

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (HKU)

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS SCHEME / NON-JUPAS ADMISSIONS SCHEME / DIRECT ADMISSIONS SCHEME TO SENIOR YEAR PLACES (“IAS/NJ/DAS”) FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

The procedures and information in this document apply to applicants applying to the University with international / overseas qualification(s) or academic qualification(s) other than the Mainland National Joint College Entrance Examination / Hong Kong / Macau / Taiwan National Joint College Entrance Examination (NJCEE); and non-local applicants with the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE). Applicants applying on the strength of NJCEE results or local applicants applying on the strength of HKDSE results should submit their application through the [HKU Admissions Office \(Mainland Admissions\)](#) or the [Joint University Programmes Admissions System \(JUPAS\) Office](#) respectively.

Applicants who hold student visa / entry permit to study in Hong Kong, dependent visa / entry permit and were aged 18 years old or above when they were first issued with such documents by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR, or visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG), issued by the Director of Immigration of the Hong Kong Immigration Department of the HKSAR; are regarded as non-local / international applicants.

Each applicant can only submit ***ONE*** application for admission to the University through any one of the admissions schemes, namely JUPAS, IAS / NJ / DAS[#], and Admission of Undergraduate Students from the Mainland. Applicants must cancel any duplicated applications, be that under the same or different admissions scheme(s) and / or system(s), before they can proceed further. All application fees paid are non-refundable.

([#]IAS/NJ/DAS applicants may submit the application through the [HKU Admissions Office \(International Undergraduate Admissions\)](#).)

Applicants who are currently enrolled in a full-time bachelor's degree programme funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in a local tertiary institution in Hong Kong should also apply through IAS/NJ/DAS. Please note however that following UGC's guidelines, inter-institutional transfer is generally discouraged. The University is only able to consider applicants with excellent results and their admission is subject to special approval by the University on the basis of over-enrolment. Current undergraduate students of the University who wish to apply for a transfer to another curriculum should write to the Registrar (c/o the Academic Services Office), instead of applying through IAS/NJ/DAS.

Some undergraduate programmes of the University have set aside a fixed number of senior year places for admission of sub-degree (i.e. Associate Degree or Higher Diploma) graduates.

Applicants for those places should choose the specific programme options designated for senior-year places. Please click [here](#) for details.

Incorrect or misrepresented information given in the application will disqualify the application and any offer(s) made by the University will be withdrawn. Applicants should keep their application information updated by editing the application form should there are any changes after submission.

Closing Date

The University will carry out evaluation on applications received by **November 26, 2025 (12:00 noon Hong Kong Time)**. Admission offers will be made starting from December 2025 onwards. Applicants who receive an offer of admission are normally required to accept the offer within three to four weeks.

Applicants may still submit an application until **August 21, 2026 (12:00 noon Hong Kong Time)** through the application system. The University will continue to evaluate all applications by the same standards and expectation on rolling basis. As undergraduate places are being filled all the time after evaluation has started, applicants may wish to apply for admission as early as possible.

Please note that an acknowledgment e-mail will be sent to the registered e-mail address immediately after successful submission of the online application. Applicants should check with the Admissions Office of the Registry, through the methods stated under “My Inbox” after logging into the application account, if they do not receive above mentioned acknowledgement e-mail.

Application Fee

All applicants are required to pay an application fee in an amount of HKD\$600 and the fee is non-refundable.

Choice of Curriculum

Applicants should only submit **ONE** application for admission in any one academic year, but applicants are permitted to indicate up to three choices of curriculum in their application.

Add / changes to the choice(s) of curriculum will not be allowed after submission of the application. Applicants should ensure the degree curriculum applying to is/are correctly chosen in the application.

Interviews and Results

Applicants may be called for an interview or test at any time after submission of the application (a tentative interview schedule is made available [here](#) for reference). Please however note that not all applicants are required to attend an interview or test and not all programmes conduct these assessments; being invited to an interview or test is not an indicator of the chance of admission. Applicants will be notified by the Admissions Office / Faculty Office / Programme Office of the arrangements for any interview or test individually, if applicable.

Applicants will be informed by e-mail if they are offered admission to the University and will be required to pay a deposit (currently HK\$5,000 for locals and HK\$20,000 for non-locals, but subject to change) on the acceptance of the offer by the date specified in the offer letter or the offer will be withdrawn automatically. Applicants can also view their application status via their registered application account. Applicants should consider their application as unsuccessful if they do not hear from the University by early September 2026. Please note that all documents will not be returned once submitted, and will be destroyed if the application is unsuccessful. The University reserves the right to withdraw the offer of admission if the provisionally admitted applicant fails to submit required final results for offer confirmation, and the deposit fee and other fees paid will not be refunded.

Composition Fees

The composition fees for local and non-local students are different. According to the definition laid down by the University Grants Committee, non-local students are persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with a student visa / entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration. The tentative annual composition fee for local students admitted in the academic year 2026-2027 is HK\$47,000. The annual composition fee for non-local students admitted in the 2026-2027 academic year is as follows:

1. For Non-local Students Enrolling in Non-STEM Faculties (Faculties of Architecture, Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Law, and Social Sciences), the annual composition fee is HK\$224,000*.
2. For Non-local Students Enrolling in STEM Faculties and Schools (Faculties of Dentistry, Engineering, Medicine, and Science; School of Biomedical Engineering; School of Computing and Data Science; and School of Innovation), the annual composition fee is HK\$249,000*, inclusive of STEM fee.

Entrance Scholarship

All applicants will be considered for entrance scholarships. Separate application is not required. The scholarship result will be announced along with the offer of admission, if applicable. Selection for entrance scholarships is based on academic merits with consideration of non-academic achievements.

HKU entrance scholarships are supported by generous donors, external organizations and governmental bodies in Hong Kong as well as overseas. The entrance scholarship for top-ranking students may go up to a value equivalent to a full tuition fee waiver plus an accommodation scholarship and a living allowance per year.

Apart from entrance scholarship, the University also awards hundreds of merit-based scholarships that students can apply for upon the commencement of study (<http://www.scholarships.hku.hk>).

**** Subject to Approval***