

# Before You Apply

## Why CUHK?

- Three-year Guaranteed Accommodation
- Economical Tuition Fee HK\$145,000 per annum  
Estimated expenses per year = Tuition Fee HK\$145,000 per annum + Hostel Fee around HK\$10,000 per annum (depending upon the college) + Living Expenses (food, books, transportation, and pocket money) around HK\$35,000 = Estimated Expenses around HK\$190,000 (**USD\$24293**) per year.
- Scholarship, Exchange and Internship Opportunities Offered by University, College, Faculty, and Department
- CUHK has a thriving Korean community.  
Click here for [Korean Student Association](#).  
Click here for [Useful information for new international students by International Student Association](#).

## Why Department of Economics?

- Highly Ranked Globally  
CUHK ranks 6th in Asia and 39th in the world in the field of Economics and Econometrics (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019).
- Distinguished Alumni  
Over decades, the CUHK Department of Economics has nurtured many distinguished alumni, who have contributed in different sectors of the community. They include Mr. Vincent Cheng, the first Chinese Chairman of HSBC; Mr. Kwok Kwok Chuen, former Principal Economist at HKSAR Government.
- Research Excellence  
The Department of Economics is renowned for its strength in research in the Chinese economy, economic theory and labour economics. It is also the only economics department in Hong Kong with two Nobel Laureates among its staff.

## Application Procedure

Date	Procedure	Remarks
Throughout the year	Online Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passport</li><li>• Personal Statement</li><li>• School Transcripts</li><li>• Awards and Certificates</li><li>• Reference Letters</li><li>• Application Fee HK\$450</li></ul>
		<p>(Can be uploaded later)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Certificate with a grade of “mi” in each of the subjects</li><li>• English requirement</li><li>• Other exam results: If you do not have Senior Secondary School Graduation</li></ul>

		Diploma/Certificate, please click <a href="#">here</a> for the requirements of CUHK. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School Diploma</li> </ul>
December - August	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If we think that you are suitable for our programme, we will not arrange for interviews and we will grant you offer directly as soon as possible.</li> <li>• If we think that we need more information from you, we will invite you for interview. We will arrange several interviews from December-August.</li> </ul>
December - August	Offer Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission Offer Letter</li> <li>• Upload Certificates (if applicable)</li> <li>• First Installment of Deposit HK\$10,000</li> </ul>
April – August	Preparation before Going to HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Preference</li> <li>• Student Visa Application</li> </ul>
Late August	Arrival at HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hong Kong ID Card</li> <li>• Official Student Visa</li> </ul>

## Online Application

Visit [CUHK undergraduate application](#) website. Korean students are classified as **International** students.

Then, you need to prepare

- **Your passport**
- **Personal Statement**
- Please submit a statement with a maximum of 2 pages.
- **School Transcripts**
- **Awards and Certificates (Academic / Professional Achievements)**

You may provide a maximum of 10 awards or certificates that prove your academic or professional achievements. Such academic awards include but not limited to any international level competition (**Olympiad Exams**) or inter-school level competition (**English Speech Contests**). Such professional certificates include but not limited to **CFA or FRM**.

- **Reference Letters**

You can submit up to 3 referee's contact information. The referee may be your high school teacher, a professor, or an employer with related academic background who can prove your academic strengths or professional skills.

After successfully submitting online application, your referee will receive an invitation email to login the "Online Confidential Recommendation System" to complete the Confidential Recommendation Report. He or she can also attach a Reference Letter as a supplement. Your referee could submit it online through the Online Confidential Recommendation System or print out the Confidential Recommendation Form and Reference Letter (if applicable) and mail them in a sealed envelope by post to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Address: Room 1202, Yasumoto International Academic Park, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong

- **Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Certificate Result**

If you have not received your Exam Result when you apply, just submit a predicted grade under section “Public Examinations - To be attempted” and upload the real result when you receive it. Remember, it is required to obtain the Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Certificate with a grade of “mi” in each of the subjects.

- **Other examination results**

If you do not have Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma/Certificate, please click [here](#) for the requirements of CUHK.

- **English Requirement**

You need to take public exam to prove your English proficiency. For example IELTS: 6.0 / TOEFL (iBT): 80 / SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 590 / SAT Reasoning Test (Old): 8 in Essay.

Click here for [English Language Tests](#) Accepted by CUHK.

- **Application Fee HK\$450**

It is a non-refundable payment that is payable via either VISA or MASTERCARD when submitting online application.

## Offer Confirmation

- **Admission Offer Letter and Upload Certificates (if applicable)**

Sign and complete duplicate copy of the admission offer letter by the specified date; otherwise the admission offer will become null and void.

Remember to upload the Certificates to confirm the conditional offer (if applicable).

- **First Installment of Composition Fees**

Pay the first installment of composition fees of HK\$10,000 by the specified date; otherwise the admission offer will become null and void. This HK\$10,000 will be counted as part of the tuition fee in the first semester.

## Preparation before Going to HK

- **College Preference**

Applicants who are admitted to CUHK will be affiliated to one of the nine colleges. To facilitate the college assignment process, you will receive an email around April or May that asks you to submit your preference. A thorough consideration is needed because you are not allowed to change your college.

Click here for [College Infographics by International Students Association](#).

- **Student Visa Application**

To successfully enter Hong Kong in August, CUHK will send you an email by May to assist in your student visa application.

Click here for [Guidance of Student Visa Application by HK Government](#)

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# Arrival at HK

- **Hong Kong ID Card**

Click here for [Guidance of HKID application by HK Government](#).

Click here for [Guidance of HKID Application by International Student Association](#).

## South Korean Military Services (Male Only)

- Every male South Korean national has to undergo 21 months of military service at certain point after reaching age of 20.
- However, since Korean government allows each individual to select their time of military service at one's own discretion, students should carefully consider their academic progress and other conditions to decide when they would like to undergo the service.

Suggested Timeline	
Apply for military service	Information on how to apply for the military service will not be discussed here, but can be referred to South Korea Military Manpower Administration website.
Apply for suspension of studies	After deciding the enlistment date, students should apply suspension for studies (2 years). The application form can be found on CUHK <a href="#">Registration and Examinations Section Website</a> .
Back to Korea, serve military service (21 months)	
Re-apply for student visa	All students who recently got discharged from military service, or who is going to be discharged soon should check their student visa expiry date. Normative period of student visa is typically 4 years, so most of the students re-apply for extension/re-issuance of relevant student visa before they come back to CUHK. Process for re-applying student visa can be found on <a href="#">CUHK Office of Academic Links website</a>