

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Fine Arts in the field of Creative Writing in English (2025/2026)

(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg> before submitting your application.)

1. The MFA in Creative Writing in the School of English is the first of its kind in Hong Kong and Asia. The MFA offers classes and workshops which not only target specific literary genres but foster cross-genre, cross-cultural, and translanguing creativity. Our programme is deep in both theory and practice, covering intercultural histories and practices and involving students in lively discussions and dynamic workshops. Balancing coursework and supervision, we provide professional feedback and guidance that leads students toward completing an original creative thesis, ready for circulation and potential publication.

The MFA is unique for its special focus on the creative practice of the global, multilingual writer. At HKU, we welcome creative writers from all corners of the world. Many of our teachers and students have experience in writing across different genres, cultures, and languages. Our programme has hosted internationally acclaimed writers and artists and involved our students in writing creatively and collaboratively in academic settings and beyond. The MFA also fosters cross-genre creativity by offering one year of intensive study among fellow writers and other creative practitioners.

Applications are invited for admission to read for the MFA degree in the field of Creative Writing in English commencing in September 2025. The application deadlines are

Round 1: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 10, 2024

Round 2: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 31, 2025.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

Admission Requirements

2. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:
 - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
 - (b) shall (i) hold a good Bachelor's degree of this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and (ii) submit a sample of creative writing as one of the required supporting documents;
 - (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 higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#).

The programme has its specific requirements with regard to TOEFL and IELTS:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum requirement</u>
TOEFL: Paper-based test (PBT)	Overall score of 550 with 4 in Test of Written English (TWE); or
TOEFL: Internet-based test (iBT)	Overall score of 80 with 25 in Writing; or
IELTS	Band 7 with no subtest lower than 5.5

Note: Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered. IELTS Indicator and TOEFL Special Home Edition are NOT accepted.

- (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination and/or interview if required.
3. An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Application

4. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be submitted online at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg>.
5. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the supporting documents within one month starting from the date of receipt of the email notification. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.
6. In order to support the University's environmental friendly initiatives, documents uploaded to the system should NOT be delivered to the University by post in duplicate, unless you receive notification to submit your documents.
7. Applicants who do not hear from the Faculty of Arts by August 31, 2025 may assume their applications unsuccessful.

Regulations and Syllabuses

8. The regulations and syllabuses for the programme can be viewed at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list>.

Concurrent Studies

9. General Regulation G6(b)(i) prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for any other post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any educational institution, unless approval of the Senate has been obtained in advance. Students in breach of this regulation may be required to discontinue their studies at this University.

Visa for Studies

10. All applicants without the right of abode/right to land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa for the purpose of education from the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD) before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted to full-time studies. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid visa and register in the programmes before the study begins. If any student fails to register in time, the offer of admission may be withdrawn and all fees already paid will not be refunded.

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