



HKUST International Summer Exchange Program (ISP) 2016
Information Sheet for Exchange Partners

Program Features

Students can study up to 9 credits of regular UG-level courses offered by HKUST. Local excursions and cultural activities will be arranged exclusively for ISP students. There will be activities and events for ISP students to interact with local HKUST students to encourage cultural exchange.

Program Period

The program will take place over HKUST’s summer semester, i.e. from **20 June to 13 August 2016** (accommodation period is from *16 June to 13 August 2016, both nights inclusive*). Courses will start and end on different dates within the summer semester period. Course list and course schedule are expected to be available in January and April 2016 respectively.

Admissions

Admissions for summer exchange are in general more flexible than the regular semester. However, all summer exchange students must be **nominated by their home institution** and have the English language proficiency sufficient for English-taught university-level courses. Please also note that we may or may not consider students whose majors fall outside of HKUST’s major disciplines depending on the School or Office with which your institution has an exchange agreement:

	School of Science	School of Engineering	School of Business and Management	School of Humanities and Social Science	Interdisciplinary Programs Office
will consider majors outside of HKUST’s major disciplines	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

Quota

We encourage you to discuss with us the number of students you plan to send us beforehand and we will try to reserve the space. As there is an increasing demand for places on ISP, we suggest that you confirm your nominations with us as early as possible.

Exchange Ratio

Exchange partners can send students to our summer program on a **3 to 1 ratio** (i.e. 3 summer quotas would equal to 1 HKUST regular-term quota), or as specified in the exchange agreement. You may feel free to let us know if this arrangement is agreeable to you.



Student Visa

All international students (except holders of Hong Kong Identity Card who have the right to land and study in Hong Kong) are required to obtain a student visa in order to study in Hong Kong. The student visa processing time is normally 6 to 8 weeks. Incomplete applications and missing documents will cause delays; students are strongly advised to follow our instructions carefully when completing their applications. Whether a student is granted a student visa is at the discretion of the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Please note that nationals of Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam are normally not allowed to enter Hong Kong to study. Students who fail to obtain the appropriate document for the right to study in Hong Kong will be declined participation in ISP.

Insurance

All students are required to subscribe to the HKUST Compulsory Travel Insurance Plan. If your students are covered by an institutional insurance policy that covers for their exchange periods, you may wish to contact us about our institutional insurance waivers; waivers may be given on a case-by-case basis.

Accommodation

All ISP students will be provided on-campus accommodation. Students will be assigned to a double or triple room in a student hall on campus for the program duration.

Program Fees

While students do not need to pay tuition fees to HKUST, each summer exchange student will be charged a program fee:

Basic program fee (includes on-campus accommodation fee, program activities fee, and any administrative fees)	HKD6,700
Student visa application and handling fee (not applicable to students who do not require a student visa to study in Hong Kong)	HKD600
Travel insurance fee (not applicable to students whose home institutions have obtained the institutional insurance waiver covering the ISP 2016 period; copies of the students' insurance cards are required for verification purposes)	HKD350
<u>Total Program Fee:</u>	<u>HKD7,650</u>



Application Procedures

As students must be nominated by their home institutions to participate in ISP, we are asking students to apply for the program through the Exchange Office or International Program Office of their home institutions.

Step 1: Nomination by home institution

Students should seek the nomination from you. Please forward your nominations to isp@ust.hk from now until **17 February 2016**. The earlier you send your nominations, the sooner your students can begin their applications.

Step 2: HKUST application

HKUST will send login information to each student to proceed to complete the application. A guide with detailed instructions on the HKUST application will be available on our website at that time. Online applications will be accepted until **6 March 2016**.

Step 3: Post-application procedures

HKUST will review students' applications, and may contact them if more information is required. If the student is admitted to the program, they will receive a notification instructing them to

- i. log back into the system to complete the post-application procedures (e.g. university housing application and program payment), and
- ii. mail (1) the student visa application form and necessary supporting documents, and (2) the *'Assumption of risk and release form for enrichment activities'* to HKUST.

We strongly encourage you to collect items (1) and (2) for all your students and mail them to HKUST in one package. These documents should reach HKUST by 17 March 2016.

Mailing address:

International Summer Exchange Program 2016
Global Student Programs Office
Room 2001, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology,
Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Application Deadline

Interested students can apply for the program through their home institution. Nomination list should be submitted by **17 February 2016** and all application documents (including student visa application documents) must reach HKUST by **17 March 2016**. Please refer to the above-outlined application procedures for details.



Enquiry

The program is organized by the Global Student Programs Office. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Miss Suki Chan, at isp@ust.hk. Alternatively, you can visit the program website at <http://studyabroad.ust.hk/> for more information.

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