

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Master of Urban Design

(Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Programme (ADB-JSP) Applicant)

1. To be eligible for admission to the Programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements.¹
 - a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
 - b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree of this University in a relevant subject or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b).
 - d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

2. The Master of Urban Design (MUD) Programme offers 12 months of full-time study. It is accredited by Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) under its specialism scheme. The curriculum runs over three semesters (equivalent to 1.5 years). Upon completing the MUD Programme, graduates are entitled to a two-year Hong Kong's working VISA (IANG), which are eligible for renewal.
3. Applicants with qualifications satisfactory to both the MUD and Master of Science in Urban Planning (MUP) programmes can apply for admission to both programmes with certain credits waived by MUP. The MUP Programme which is fully recognized by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). and Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). MUP graduates can apply for MUD 'advanced standing', some credits gained in the MUP Programme lead to some waiving of credits in the MUD programme.
4. Applications for a taught postgraduate programme is made through our online application system at <http://www.admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-urban-design>
5. An electronic copy of a design portfolio in pdf format only, demonstrating your most important design, research, drawings, creative or professional work. There are no limits on layout and embedded content, yet the portfolio should be one pdf file only and should not exceed 50 pages nor 100 Mb in file size. On the content page, you need to mark the date, the nature of project (i.e. academic, personal, or professional), and collaboration information. All work must be clearly labeled and credited as either academic (with the institution, tutor and date noted), professional (with the office for whom the work was produced, your role in the project, and date noted) or personal. Images should be accompanied by brief descriptive text. For collaborative work, you need to clearly indicate your role in it. Showing other people's projects or undeclared teamwork are unacceptable and it will result in serious consequences. The cover of the portfolio should be labeled with the applicant's name, application no. and the name of the applicant's undergraduate institution.
6. The following are the eligibility requirements of the ADB-JSP:

¹ The Programme's curriculum, regulations and syllabuses are subject to the Senate's approval.

- a) Be a national of an ADB borrowing member country and Japanese ODA scholarship-eligible country*.
- b) Not hold dual citizenship of any developed country.
- c) Have gained admission to an approved master's course at a Designated Institution.
- d) Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent with superior academic record.
- e) Have at least two (2) years of full-time professional working experience (acquired after a university degree) at the time of application. Must have proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies.
- f) Not more than 35 years old at the time of application, unless waived in exceptional cases with the expressed endorsement of the Government of Japan.
- g) Be in good health.
- h) Should agree to return and work in his/her home country for at least two (2) years after completion of studies under the Program in order to contribute to its development.
- i) Not be an Executive Directors, Alternate Directors, management, staff and consultants of ADB, or the close relatives of the aforementioned by blood or adoption with the term "close relative" defined as: spouse, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, sister, stepsister, brother, stepbrother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew.
- j) Not be staff of ADB-JSP Designated Institutions;
- k) Not be living or working in a country other than his/her home country; and
- l) Not be already enrolled in graduate degree programs.

<http://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/main>

* *The eligible countries are:*

Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

7. The closing date for ADB Scholarship applicants is **12:00 noon (HK time), 28 January 2025.**
8. Further information on the above programme can also be viewed at:
<http://www.admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-urban-design> or
<http://www.arch.hku.hk/mud>
9. MUD ADB offer letter will be sent to ADB by 30 April 2025 or earlier, final ADB decision is announced in July 2025. The application results shall be made known to all the applicants by 31 July 2025 or earlier. If the applicants by that time still have not received any notice, they can enquire about the results by sending email enquiry to mudadmis@hku.hk
10. Interested applicants can join the Department's Admissions Talk to be held on 23 November 2024 (Saturday) at 10:00 am (HKT) in Room 820, 8/F., Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong and via online Zoom at the same time. For registration to attend the admission talk, please register on or before 22 November 2024 (Friday), 12:00 noon via https://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/ec_hdetail.aspx?guest=Y&ueid=96668.
11. There is an international field trip every year, and students will need to pay for the trip.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The University of Hong Kong has not entered into any agreement or collaboration with any intermediary agencies for overseas studies in respect of a mechanism of "quota for direct admission". Applicants are strongly advised not to engage any agency to submit an application or any application materials on their behalf. Applicants should

prepare and submit their applications and supporting documents directly to HKU.

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