

# Application for Admission to Research Postgraduate Programs (2023-2024 Entry)

# Guidelines for Completing an Application for PhD/MPhil Programs

# Before filling in the online application:

- Get relevant application information & documents listed in section A handy with you.
  - They are required for evaluating your application.
  - All the documents are to be uploaded to the system.
  - There is no need to send paper documents to the University by mail at the application stage.
- Contact 2-5 suitable persons to be your referees and make sure that they accept your invitation.
- Make sure you have a credit card/ Alipay/ WeChat Pay for making online application fee payment.
- Check the application deadline which varies from program to program.
- Note special deadlines:
   Hong Kong PhD Fellowship
  - Initial application to RGC:
     1 December 2022 (12nn, GMT+8)
  - Application for HKUST admission: 1 December 2022 (11:59pm, GMT+8)

# <u>Asian Future Leaders Scholarship</u> <u>Program</u>

• 31 January 2023

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# A. Information and Documents to Gather

# 1. Identity Document

- Hong Kong applicants: Hong Kong ID card
- Mainland applicants:
   Mainland ID card / EEP / passport
- Other applicants:
   Social security card / passport

# 2. Transcripts and Degree Certificates

- To cover your full tertiary education history
- Latest transcript if the degree program is not yet completed
- Final transcript and degree certificate for a completed program

# 3. Grading Scale/System

 To show the transcript legends/keys/grading scales; normally found at the back of the transcript or student handbook

# 4. Proof of English Proficiency

- Only one of the following is needed:
  - TOEFL/IELTS score report, if available
  - An official letter confirming that your bachelor's degree (or equivalent) was awarded by an institution where the medium of instruction was English
- Not required if your first language is English

# 5. Public Examination Results

- Required only if there is a program-specific requirement on public examination achievements e.g. GMAT, GRE
- GMAT and GRE are normally required by Programs in the School of Business and Management only

# **6.** Proposed Research Plan and Past Research Experience

- You may wish to first prepare the following with a text editor (e.g. notepad) and then copy the content to your application:
  - your experience and participation in research projects
  - your proposed research topic and plan for research

# 7. Additional Research Proposal in Specified Format

- Only for applicants of specific MPhil/PhD programs. Please check the respective requirements as follows:
  - (i) Humanities
  - (ii) Social Science
  - (iii) <u>Individualized Interdisciplinary Program</u> (Research Area)
- Please upload the required document(s) in Step 2

Once you log into the online application platform to start completing the form,

- you will find instructions on relevant pages
- you may choose to complete step 1.4 onwards in any order
- do remember to click "Save and Continue" before you proceed to work on the next section
- be sure that you fill in all fields marked with "\*"
- be sure that you upload all the required document(s) marked with "#".

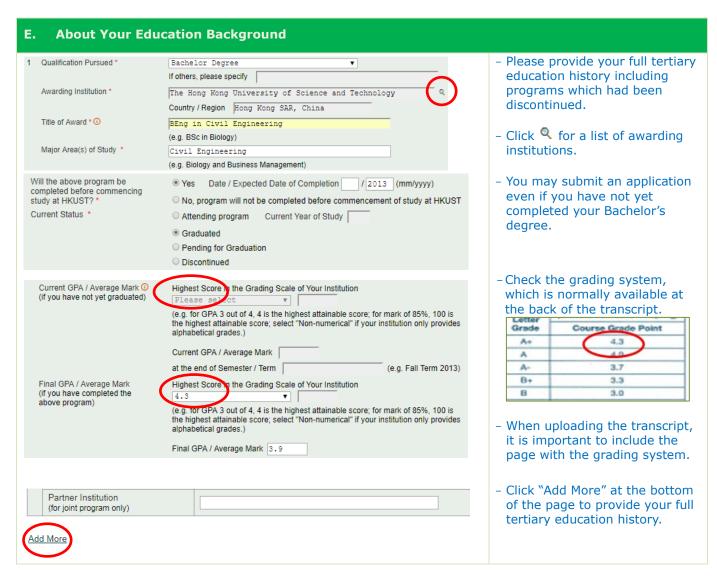
Let us know you have completed the application form by submitting your application. After successful submission, you will only be allowed to make limited modifications (see Part Q). All other information submitted cannot be amended or deleted online, including files uploaded to the system. For corrections after application submission, please send your request to the HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School through the <a href="Enquiry Form">Enquiry Form</a>.

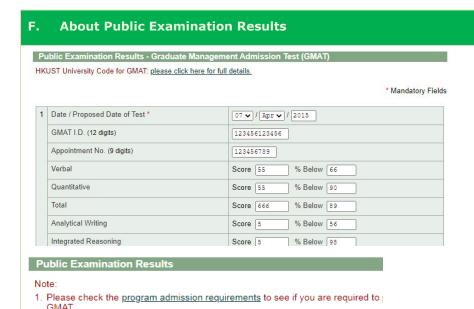
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# For explanations, look for Current GPA / Average Mak (if you have not yet graduated) If you encounter problems, try looking for solutions by clicking "Help" at the top right-hand corner of the page. Application for Admission to Research Postgraduate Programs (2023-2024 Entry) [My Applications | Change Password Email | Help | Logoff | If the problems persist, try disabling pop-up blocker in your browser. If it does not help with your problems, please write to us via the Enquiry Form with screen capture(s) to facilitate our responses.

## **About Your Personal Particulars** - Name / date of birth / place of Tai Man Name in English \* (same as in identity documents) birth: must tally with Family Name / Surname / Last Name Given Names / Other Names information shown in your identity document or passport. Name in Chinese (if any) Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) 3 01 v / Jan v / 2000 For applicants from The Please select Place of Birth \* Mainland of China, you are required to provide: ○ Male ○ Female I.D. Document Number \* (please provide at least one of the following) • Name in Chinese Hong Kong I.D. Card Number, if any · Registered Place of Other I.D. Number and Issuing Country / Region Please select Household (戶口所在地) ~ Passport Number and Issuing Country / Region Please select Student visa/entry permit Place of Origin Please select In general, you don't need a For applicants from The Mainland of China, please indicate: student visa/entry permit if you have one of the following: Registered Place of Household (戶口所在地): Please select Need for student visa / entry permit Do you need a student visa or entry permit to O Yes O No study in Hona Kona? an HKID card showing A, R or U below the date of Please specify what document you will present instead. birth If others, please specify 出生日期 Date of Birth **1**-1968 Local / Non-local • a visa under IANG • a dependent visa • a one-way permit • a work permit (for Parttime studies only) Phone Number \* Country Area Home Country Area You must provide a valid Mobile mobile phone number (with The University may send me SMS message(s) related to this application, country code, e.g. 852 for where appropriate, to the mobile phone number listed above Hong Kong) if you wish to receive SMS messages.

# **About Your Program Choice** - Programs will no longer be selectable after the respective Please note that non-local students are not allowed to pursue part-time RPg studies in Hong Kong. For more details about the application deadlines. definition of a non-local student, please click here. If you still have questions on the non-local status, please consult the Immigration Department of the HKSAR directly - You may change the program Program Choice Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) choice in step 1.3 any time Mode of Study : Full-Time before you complete the "Submit and Pay" procedure Change Program Choice for your application. Mandatory Fields - If you would like to be considered for another How do you learn about HKUST and its postgraduate programs?\* program after submitting your Please select v application, please submit a If others, please specify new application. Application No. Term Applied Program Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full-Time) 62300000297 Q Fall/2023-24 (Note: This is the only platform that the University will issue offers to the applicar instructions given in this system. Just in case you receive an offer and are asked university.) Start new application





- Not all programs require GMAT/GRE scores.
- Please check the Programspecific requirements at <a href="https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/adm-req">https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/adm-req</a>.
- If GMAT/GRE scores are required but they are not yet available:
  - Please click the relevant test and enter the proposed test date
  - Log in again to provide the test scores when they become available.

# G. About Your English Language Proficiency

GRE GMAT

2. To provide the scores of the following examinations, please click the link below:

English Language Proficiency

I took TOEFL / IELTS (Academic Module).
(Please provide the examination details below and upload the scanned score report(s) in "Step 2: Upload Documents".)

I plan to take TOEFL / IELTS (Academic Module) and will provide the scores once they are available.
(Please enter the planned examination date by clicking the relevant test below.)

My degree was awarded / will be awarded by an institution where the medium of instruction was/is English.
(Please provide a letter of certification issued by your institution in "Step 2: Upload Documents" if your institution is not in a country where the official language is English.)

English is my mother tongue.

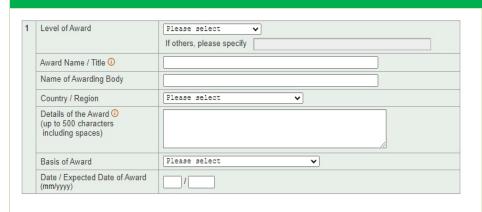
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For provide / update the test scores / planned exam date, please click the relevant test below:

IELTS (Academic Module) TOEFL-Internet Based TOEFL-Revised Paper-delivered TOEFL-Paper Based Others

- You may select multiple items here, as appropriate.
- Click "Save" to lock your choice(s) before proceeding to enter TOEFL/IELTS test results.
- If IELTS/TOEFL scores are required but they are not yet available:
  - Please click the relevant test and enter the proposed test date
  - Log in again to provide the test scores when they become available.

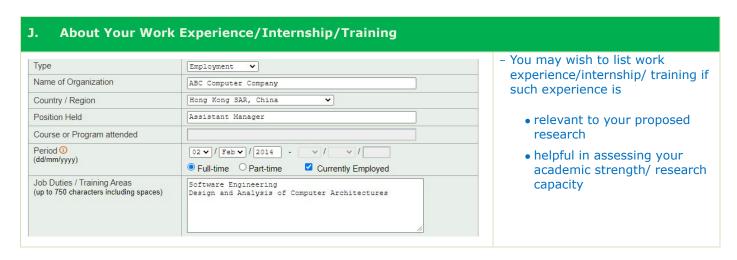
# H. About Your Awards and Professional Qualifications

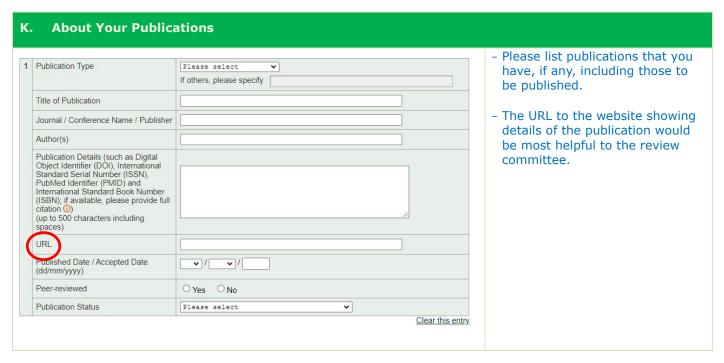


- We would be pleased to know about any awards and professional qualifications that you hold.
- Tell us more about the award/professional qualification in "Details of the Award" (e.g. how competitive or how prestigious it is).

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# About Your Extra Curricular Activities/Volunteer Work - If you are not applying for the Please select **Hong Kong PhD Fellowship** Name of Organization (HKPFS), you may choose to skip this part. Nature of Business (e.g. promoting environmental protection) Position Held Participation Period (i) **v** / **v**/ **v**/ - [ **~** / [ (dd/mm/yyyy) Full-time Part-time Major Responsibilities / engagements (up to 750 characters including spaces)



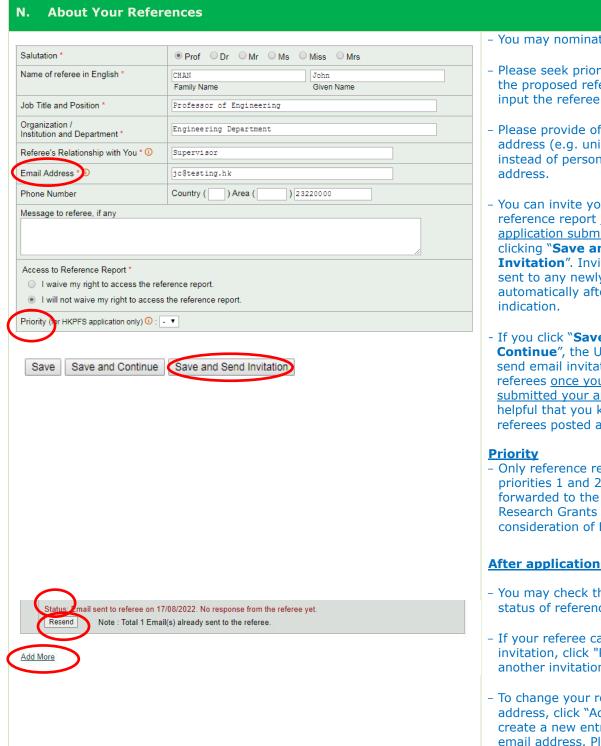


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# **About Your Research Proposal and Vision Statement** - Note the word limit. Proposed Research Plan and Past Research Experience Vour proposed research plan and vision statement must be original. Plagiarism found will lead to disqualification. For proper referencing, please refer to "<u>A Guide to Good Referencing Skills</u>". For ease of editing, we advise you to complete your writing with a text editor (e.g. notepad) and then paste the text in the fields below. - Anything beyond the word limit will be truncated. \* 1. Please describe your experience or participation in research projects (if soy) (up to 7500 characters including spaces). Character Count: 0 Please describe your proposed research to 6 (up to 500 characters including spaces). The description should include the general field or the control and the specific coefficient. earch question(s) \* 1. Reasons for wishing to pursue PhD / MPhil Studies in Hong Kong (up to 2000 characters including spaces). 3. Please describe your prespaces). The description should in Character Count: 0 experience, participation applicable); the significa 2. Long-term career plan, aims and interests for future development after graduation to 10 2000 characters including spaces). Character Count: 0 \* 3. Contribution that you would like to make to the development of research in Hong Kong and to the characters including spaces). Character Count: 0 would like to demonstrate through your proposed research plan (up to 4 The interrectual vision and aspiration 2000 characters including spaces). Character Count: 0

# M. About Additional Information Please provide further information is upported future application (e.g. availability for interview, and supplementary information about yourself, you institution or your current thesis supervisor that you would like the selection committee to take into account). You can injury up (750) characters (including spaces) bealty and/or upload additional documents in (250 characters (including spaces) bealty and/or upload additional documents in (250 characters) bealt in this part only if you see the need. - Other applicants please fill in this part only if you see the need. - Note the word limit.

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- You may nominate 2-5 referees.

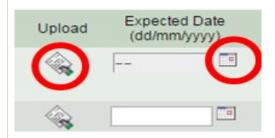
- Please seek prior consent from the proposed referees before you input the referee details.
- Please provide official email address (e.g. university email) instead of personal email
- You can invite your referees for reference report before application submission by clicking "Save and Send Invitation". Invitation(s) will be sent to any newly added referees automatically after this
- If you click **"Save and Continue"**, the University will send email invitations to your referees once you have submitted your application. It is helpful that you keep your referees posted accordingly.

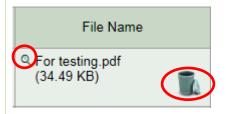
- Only reference reports accorded priorities 1 and 2 will be forwarded to the Hong Kong Research Grants Council for consideration of HKPFS.

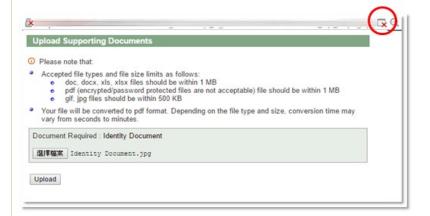
# **After application submission:**

- You may check the submission status of reference reports here.
- If your referee cannot locate the invitation, click "Resend" to send another invitation to him/her.
- To change your referee's email address, click "Add More" to create a new entry with the new email address. Please ignore the system-generated reminders for the previous records.

# O. About Uploading Documents







# **Upload Supporting Documents**

# Note:

- Please upload scanned copies of supporting documreceived and accepted the offer.
- 2. The maximum upload size is 5.00 MB for all your do resolution (i.e. dpi) while keeping the documents cle
- Please ensure you allow pop-ups (if you need help, browser).
- # document(s) required to be uploaded before applica
  \* mandatory

Total Upload Size Used: 0.40 MB (Max. 5.00 MB)

You may upload multiple documents under one document type.

- Click to upload documents currently available, OR
- If the document type is not marked with "#", click to insert an expected date for documents not yet available.

# IMPORTANT: Do not click both of them!!

- Once a document is uploaded, the file name will be shown.
- Please upload files in A4 size and click to review to make sure all information on it can be clearly read.
- You may remove an uploaded document by clicking before the application is submitted.

# **IMPORTANT**

- Disable the pop-up blocker of your browser to show pop-up dialogue box!
- We suggest uploading your documents using Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome
- Size of each file max 1MB,
  - you may have to reduce some file size by decreasing the document resolution (i.e. dpi)
  - please make sure that the document can still be clearly read.

# **After application submission**:

 After application submission, the upload quota will be adjusted to 5.00 MB. You may upload documents which become available after submission subject to a limit of 5.00 MB in total.

# **About Your Application Fee Payment**

# Application Fee

Please complete your application fee payment to confirm your application submission

An acknowledgement screen will be displayed if your application is submitted with successful payment. Please wait until the screen is displayed before you leave the Online Admission System

Amount: HK\$ 180.00

Payment Method

- By Visa/ Master Card
- By Alipay
- By WeChat Pay

Continue

# Unsuccessful Payment

Error Invalid card number, transaction cancelled

Ref. Invoice No : AF623000002970022

# Hints for On-line Application Fee Payment

If you cannot pay your application fee on-line, please check the following and try again:

- 1. Is your credit card a valid Visa/ MasterCard registered for on-line payment? If not, register at the following sites:
  - Verified by Visa MasterCard: MasterCard SecureCode
- 2. Do you have the correct Visa/ MasterCard verification password for on-line payment?
- 3. Does the security level of the computer or system you are using allow you to do on-line payment?
- 4. Does the setting of your browser allow on-line payment (best to use Mozilla Firefox with popup blocker disabled)?
- Have you closed any opened window in the middle of the payment process or interrupted the process by clicking the refresh/reload or back button?

Should the problem persist, you are advised to check with the bank that issued your credit card.

If the bank cannot solve your problem, please contact the HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School through the Enquiry Form at <a href="https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/enquiry">https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/enquiry</a>, stating the problem and providing the error code provided in this page. Please do not send your credit card details.

In case we track more than one payment from you, please be assured that extra payment(s) will be voided automatically. Do allow time (at least 4 weeks' time) for the transactions to be reflected on your monthly bank statement.

- Please pay the application fee by online payment.
- The payment process will take some time, do not interrupt until you see either an acknowledgement or an error screen.
- If your application fee payment was unsuccessful, please check the hints provided and try again.

# **About Submitting Your Application**

Application No. : 62300000297

- Follow-up Items / Updates
- Education Background Public Examination Results
- English Language Result
- References
- Supporting Documents



- Submit and Pay Ack
- Your application has been successfully submitted on 17-Aug-2022 18:12.
- ve successfully debited HK\$ 180.00 from your credit care
- ► The Ref. Invoice No. for your application is AF623000002970012.
- If you wish to do the following after submitting the application, please click on the related items on the sidebar menu on the left:

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- Update your contact details
- · Provide newly available scores / marks
- Add / update publication:
- Resend invitations to referees / add referees (if quota allows)
- Upload additional supporting documents

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- It is advisable that you submit your application well before the deadline to avoid last minute hiccups.
- You will see an Acknowledgement after successfully submitting your application.
- To check the data submitted, you can log in any time and click "View Application".

# R. About Your Application Summary

# Application Summary

- · Troubleshooting guides:
  - Guidelines for Research PG Programs
  - · Guidelines for Taught PG Programs
  - · Guidelines for Doctor of Business Administration Program
  - · "Help" button on the top right-hand corner of any application pages
  - FAQ page at <a href="https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq">https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq</a>
- . To ensure that emails from HKUST about your application(s), if any, can rea-





 A summary of the application(s) you have lodged with us is provided in the Application Summary.

# After application submission:

- Click Q to view your application.
- Click your application number to update contact information or provide information not yet available by application submission.
- If you wish to change the login password or contact email, click "Change Password/ Email" at the top right-hand corner of the page.

# S. About Your Application Status

# **Application Summary**

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- To ensure that emails from HKUST about your application(s), if any, can reach you, please add \_\_\_\_\_\_@ust.hk to your e-mail contact list

62300000297 Q Fall/2023-24 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical	
Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full- Time)	mitted and under consideration

- You may check the admission status in the HKUST PG Online Admissions System any time after the application submission.
  - When your offer status changes, you will be notified by email. To ensure that the emails can reach you, please add <u>pgadmit@ust.hk</u> to your email contact list.
  - Individual programs will issue offers according to their own admission schedules.

If you see the following status:	It means:	
Under preparation	Please submit the application by the closing date	
Submitted and under consideration	Your application is being reviewed by the relevant Department / Program Office	
Offer pending acceptance Deadline: dd-mmm-yyyy	An offer has been issued to you, please accept it online before the deadline specified	
Offer accepted	Please send <u>official documents</u> to substantiate your offer	
Offer confirmed - pending program registration	Please watch out for the invitation for program registration sent to you by the Academic Registry	
Offer lapsed - failed conditions	Deposit refund will be arranged if official documents are submitted to show that you were unable to fulfill the condition(s) for admission. Refund cannot be made if you did not take the required test.	

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# **About Accepting Admission Offer**

## Application Summary

- · Troubleshooting guides:
  - Guidelines for Research PG Programs
  - Guidelines for Taught PG Programs
  - · Guidelines for Doctor of Business Administration Program
  - "Help" button on the top right-hand corner of any application pages
  - FAQ page at <a href="https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq">https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq</a>
- To ensure that emails from HKUST about your application(s), if any, can reach you, please add \_\_\_\_\_\_@ust.hk to your e-mail contact list

Application No. Term Applied Program Offered Program Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full-Time) 62300000297 Q Fall/2023-24 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanic Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full-Offer pending acceptance Deadline: 9 September 2022 Time) Offer Type: Firm Offer

Steps for Accepting This Admission Offer (https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/offer):

Step 1. View Offer Letter

Check the box below if it is applicable to you.

onfirm that by clicking "Accept Offer and Pay" below,

- (i) I accept the admission offer listed above with details listed in the offer letter.
- (ii) In accepting this offer, I agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the University, as amended from time to time
- (iii) I understand that, according to the HKUST Postgraduate Regulations, I am not permitted to concurrently register for another program at this University or another tertiary institution,
- (iv) I am paying a non-refundable and non-transferable deposit to HKUST, and
- (v) I understand that, if I am a current/ previous student at HKUST, I will need to settle all outstanding payment from my studies in order to
  proceed to new program registration.

(After completing both steps 1 and 2)

Step 3. Click "Accept Offer and Pay" (Note: This is the only platform that the University will issue offers to the applicants. If an offer is given, pleas the offer and pay the deposit following instructions given in this system. Just in case you receive an offer and are asked to pay a deposit this system, please stay cautious and report to the university.)

Accept Offer and Pay

Decline Offer

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Please select the payment method:

- Pay online by using VISA/Master Card
- Pay online by using Alipay
- Pay online by using WeChat Pay

Continue

Back to My Applications

If you receive an offer of admission,

- click "Accept/Decline Offer"
- follow Steps 1-3 to accept the
- Follow the payment instructions to pay the deposit
- Click "Continue" to process the payment
- Make sure that the Status in the "Application Summary" is updated to "Offer Accepted".

### U. **About Qualification Substantiation**

- · Guidelines for Research PG Programs
- Guidelines for Taught PG Programs
   Guidelines for Doctor of Business Administration Program
- · "Help" button on the top right-hand corner of any application pages
- FAQ page at <a href="https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq">https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/faq</a>
- To ensure that emails from HKUST about your application(s), if any, can reach you, please add
   @ust hk to your e-mail contact list

Application No. Term Applied Program Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mecha Engineering (Energy Technology) (F Time) Offer Type: Firm Offer 62300000297 Q Fall/2023-24 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full-Offer accepted - pending official



Document Checklist (Details on document requirements: https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/doc)

Official transcript(s) and/or degree certificate(s)

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, BEng in Civil Engineering - Transcript The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, BEng in Civil Engineering - Certificate The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, BEng in Civil Engineering - Institution Grading System

Status i Expected D (dd/mm/yyy) Remarks 14/07/202 Not yet received View 14/07/202 Not yet received 14/07/2023

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- You are required to send all documents listed in the Document Checklist to FYTGS to substantiate your offer before you may proceed to register as an HKUST student.
- Please refer to the <u>FYTGS</u> website for document requirements.
- Updated document receipt status is shown under "Status" of the Document Checklist section. Check under "Remarks" if you need to take follow up actions.

# **About Student Visa Application**

- Troubleshooting guides:
- Guidelines for Research PG Programs
   Guidelines for Taught PG Programs

- Guidelines for Doctor of Business Administration Program
   "Help" button on the top right-hand corner of any application pages
- FAQ page at <a href="https://ft/gs.hkust.edu.hki/faq">https://ft/gs.hkust.edu.hki/faq</a>
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Application No.	Term	Applied Program	Offered Program	Status
<u>62300000297</u> Q	Fall/2023-24	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full- Time)	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical Engineering (Energy Technology) (Full- Time) Offer Type: Firm Offer	Offer accepted - pending official documents View Offer Details/ Documents Required

# udent Visa/ Entry Permit (https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/visa)

The online application for student visa/entry permit will be available to the Fall entry in February 2023.

Please submit your student visa/entry permit application as soon as possible and allow sufficient time (normally at least 8 weeks) for processing. Non-local students would need to have obtained a student visa/entry permit before they may proceed to register as a student.

In case you have accepted multiple admission offers at HKUST or in institutions in Hong Kong, please note that the Immigration Department will only consider one application for pursuing a particular program in a specified institution.

Special note to new students of Kellogg-HKUST EMBA / HKUST EMBA / DBA / MBA / MSc in Global Finance programs:
You Program Office will have special arrangements to assist you with the student visa/entry permit application and you don't need to submit such application, strough the online system.

# **Student Visa/Entry Permit**

- It is important that non-local students follow instructions given and apply for the student visa/entry permit early. It is the responsibility of the students to obtain the visa/permit in time for program commencement.
- Please refer to the FYTGS website for details on Student Visa/Entry Permit application.