

**FACULTY OF CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENT &
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY**

Summer School for Outstanding Postgraduate and Senior Undergraduate Students
Frequently Asked Questions

Application Requirement

Q1: Would there be any restrictions on the applicants' study programmes?

A1: We welcome all full-time postgraduate students pursuing a Master's/MPhil Degree programme and senior undergraduate students (i.e. having no more than one remaining year to complete following the Summer School) in disciplines related to construction/environment/sustainable urban development (e.g. civil engineering, building services engineering, construction management, environmental engineering and science, land surveying etc.). PhD students in the early stage of their study programme may also be considered.

Q2: What are the requirements of applicants' academic performance?

A2: The academic performance of successful applicants is expected to be within the top 10% of students from leading universities (e.g. Chinese mainland universities of the 985 project). You are suggested to submit your application materials and relevant information to us for the evaluation and consideration by the Selection Panel.

Q3: Are PhD students eligible for the Summer School?

A3: Normally PhD students are not eligible for the Summer School. However, if you are admitted to a PhD programme through direct entry after completing a Bachelor's degree programme, and you are in an early stage of your study programme (e.g. having completed the first two years of a 5-year study programme), you may submit your application for consideration by the Selection Panel. However, if you are enrolled in a 3-year PhD programme after completing a Master's Degree/MPhil Programme, you are not eligible for admission into the Summer School.

Q4: Is there any quota for the Summer School?

A4: The number of students to be admitted into the Summer School is around 40. The exact quota for the Summer School is reviewed and adjusted by the Selection Panel from time to time.

Q5: Do Chinese mainland students need to apply for a student visa when attending the Summer School?

A5: We will apply for a visa (entry permit label) for mainland students who have been offered a place in the Summer School, but students need to apply for the "Exit/Entry Permit for travelling to and from Hong Kong Macao" (中華人民共和國往來港澳通行證) by themselves.

For visa applications, students are required to submit:

1. A completed undertaking form (to be provided by the organizer to the selected students)
2. A copy of your Mainland ID Card
3. A copy of your Mainland Residence Registration Card
4. Original financial documents from a bank verifying that you have a total saving of not less than HKD5,000. If you do not have your own bank account, the bank account's owner should write a declaration that you are financially supported using his account.
5. A COMPLETED and ORIGINAL copy of FORM ID995A – Application for Entry for Study in Hong Kong. You may download the form at <http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehhtml/fstudy.htm>.
6. A copy of your latest official transcript.

Q6: Do I need to apply for a student visa, if I am an overseas student?

A6: Students holding travel documents issued by the following countries do not require a visa or entry permit for attending the Summer School, unless you will stay beyond the visa free period:

Countries (Territory)	Visa free period for visit not exceeding
Australia	90 days
Brazil	90 days
Canada	90 days
France	90 days
Germany	90 days
Greece	90 days
India	14 days
Ireland	90 days
Italy	90 days
Japan	90 days
Korea (Republic of)	90 days
Malaysia	90 days
New Zealand	90 days
Singapore	90 days
Spain	90 days
UK	90 days for British Overseas Territories citizens, British Overseas citizens, British subjects and British Protected Persons 180 days for British citizens
USA	90 days

For more details, please visit the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department: www.immd.gov.hk.

Application Materials

Q7: Do I need to submit all application materials in English?

A7: You are required to submit the online application form with attachments of Recommendation of Academic Referee(s), Curriculum Vitae and personal statement in English. For academic transcripts/academic results reports and various certificates, we ask for a copy of their original version.

Q8: How should I report my class ranking? What should I do if I do not know my class ranking?

A8: If you are an undergraduate student, we only need your undergraduate ranking. If you are a postgraduate applicant, we need both your undergraduate class ranking and postgraduate class ranking. If you cannot provide your class ranking, please provide **a)** your GPA or average score together with the full score, e.g. 3.7 out of 5; and **b)** invite your academic referee(s) to estimate your class ranking.

Q9: Can I submit the academic transcripts or results of my undergraduate studies if those for postgraduate studies are not available or vice versa?

A9: Yes, you can submit the academic transcripts or results of your undergraduate programme to us instead or vice versa. Please note that your application may be given a lower priority due to incompleteness of information.

Q10: What can I do if the academic transcripts or reports do not contain a GPA (Grade Point Average)?

A10: Academic transcripts or reports with average scores (e.g. 80/100) are also acceptable.

Submission of Application

Q11: Would there be any format requirements when submitting my application?

A11: Please complete the online application form and attach your (1) Recommendation of Academic Referee(s); (2) Curriculum Vitae; (3) Academic transcripts/academic results reports; (4) A one-page personal statement and (5) Degree and English examination certificates (if any) in file format of png, gif, jpg, tif, doc, docx, pdf and of file size less than 25MB each.