

International Doctoral Student Visitor Supplement (IDSVS)

School of Humanities and Social Science

The HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science is pleased to invite applications from advanced postgraduate students at its international partner universities for an “International Doctoral Student Visitor Supplement (IDSVS).” The aim is to encourage doctoral students who are working on their dissertation to spend time as a visitor at HKUST to conduct their research. They may take advantage of faculty expertise at HKUST, resources available at HKUST and other Hong Kong institutions, and Hong Kong’s proximity to China, East Asia and Southeast Asia. The IDSVS is intended to complement the student’s own funding to help cover the additional expenses associated with spending time away from their home institution. It will cover the cost of round-trip economy class airfare to Hong Kong, a housing and living subsidy of 5000 HKD/month, and up to 5000 HKD of research expenses while in Hong Kong. Applicants are expected also to have funding from their own institution during their time here. Ideally, are expected to spend at least 13 weeks (one semester) at HKUST, and may stay up to one year. Shorter stays may be approved but require consultations with the applicant’s home institution.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, and awards made based on the availability of funds.

Applicants are eligible if:

1. They are a PhD student in good academic standing in the humanities or social science at one of the HKUST SHSS partner universities: UCLA, Utrecht, Virginia, Copenhagen, Waseda, Science Po, Sussex, and York.
2. They have a commitment of funding from their home institution for the period they will be at HKUST. Again, HKUST funding is intended as a supplement, to cover additional expenses associated with being away from their home institution.
3. They have completed their coursework, and have advanced to candidacy or have a clear research plan for the dissertation.
4. A faculty member in the HKUST School of Humanities and Social Science has expressed willingness to host them, conditional upon being awarded this fellowship.
5. Dissertation research is related to China or the interests of their faculty host, and within an existing faculty concentration in the School of Humanities and Social Science.
6. They can demonstrate a high level of English communication skills.

All applicants are required to submit:

1. A CV (maximum 2 pages);
2. An official transcript;
3. A dissertation prospectus or research proposal;

4. A one-page description of their plans for their time at HKUST, including tentative dates, and the identity of their HKUST host;
5. Two reference letters (one should be from her/his Home University Academic Supervisor);
6. A letter from their department describing their funding for the period during which they propose to be at HKUST
7. If the language of instruction at the candidate's current institution is not English, and they have not previously earned a degree at an institution where English was the language of instruction, a copy of the proof of English Language Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS);
8. If candidates would like to request research expenses, they must submit a proposal that describes the activities for which they would like support, and provides a budget. Awarded funds will be held in an account at HKUST and will not be available after the completion of the stay.

Please note:

1. HKUST does not provide housing to any supplement recipient;
2. Visitors are expected to become part of the School intellectual community by attending seminars and/or participating in other activities;
3. The International and Mainland Program Office of the School of Humanities and Social Science will assist fellows with their applications for HK visas, if needed;
4. The School of Humanities and Social Science will give highest priority to partner universities which have hosted students from HKUST under existing exchange programs, or express a strong commitment to host students in the future.
5. We will arrange air tickets. Visitors who would like to buy their own tickets will only be reimbursed if we have approved their itinerary and fare before purchase.

To apply, please forward the following materials to shssconnect@ust.hk and copy shzhao@ust.hk.