UMix, a portable music production app which allows users to compose music anywhere at any time, as well as reducing the complexity of the process.

The pair believes that their postgraduate studies at HKUST provided them with excellent technical skills and knowledge base, as well as a sound academic foundation that assisted them in conducting the necessary research and development involved in creating such a complex app.

Kenneth and Benjamin also cite the diverse learning environment and hands-on style of education at HKUST as being crucial to their success. They appreciated the opportunities to participate in different engineering projects, like robotics, software design at HKUST which helped them to widen their vision and combine their engineering know-how with the business acumen necessary for a start-up.

UMix has garnered them numerous industry awards, including the Grand and Gold Awards at the Hong Kong ICT Awards in 2018. They plan to keep improving the app through further technical development, which will enable them to secure the talent and funding necessary to expand their business.
You may already know exactly what you want to do. Or you may still be exploring the possibilities. Regardless, your time here will help you find your niche and strategize a career roadmap that leads you to where you are meant to be.

Career Highlights

From international and local companies in Business, Engineering, Education and other industries

390 Recruiters

#1 in Greater China
#10 in the World

Global University Employability Ranking 2019

Be inspired by the successful stories of our alumni!

I started my company in the first year of my PG studies and received lots of help from professors who believed in my dream.

Frank WANG
Founder and CEO at DJI
MPhil Graduate in Electronic and Computing Engineering

My time at HKUST has provided me with a solid academic and technical foundation, which is vital to my professional career development.

Lydia LEUNG
CEO at Belun Technology
MPhil & PhD Graduate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

It is my honor to come back and make a contribution to my alma mater – and to Hong Kong.

Naubahar SHARIF
Associate Professor in Social Science and Public Policy at HKUST
MPhil Graduate in Social Science

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Life on Campus

Two-year Guaranteed Housing for Full-Time Research Postgraduate Students

Extensive Sports and Recreational Facilities

Strong Entrepreneurship Support

Rich Array of Resources at HKUST Library
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

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