HKUST
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM
2015-16
Overview

Duration of Exchange
1 Term or 1 Academic Year

Deadline for Applications
Fall Term (September to December): 31 March 2015
Spring Term (February to May): 30 September 2015
Summer:
please refer to the program website at http://isp.ust.hk/

Nomination Deadline: Half month before the application deadline specified

Application Materials
Application materials can be obtained at http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange/incoming/application-procedures

Supporting Documents Required for Application
- Official academic transcript (with English translation if necessary)
- Photocopy of the photo page of the national passport
- Letters of recommendation from Program Advisors or equivalent

Language Requirement
Students should have a comparable proficiency in the English language as our courses are mainly conducted in English.
**Academic Calendar (Provisional)**

Fall Term: 1 September to 19 December 2015  
Spring Term: 1 February to 28 May 2016

**Credit Requirement**

Minimum credit per term is 12 and maximum credit load is 18. A course normally carries 3 or 4 credits.

**Course Restrictions**

Generally speaking, science exchange students will have priority in taking science courses including chemistry, environmental science, life science, mathematics and physics. For courses offered in other Schools, it will be subject to the availability of seats and approval of the course instructor.

**Course Levels**

Science exchange students are allowed to take postgraduate courses subject to the requirements of the course pre-requisites (if any), the availability of seats and approval of the course instructor.

Please note that science exchange students are very unlikely to enroll in postgraduate courses offered by other Schools, since they are with very limited seats or self-financed.
Courses Offered

Please see the “Course Catalog” at http://publish.ust.hk/prog_crs/index.html.

Please be flexible in designing your study plan as not all courses stated in the Course Catalog are offered every Term. Confirmed courses and class schedules for the forthcoming term are normally finalized until late July for Fall Term and late December for Spring Term respectively.

Language Courses

Chinese and other language courses, including both credit-bearing, and non-credit bearing but fee-paying ones, are offered during the term. Relevant information will be available nearer/after the start of each term.

Academic Transcripts

Original copies of the student’s official transcript will be sent to the student and his/her home institution (upon student’s consent) at the end of the exchange period.

Students can order extra transcripts at a fee, please see relevant website of our Academic Records and Registration Office at http://www.ab.ust.hk/apply_transcript for details.
Visa Application

Students who do not have the right of abode or right to land and wish to study in Hong Kong are required to obtain a valid student visa/entry permit before coming to Hong Kong.

More information can be found at the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (http://www.immd.gov.hk).

Application Procedure

The Global Student Programs Office of HKUST will assist all exchange students in applying for Student Visa. The visa application procedures will be found in the admission package to exchange students.

Application usually takes about 8 weeks after all requested documents are received.

Work During Exchange

Exchange students are not permitted to work on or off campus throughout the entire period of study in Hong Kong.
Compulsory Plan

It is compulsory for exchange students to have sufficient insurance coverage for the entire exchange period at HKUST arranged prior to their departure for Hong Kong. Students must subscribe to the mandatory University Medical Insurance Scheme for Exchange Students in HKUST. Updated and relevant insurance information will be included in the admission package to students. Students who fail to comply with the insurance requirements will not be able to officially register at HKUST.

On-campus Health Services

All registered students at HKUST are entitled to have complimentary medical consultation and medication at the on-campus clinic. However, please note that HKUST’s health care service does not cover hospitalization.

Medical Examination

No health or medical examination is required of exchange students.
On-Campus Accommodation

Students will be accommodated on-campus as far as possible. More information about on-campus accommodation is available at https://sao.ust.hk/housing/accommodation.html.

Application Deadline

Fall Term: Mid/Late-May 2015
Spring Term: Mid/Late-November 2015
(Exact dates to be confirmed)

Application Procedure

Students are required to complete and return the housing application form (enclosed in the admission package to students) on or before the deadline designated by the Student Housing and Residential Life Office.

Off-campus Accommodation

The Student Housing and Residential Life Office also provides students with off-campus accommodation information and advice, please refer to https://sao.ust.hk/housing/living_offcampus.html for details.
Recommended Arrival Date

Fall Term: Late-August 2015
Spring Term: Late-January 2016
(Exact dates to be confirmed)

Orientation Program

A series of orientation activities for exchange students, such as cultural tours, welcome lunch, etc, will be arranged by the Global Student Programs Office. The School of Science will also hold an academic induction session exclusively for science exchange students.

Most of the orientation activities are free. If fees are charged, the range will be within a few hundred Hong Kong dollars.

Other Services

Details of other services for exchange students are available at:

Global Student Programs Office
http://nlss.ust.hk

Student Affairs Office
https://sao.ust.hk
## Estimated Living Expenses

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<th>Items</th>
<th>HKD$</th>
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<tr>
<td>On-campus Accommodation (subject to further adjustment &amp; confirmation)</td>
<td>4,500</td>
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<td>Compulsory Hall Meal Charges</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>Private Accommodation (prices vary)</td>
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<td>Student Visa Application Fee</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>University Medical Insurance Scheme</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Food/Meals</td>
<td>14,000</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, sundries, local transportation, etc)</td>
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<td>Academic Expenses (e.g. books)</td>
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**Total** 33,500 (around USD4,300)
Websites

HKUST
http://www.ust.hk

School of Science
http://science.ust.hk

Science International Exchange Program
http://advise.science.ust.hk/sfs/exchange

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