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# Message from Director of Undergraduate Admissions and International Student Exchange



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*Chairman of the Academy for the Talented  
Director of Undergraduate Admissions and International Student Exchange  
Professor  
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Hello to all members of the HKU Academy for the Talented,

A very warm welcome to you all! I am pleased to introduce to you the Academy for the Talented scheme, the University of Hong Kong's (HKU) flagship pre-undergraduate academic programme.

Established in 2011, the Academy is dedicated to educating and nurturing gifted secondary school students, both locally and internationally. With over 11,000 members from more than 90 nationalities, we recruit the brightest minds from diverse backgrounds, offering students a truly global environment for their first introduction to campus life. Our extensive support from schools worldwide and collaboration with industry experts ensure that our students receive a dynamic, holistic education. By joining our programmes, high school students can delve into their passions and build the confidence to seamlessly transition into university life and beyond.

As Hong Kong's first world-class tertiary education institution, we are committed to upholding this proud tradition of academic excellence and international diversity within the Academy. With our legacy of producing outstanding graduates, we are dedicated to lifelong learning, integrity, professionalism, and being a centre for infinite possibilities. My deepest thanks and gratitude to every one of you and your support. We look forward to welcoming you to our future Academy programmes and events, and I hope to see you as undergraduate students at HKU!



# About HKU Academy for the Talented

## *Where brilliance takes flight*

The Academy for the Talented is HKU's flagship international academic programme for exceptional and motivated pre-university students. Directly managed by the HKU Admissions Office, the Academy inspires its members to discover their full potential by immersing them in undergraduate-level courses in Hong Kong and abroad. Members of this programme can cultivate lasting relationships while preparing themselves for university life and beyond.

## Our Mission

### *Inspiring future leaders*

The Academy is where talented students delve into their academic passions to become the leaders of tomorrow. We bring together exceptional students, faculty members, and industry partners worldwide to create a vibrant community for networking and cultural exchange.

### *Empowering exceptional talent from all backgrounds*

The Academy believes that no talent should be left behind. We strive to eliminate financial barriers for remarkable individuals to access learning opportunities through our no-fee membership policy.

## 2023–2024 Academy at a Glance





# Why Join?

Explore a future area of study at Asia's world-class university while creating memories with a diverse group of outstanding students.



## Academic Growth

Challenge yourself in university-level programmes.



## Personal Development

Discover your passions while building independence, and confidence in yourself.



## Networking Opportunities

Meet like-minded, exceptional fellow students and industry leaders.

## 2023–2024 Programme Overview

Within the Academy, students can select from over 24 academic programmes that suit their area of interest, including 12 HKU Faculty Programmes, 8 Collaborative Programmes, and 4 Immersion Programmes.

### HKU Faculty Programme (5 days; summer only)

Whether you're interested in law, medicine, engineering, or everything in between, choose from 12 discipline-led programmes to get a taste of university-level learning and dive deeper into your chosen subject.

### Immersion Programme (1–3 weeks; summer only)

The ultimate multi-week exchange programme where you can experience two world-class universities within one summer. Spend one week at HKU and a second week at one of our 4 international partner universities.

### Collaborative Programme (all year-round)

Get hands-on, real-world experience through this programme designed to immerse students in cutting-edge fields such as AI, STEM, and music innovations. Moreover, you will receive industry expert mentorship from our esteemed programme partners such as Tencent and Intel.

## Featured Programmes

Here is a glimpse of lectures, activities, and hands-on workshops led by esteemed experts in the 2023–2024 academic year.

### Faculty Programme

#### Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented

##### Lecture:

“Bioinformatics”  
by Prof. Joshua Ho

##### Group Activity:

“Experiencing Dysphagia”  
by Prof. Estella Ma and Yann Lam

#### Legal Academy for the Talented

##### Lecture:

“Criminal Evidence”  
by Mr. Jacky C.K. Yeung, Senior Lecturer

“The Heart of Lawyering”  
by Prof. Puja Kapai Paryani

### Immersion Programme

#### HKU-LSE

##### Lecture:

“The Wealth (and Poverty) of Nations: Global Economic Development Past and Present”  
by Dr. Jordan Claridge and Dr. Karolina Hutkova

“Trade, Development and the Environment”  
by Dr. Victoria Paniagua

#### HKU-KCL

##### Lecture:

“The European Convention on Human Rights”  
by Dr. Nurullah Gorgen

### Collaborative Programme

#### Budding Health Leader Programme

##### Lecture:

“When Medicine Meets the Law”  
by Prof. Gilberto Leung

##### Workshop:

5-day Shadowing at HKU–Shenzhen Hospital

#### Digital Storytelling, VR and AR

##### Lecture:

“Amazing Ways with Words: Writing the Self from Ancient Times to the Digital Age”  
by Dr. Anya Adair

##### Project:

“Creating 3D film for AR and VR”  
by Prof. Gang Liu and Prof. Stephan Caspar from Carnegie Mellon University

# How to Become an Academy Member?

We are looking for motivated students across the globe with outstanding performance to join the Academy. Are you ready for the next chapter in your academic development and beyond?

## Eligibility

The Academy welcomes applications from current S3–S5, Grade 9–11, or Year 10–12 students in the top 20% of their school with excellent performance in the following areas:

- **STEM** (e.g., mathematics, science, and informatics competitions or olympiads)
- **Innovations** (e.g., robotics and business competitions)
- **Languages and Debate** (e.g., writing, Model United Nations and mooted competitions)
- **Music** (e.g., international competitions)
- **Sports** (e.g., international competitions)
- **Community Service** (e.g., awards and recognitions)

## How to Apply?

If you think you've got what it takes to be an Academy Member, apply to be part of our programme!

 EXPLORE

Dive into the world of possibilities on our website at [talented.hku.hk](https://talented.hku.hk) and discover what opportunities the Academy has to offer.



 REGISTER

Don't miss out! Enrol in the talent search by creating an account at [talented.hku.hk/how-to-apply](https://talented.hku.hk/how-to-apply).

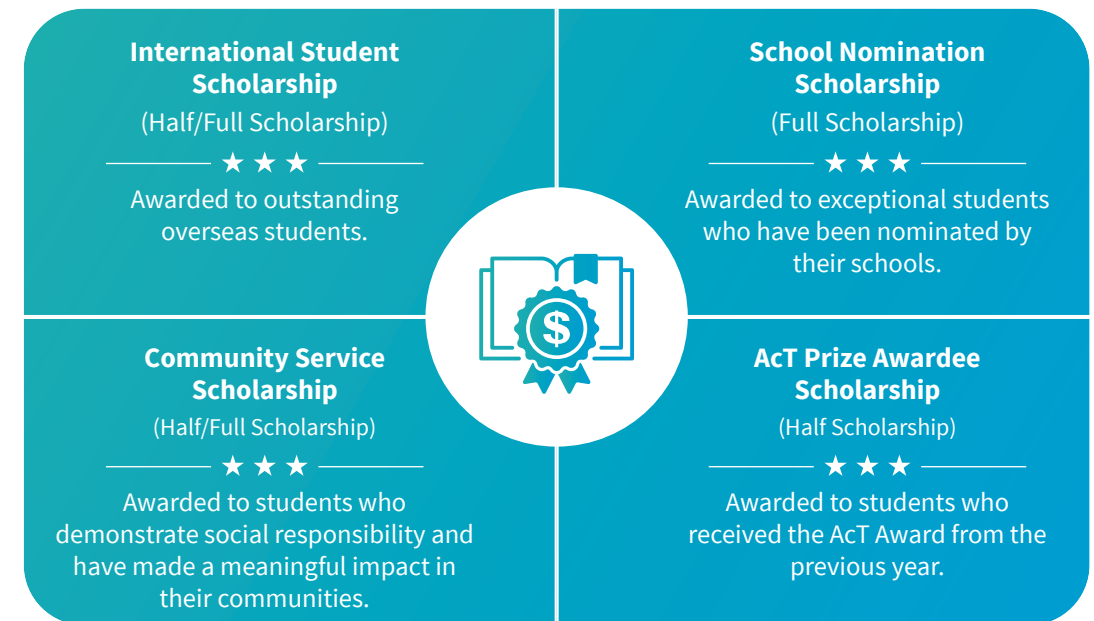


 SUBMIT

After registering, check your email for a link to our application portal and fill in the application form. You can check your application status on the online system.

# Scholarships

As part of the Academy's mission to empower talents from all backgrounds, we offer the following scholarships to students who excel in a variety of areas:



For eligibility and application details, please visit our website: [talented.hku.hk](https://talented.hku.hk)





## Testimonials



In this programme, HKU-Edinburgh: Global Perspectives in Life Sciences, I was able to travel to numerous lab activities and be so near to the place where 'Dolly' the sheep was cloned. It's very exciting that I could partake in experiments that I have never done before. Besides academically, this [experience has helped me become] more self-disciplined and hard-working.

*HKU-Edinburgh Immersion Programme Participant*



Meeting a bunch of friends and visiting the operation room was an invaluable experience. It was nice to see surgeons working in close proximity, and I've learnt a lot about being composed in the toughest of situations. It was a rare opportunity that I will never forget!

*Budding Health Leader Programme Participant*



I became more interested in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Before this course, I wasn't that aware that SDGs are related to language and humanities; rather, I [thought] that they're more related to geography or science. I am glad that this course was full of interesting topics and discussions.

*English Academy for the Talented Programme Participant*





# About HKU - Asia's Global University



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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Established in 1911, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is proud to be the oldest local tertiary institution where the talents of every generation meet and thrive. Our history can be traced back to the founding of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for the local Chinese community in 1887.

Placed 17th in the 2025 QS World University Rankings, HKU is an internationally renowned English-medium public research university offering over 55 programmes across 10 faculties and 2 schools. We provide outstanding students with world-class education in a wide range of academic disciplines taught by renowned HKU faculty.

As Asia's global university, HKU drives impact through internationalisation, innovation, and interdisciplinarity. Our commitment to positive social change is reflected in our international presence, regional significance, and engagement with the rest of China.



# Connect with the Academy



For updates and more information on the Academy, connect with us here:



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