

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
- 300+ Taiwanese Students in CUHK
Click here for [Taiwanese Student Association](#).
Click here for [Guidebook for Taiwanese Freshmen](#).

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">• Passport• Personal Statement• School Transcripts• Awards and Certificates• Reference Letters• Application Fee HK\$450
		(Can be uploaded later) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GSAT/SAT reached top 13% of cohort• English requirement• High School Diploma
December-August	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If we think that you are suitable for our programme, we will not arrange for interviews and we will grant you offer

		<p>directly as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If we think that we need more information from you, we will invite you for interview. We will arrange several interviews from December-August.
December-August	Offer Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission Offer Letter First Installment of Deposit HK\$10,000 High School Diploma
April – August	Preparation before Going to HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Preference Student Visa Application
Late August	Arrival at HK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hong Kong ID Card Multiple Entry Permit + Official Student Visa

Online Application

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

Then, you need to prepare

- **Taiwan 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

- **GSAT(學測)/AST(指考) Exam Result**

If you have not received your GSAT 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 have a total score of GSAT within the top 13% of the cohort concerned or a total score of AST within the top 13% of the cohort concerned in at least four subjects.

- **English Requirement: Taiwan GSAT / AST English: Top 13% of the cohort**

If you fail to reach the requirement in GSAT/AST Exam, you need to take other 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.

- **High School Diploma**

If you have not received your High School Diploma when you apply, just skip this process. Thus, the offer that CUHK give you will be “conditional”. You need to upload the softcopy of the diploma to confirm the offer.

- **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**

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

- **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.

- **High School Diploma**

Upload the softcopy of your high school diploma to confirm the conditional offer.

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 [Guidebook for College Preference by Taiwan Student 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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Click here for [Guidance of Student Visa Application by Taiwan Student Association](#).

Arrival at HK

- **Hong Kong ID Card**

To further apply for Multiple Entry Permit (MEP), activate your monthly mobile phone number and many other things, you need to apply for Hong Kong ID Card.

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

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

- **Multiple Entry Permit (MEP) + Official Student Visa**

To successfully enter Hong Kong without applying entry permit every time, you can apply for Multiple Entry Permit (MEP). It grants you unlimited times to enter Hong Kong within a certain period (either 1 or 3 years). To successfully apply for MEP, you need to apply also for the Official Student Visa.

Good news is that you can apply for Multiple Entry Permit (MEP) + Official Student Visa at the same time.

Click here for [Application form for Multiple Entry Permit Application by HK Government](#)

Military Services (Male Only)

- **Are You a Draftee?**

According to National Conscription Agency, "Drafting Age" ranges **between 19 (from January 1st) to 36 (before December 31th)**. Those who reach drafting age and have not completed their military services will be under departure control. Therefore, draftees who will study abroad must apply for an exit permit from your local service center to the National Immigration Agency.

"Drafting Age" Calculation: Current Year minus Year of Birth (Example: 2018 - 1999 = 19)

Those who were born between 1/1/1999 to 12/31/1999 all reach the "Drafting Age" of 19 in 2018.

Click here for [Guidance of Exit Permit Application by National Immigration Agency](#).