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Welcome

The primary goal of the Information Hub is to promote excellence in the fields of information science and technology by facilitating education and cutting-edge research to further the economic and social development of the country. The Hub consists of four key thrusts, namely Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Science and Analytics (DSA), Internet of Things (IoT), and Computational Media and Arts (CMA), which work collaboratively together in a streaming pipeline to develop students' skills and drive innovative research.

The IoT thrust collects data from devices that are intelligently designed, which is then integrated, cleaned, stored, indexed, enhanced, and labeled by DSA. The information produced by DSA is used by AI thrust to apply advanced models and algorithms, specifically designed for prediction and classification tasks. The results are vividly demonstrated through advanced Human Computer Interface (HCI) techniques developed by CMA for end-users. Meanwhile feedback are collected and sent back to the previous three thrusts, creating a perfect loop for training and research.

Information acts as the central factor that links all thrusts, fueling research in various areas of information science and technology. The hub's ultimate objective is to equip students with the expertise to collect and manage data, design algorithms and models, and demonstrate results. This well-designed pipeline also offers opportunities to explore challenges faced in implementing the pipeline in real-life practical applications.

Currently, the Information Hub has established several key research labs and industry collaboration labs, offering exclusive opportunities for faculty and students to undertake impactful research on genuine applications. The Information Hub has a team of world-class faculties.

We welcome ambitious students with a passion for information science and technology to join us at the Information Hub.

Prof. Lei Chen
Dean of Information Hub

Information Hub

Vision

To address global challenges arising from human interactions with information and technology in today's era of digital transformation.

Mission

To provide world-class education and conduct cutting-edge research with practical applications in information science and technology that not only advance regional development, but also make a global impact. We will achieve this through cross-disciplinary research and education in collaboration with other thrusts in our Guangzhou campus and related programs in our Clearwater Bay campus. We welcome students from diverse backgrounds, ranging from Computer Science, Statistics, and Engineering to Business, Design, and the Arts.

Faculty Overview

Since its establishment in 2020, Information Hub has been committed to building a strong and dynamic faculty team with interdisciplinary and diverse backgrounds. As of July 2026, the Hub comprises 111 faculty members, including 11 Chair Professors, 16 Professors, 15 Associate Professors, 65 Assistant Professors, and 4 Lecturers.

Our faculty are internationally recognized scholars driving innovation across fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Statistics, Engineering, Business, Design, and the Arts. Over 90% have been recruited from overseas institutions, bringing a global perspective shaped by experience at leading universities including the National University of Singapore, the University of Toronto, the University of Cambridge, the University of Waterloo, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The Hub's academic excellence is further reflected in its distinguished recognitions and talent achievements, including 2 International Academicians, 10 IEEE Fellows, 2 ACM Fellows, and 1 AAAI Fellow, alongside a strong pipeline of national and regional talent.

As our community continues to grow, the Information Hub remains committed to advancing human interaction with information and technology, fostering innovation and interdisciplinary research at the forefront of emerging fields.

Our Students

As of June 2026, Information Hub has a total student population of 1,437. Excluding undergraduate and visiting students, it comprises 698 PhD students, 461 MPhil students, and 140 MSc(DCAI) students.

PhD students are recruited from leading institutions worldwide, with nearly half holding degrees from China's "Project 985" universities, alongside graduates from "Project 211" and internationally recognized universities ranked QS Top 100.

The first cohort of PhD graduates in 2025 secured positions in both academia and industry, including academic appointments at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and roles in major technology companies such as Huawei and Alibaba, with some also engaging in entrepreneurial activities.

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Artificial Intelligence Thrust

Introduction

The Artificial Intelligence Thrust (AI) at HKUST(GZ) is committed to basic and applied research in artificial intelligence, building on HKUST's strong research foundations. We aim to nurture high-level research and application talents with strong professional skills, interdisciplinary capabilities, and international perspectives. Our world-renowned teaching and research team places equal emphasis on theoretical foundations, hands-on ability, and combined research. We emphasize interdisciplinary research and teaching, with cross-disciplinary courses among AI, IoT, Robotics, and other thrusts. The Thrust has launched numerous joint projects with high-tech firms such as Tencent, Alibaba, Baidu, etc., and encourages all students to pursue industry internships.

The AI Thrust is part of the Information Hub at HKUST(GZ), working collaboratively with DSA, IoT, and CMA thrust areas. AI Thrust is eligible to grant BEng, MPhil, and PhD degrees in Artificial Intelligence, and is preparing a new MSc in Embodied Intelligence program. Our faculty comprises 21 AI-focused members, 13 joint appointments, and 8 adjunct faculty, including 7 IEEE Fellows, 3 ACM Fellows, 1 AAAI Fellow, 1 AAAS Fellow, and 16 National Level Talents. AI serves as the main driving force accelerating development in smart manufacturing, business intelligence, smart healthcare, and smart city initiatives within the Greater Bay Area, having secured 55 government-funded research projects at national, provincial, and municipal levels. As of April 2026, AI Thrust has 89 undergraduates, 206 MPhil students, and 224 PhD students, with a total of 519 students.

Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

Data Mining, Deep Learning, Computer Vision

Focuses on extracting knowledge from large-scale data, advancing neural network architectures, and developing intelligent systems for image recognition, object detection, and scene understanding.

Control / Reinforcement Learning / Optimization Theory

Studies decision-making under uncertainty, optimal control strategies, and mathematical optimization methods enabling autonomous agents to learn effective policies through interaction with environments.

AI Agents

Designs autonomous intelligent agents capable of planning, reasoning, tool use, and collaboration to accomplish complex real-world tasks with minimal human intervention.

Multimodal Fusion and Generative Models

Explores integration of information across modalities such as text, image, audio, and video, and develops advanced generative models including diffusion models and large language models.

Machine Learning and Foundation Model Theory

Investigates theoretical foundations of learning algorithms, statistical learning theory, and the design and optimization of large-scale foundation models for broad AI applications.

Embodied Intelligence

Develops AI systems that perceive, reason, and act in physical environments, bridging perception and action through robotics and interactive agent design.

Trustworthy and Explainable AI

Addresses safety, fairness, robustness, privacy, and interpretability of AI systems, ensuring reliable and transparent decision-making in high-stakes applications.

Graph Learning and Complex Systems

Applies graph neural networks and network science to model complex relational data, enabling analysis and prediction in social networks, knowledge graphs, and biological systems.

Quantum Machine Learning

Investigates the intersection of quantum computing and machine learning, developing quantum algorithms to enhance computational efficiency for AI tasks.

Machine Learning System

Focuses on building efficient, scalable infrastructure for training and deploying machine learning models, including distributed computing, GPU optimization, and system-algorithm co-design.

AI Applications: AI for Healthcare, AI4Science, AI in Finance, etc

Applies AI techniques to domain-specific challenges in healthcare diagnostics, scientific discovery, financial analytics, smart cities, and other real-world scenarios.

Facilities

The Artificial Intelligence Thrust at HKUST(GZ) is designated as a Guangzhou Key Discipline of Artificial Intelligence and hosts the Guangzhou Artificial Intelligence Frontier Interdisciplinary Laboratory.
The Thrust has established seven joint laboratories with industry partners: HKUST(GZ)-Guangdong Unicom Triple-Computing Joint Lab, HKUST(GZ)-TechOne Full-Airspace Intelligence Lab, HKUST(GZ)-Quwanke Technology Joint Lab Center, HKUST(GZ)-CodingCat Youth AI Education Joint Lab, HKUST(GZ)-Boshang Holding AI Agent Joint Lab, HKUST(GZ)-Shenzhen Peisheng Biotechnology AI Peptide Drug Design Joint Lab, and HKUST(GZ)-Yunshan Lab Large Model Security Joint Lab.
The Thrust maintains active collaborations with 38 leading enterprises including Tencent, OPPO, and Baidu, with 50 industry projects totaling over 61.48 million yuan in funding (2022-2025). Research is further supported by the university's HPC-AI Converged Computing Center, which delivers over 1,000 Pflops of FP16 AI computing power across multiple GPU clusters, and the Central Research Facilities providing shared access to advanced equipment.

Research Postgraduate Programs

MPhil Master of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence*

The MPhil Program in AI aims to train students in independent and interdisciplinary research in artificial intelligence. Students are expected to critically apply theories, methodologies, and knowledge to address fundamental questions in AI, and to independently pursue research or innovation of significance in AI applications. The program equips graduates with sound knowledge in the discipline, enabling them to synthesize and create new knowledge that makes a meaningful contribution to the field. Coursework covers core AI topics including machine learning, deep learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and reinforcement learning, complemented by cross-disciplinary electives and an individualized research curriculum. Students also develop strong oral and written communication skills sufficient for a professional career. An MPhil thesis demonstrating original research is required for graduation.

PhD Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence

The PhD Program in AI aims to train students in original research in artificial intelligence, and to cultivate independent, interdisciplinary, and innovative thinking essential for a successful career in AI-related industry or academia. A PhD candidate is expected to demonstrate mastery of knowledge in the chosen discipline and to synthesize and create new knowledge, making original and substantial scientific contributions. The program features rigorous coursework in advanced AI topics, a qualifying examination, and a doctoral thesis that represents a significant scholarly contribution. Students work closely with faculty advisors on cutting-edge research spanning areas such as foundation models, embodied intelligence, trustworthy AI, and AI applications. The program fosters a vibrant research environment with access to world-class computing facilities and ample opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration within the Information Hub and beyond.

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Computational Media and Arts Thrust

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Introduction

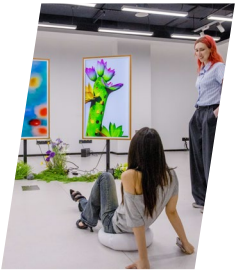
Computational Media and Arts thrust (CMA) area focuses on art creation and visual communication with new technologies, with emphasis on art with augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), AI-generated art, information art and design, and data visualization. It also promotes the interplay of art and technology and exploits the most advanced technology for art creation and visual communication with a social impact.

CMA is comprised by a group of faculty members that are world-leading in computational media and arts. Recruitment of top international staff to join us is ongoing. Our professors are accomplished creative practitioners, artists and scientists and have exhibited in venues such as Ars Electronica, ZKM, Barbican, V&A Museum, ISEA, UCCA Center for Contemporary Art, International Film Festival Rotterdam, and more.

Our faculty have the honor of being Fellows of the Royal Academy of Engineering, IEEE and are members of the Academia Europaea. Their work has been recognised with top awards and jury prizes and their papers received best papers awards at top Human-Computer Interaction and Visualization venues such as CHI, VIS, UbiComp, and ASSETS.

Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

- **Interactive Art / Computational art**
- **AI/AR/VR/XR**
- **Robotic Art**
- **Data Visualization and Storytelling**
- **Human-Computer Interaction**



- **Games Development and Design**
- **Computer Animation**
- **Computer Graphics**
- **Digital Cultural Heritage**
- **Generative Art**

Facilities

All CMA students will have access to the state-of-the-art 2,000sq meter creative facilities and labs, including a VR/AR/XR lab, virtual production studio, motion capture studio, immersive performance space, sound lab, robotics & prototyping workshop and more. Students will also have access to the latest equipment and tools to conduct research and develop their practice.

Research Postgraduate Programs

MPhil Master of Philosophy in Computational Media and Arts*

The MPhil Program in CMA aims to train students to gain knowledge and skills on computational media and arts such as 3D animation, studio art, computational art, games development, information art and so on. Students would be capable of creating computational media and arts using advanced technologies. An MPhil graduate should demonstrate sound working knowledge of related issues in the discipline so that he or she will be an expert in his/her expertise whether as an individual or as an employee.

PhD Doctor of Philosophy in Computational Media and Arts

The PhD Program in CMA aims to train students in acquiring the knowledge and skills to conduct original research related to computational media and arts. A PhD graduate will demonstrate mastery of knowledge in computational media and arts and will be able to generate new knowledge making a substantial scientific contribution to the discipline. Students' original works will be exhibited at art galleries, auditoriums, museums and even within HKUST, and published in academic journals and conferences such as ACM SIGGRAPH, ACM CHI, IEEE VR, and IEEE VIS.

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Taught Postgraduate Program

MFA Master of Fine Arts in Computational Arts

The MFA(CA) is a rigorous professional program offering first-rate education and training in the practice, theory, and technology of computational arts. The program provides skill training in key areas of computational media and arts, such as creative coding, 3D animation, game design, virtual and augmented reality, electronic sound, digital fabrication, and network culture.
It also offers abundant opportunities for exploring emerging technologies, interdisciplinary practice, theoretical literacy, idea exchange, and artistic discourse.

Program-specific Admission Requirements:

Applicants for the MFA(CA) program are required to submit a portfolio in PDF format or a website consisting of creative work.
The portfolio can include, but is not limited to:

- Interactive media, sound, installations, generative work, games, photography, film, web-based work, real-time projects, and other creative outputs.
- Industry experience (e.g. in the games industry or digital agencies) that demonstrates significant contributions to creative work, with proper credits clearly indicated.

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Data Science and Analytics Thrust

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Introduction

In the digital era, following advancements made in innovative technologies, data handling is growing at an unprecedented pace. The data-driven world opens tremendous possibilities and opportunities for companies and businesses for all industries as they can make use of the data information to create values for their business. As a disruptive consequence of the digital revolution, data science and analytics has become an emerging and cross-disciplinary field that requires knowledge and skills in many areas such as computer science, statistics and mathematics.

Data Science and Analytics Thrust (DSA) is dedicated to cultivating a dynamic learning environment that empowers students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical values necessary to excel in the rapidly evolving field of data science. Our mission involves fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, advancing cutting-edge research, and promoting data-driven decision-making to address complex challenges and create positive societal impact. Through rigorous academic programs, innovative research endeavors, and meaningful engagement with industry and community partners, we aim to shape the future of data science and analytics and empower our graduates to drive innovation and transformation across diverse domains.

Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

Data-driven AI & Machine Learning

Covers deep learning, data mining, graph learning, multimodal AI, and reinforcement learning. Faculty develop advanced models and algorithms for intelligent data-driven systems, with applications across broad areas.

Industrial and Business Analytics

Applies data science, statistical methods, and machine learning to industrial operations, quality control, business intelligence, and process optimization for smart industrial and business decision-making.

Statistical Learning and Modeling

Focuses on statistical inference, high-dimensional data modeling, and probabilistic methods to build robust, interpretable models and support reliable decision-making.

Sector-Specific Data Analytics

Tailors data analytics and AI methods to healthcare, finance, transportation, manufacturing, smart cities, and other sectors to address domain-specific challenges in real-world settings.

Data Visualization and Infographics

Develops interactive visual analytics, information visualization, and visual representation tools to explore complex data, communicate insights, and support intuitive human-centered decision-making.

Security and Privacy

Investigates privacy-preserving machine learning, data security, trustworthy AI, and privacy protocols to ensure safe, ethical, and secure usage of data and AI technologies.

High-Performance Systems for Data Analytics

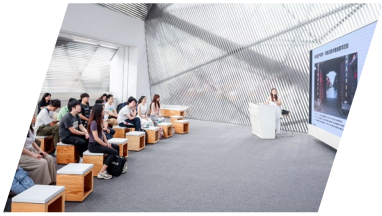
Studies big data systems, distributed computing, GPU/edge acceleration, cloud infrastructure, and parallel processing to build scalable and efficient systems for large-scale data analytics.

AI4Science

Uses AI, machine learning, and data-driven methods to accelerate scientific computing and data analysis across disciplines, such as drug discovery, and materials science.

Facilities

DSA Thrust features a well-established research infrastructure for data science, encompassing 1 Guangdong Provincial Key Laboratory, 2 Guangzhou Municipal Key Laboratories and 8 Industry-University Joint Laboratories. Supported by total research funding of over CNY 130 million, DSA maintains ample high-performance serves and robust computing power to support large-scale data analytics, model training, algorithn research and so on.



Research Postgraduate Programs

The Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy Programs in Data Science and Analytics aim to facilitate close integration of statistical analytics, logical reasoning, and computational intelligence in the study of data processing and analytics. The programs will provide rigorous research training that prepares students to become knowledgeable researchers who are conversant in applying logic, mathematics, algorithms and computing power in the process of examining and analyzing data in academia or industry so as to derive valuable insights for making better decisions.

MPhil Master of Philosophy in Data Science and Analytics*

The MPhil program in DSA aims to expose students to issues involved in the development of scientific, educational and commercial applications of data science and analytics. A graduate of the MPhil program should demonstrate a good working knowledge of issues in the discipline. He or she should be capable of synthesizing and creating new knowledge, making contribution to the field.

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Research Postgraduate Programs

PhD Doctor of Philosophy in Data Science and Analytics

The PhD Program in DSA aims to develop the skills needed for students to identify theoretical research issues related to practical applications, formulate and undertake research that addresses issues identified, and independently find a data science and analytics related solution. A PhD graduate is expected to demonstrate mastery of knowledge in the discipline and to synthesize and create new knowledge, making original and substantial scientific contribution to the discipline.

Taught Postgraduate Program

MSc Master of Science in Data-Centric Artificial Intelligence Technology

The MSc in Data-Centric Artificial Intelligence Technology (MSc DCAI) program at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) is the first MSc program in Asia to implement a dual supervision system and to provide each student with a year-long internship in industry.The program spans two years: the first year focuses on on-campus study, where students acquire cutting-edge knowledge in data science and artificial intelligence, while the second year is dedicated to an industry internship.A year-long internship at a variety of prestigious organizations or companies around the world, such as Alibaba, Huawei, MSRA, Samsung, NAVER, etc.

Candidates with the following qualifications are preferred:

- A good honors degree in Data Science or AI; or
- A good honors degree in a related discipline with 2 years' experience in IT industry; or
- A good bachelor' s degree in Data Science or AI with 2 years' experience in IT industry
- Candidates with Data Analytic background can also be considered.

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Internet of Things Thrust

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Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) is an important part of the new information technology revolution. It will transform the way we interact with the world and will have a deep impact on economy and society. IoT strives to improve people's quality of life, enabling smart cities, smart homes, smart energy, smart health, industry 4.0, connected vehicles and a long list of intelligent environments.

Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Optimization in IoT

This area focuses on enhancing the intelligence, efficiency and functionality of IoT systems through optimization algorithms, predictive ML models, and AI-driven decision-making models.

Embodied AI and Robotics Intelligence

This area focuses on AI situated in physical systems, where intelligence emerges through interaction with the environment via sensors and actuators. Research emphasizes locomotion, dexterous manipulation, tactile perception, and hardware-software co-design for robust operation in unstructured, human-centered environments.

Agentic AI and Autonomous Systems

This area focuses on autonomous agents capable of goal-driven reasoning, planning, and decision-making. Research emphasizes cognitive autonomy—including task decomposition, tool use, and strategic adaptation—alongside multi-agent coordination, economic frameworks, and applications such as open-claw manipulation and decentralized system management.

Networking, Communications, and Signal Processing

This area emphasizes the development of efficient communication protocols and signal processing techniques to enhance connectivity, reliability, and data transmission in IoT systems, ensuring seamless interaction among devices and optimizing network performance.

Security and Privacy-Enhancing Technologies

This area ensures user privacy across various platforms and applications. The technologies encompass a wide range of tools and methodologies aimed at safeguarding data from cyber threats.

Sensing And Embedded Systems

This area focuses on developing energy-efficient sensor networks, creating precise indoor positioning systems, and leveraging machine learning to recognize and classify human activities.

Edge AI and Distributed Systems

This area focuses on embedding lightweight artificial intelligence into distributed computing infrastructures to enable low-latency, privacy-preserving intelligence at the network edge. Research emphasizes edge computing, intelligent caching, and resource-efficient machine learning across adaptive sensor networks and IoT devices, creating smart, interconnected environments that enhance comfort, security, and efficiency while addressing the social and ethical implications of pervasive intelligent technologies.

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

This interdisciplinary field studies the interplay between computing technology and humans to empower people to better leverage increasingly powerful computing technology.

Facilities

The IoT Thrust at HKUST(GZ) provides comprehensive interdisciplinary research facilities and platforms. It houses several key laboratories and theme laboratories: the Guangdong Provincial Key Laboratory of Integrated Communication, Sensing and Computing for Ubiquitous IoT (ICSC-IoT), Guangzhou Municipal Key Laboratory of Center of Seamless Connectivity and Connected Intelligence (SC^2I), Guangzhou Municipal Key Laboratory of Future Network Systems (FNSL), and two theme-based laboratories.

Supported by a strong team of domestic and international faculty members, the total investment in research equipment exceeds 100 million. These facilities support cutting-edge research in 6G communications, edge AI, embodied AI, agentic AI, IoT networking, intelligent sensing, security, smart cities, and human-computer interaction, fostering high-quality academic outputs and innovative applications.

Research Postgraduate Programs

Internet of Things (IoT) is among the pillars in the "Internet Plus" action plan in China, presented in the Chinese Government 's work report in 2015. The Internet of Things Thrust Area under the Information Hub at HKUST(GZ) is established to grow HKUST 's strength in wireless communications and networking, and to contribute to the nation 's drive to become a world leader in IoT, covering research areas such as wireless communications, smart cities, digital healthcare, machine learning and optimization, web science, computer networking, social computing, privacy and security, and the wider societal aspects of IoT. The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Internet of Things are offered as an integral part of the endeavor to become a world-renowned IoT research center with the mission to advance applied research in IoT as well as fundamental research relevant to the application areas.

MPhil Master of Philosophy in Internet of Things*

The MPhil Program in IoT aims to train students in conducting independent and interdisciplinary research in IoT. An MPhil graduate is expected to demonstrate sound knowledge in the discipline and the ability to synthesize and create new knowledge and make a contribution to the field.

PhD Doctor of Philosophy in Internet of Things

The PhD Program in IoT aims to train students in conducting original research in IoT, and to cultivate independent, interdisciplinary, and innovative thinking that is essential for a successful career in IoT-related industry and/or academia. A PhD graduate is expected to demonstrate mastery of knowledge in the chosen discipline and the ability to synthesize and create new knowledge, making an original and substantial scientific contribution to the discipline.

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Submit Your Application

Admission Requirements

To qualify for admissions to HKUST(GZ), applicants must meet all of the following requirements. Admission is selective and meeting these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

1. General Admission Requirements

For all applicants seeking postgraduate admission

- a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, or an approved equivalent qualification

For PhD applicants (additional to the above)

- a proven record of outstanding performance from a recognized institution or presented evidence of satisfactory work at the postgraduate level on a full-time basis for at least one year, or on a part-time basis for at least two years

2. English Language Requirements

Fulfill the English language requirements with one of the following proficiency attainments [1]:

Proficiency Test	Minimum Score
TOEFL – Internet-based Test (iBT)[2]	80 (for tests taken prior to 21 January 2026) 4.5 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards)
TOEFL – Paper-based Test (pBT)	550
TOEFL – Revised Paper-delivered Test	60 (total scores for Reading, Listening and Writing sections)
IELTS (Academic Module)[2]	Overall score: 6.5 and all sub-scores: 5.5

[1] *You are not required to present TOEFL or IELTS score if your first language is English, or you obtained bachelor's degree (or equivalent qualification) from an institution where the medium of instruction was English.*

[2] *Refers to scores in one single attempt only. Test at home option is not accepted.*

3. Program-Specific Admission Requirements

Some programs may stipulate additional requirements for admission.

Admission Timeline

2027-28 Fall Intake	
PhD	**21 July 2026 to 15 June 2027 (23:59, GMT+8)** for international applicants **21 July 2026 to 15 July 2027 (23:59, GMT+8)** for Chinese applicants
Red Bird MPhil	Please visit *cft.hkust-gz.edu.cn/admission* for details
Taught Postgraduate	Please refer to the "Application" tab on the *fytgs.hkust-gz.edu.cn/postgraduate-programs* page for details
Admission offers issued	**August 2026 to August 2027** Admission offers will be issued on a rolling basis, according to individual program's admission schedule
Program registration	Mid-August 2027
On-campus registration and New Student Orientation Week	Late August 2027
Program commencement	1 September 2027

2027-28 Spring Intake (exclusively for PhD & MBA Programs)	
Application Period	**July 2027 to December 2027** Please check the detailed closing dates at *fytgs.hkust-gz.edu.cn/timeline* and apply well before the respective deadlines
Program registration	Early January 2028
On-campus registration and New Student Orientation Week	Mid-January 2028
Program commencement	End-January 2028

Studentship

Postgraduate Studentship (PGS) for MPhil and PhD Students

- **CNY 10,000 per month**, up to **2 years** for full-time MPhil students
- **CNY 15,000 per month**, up to **4 years** for full-time PhD students

Tuition Fees

Research Postgraduate Programs

MPhil/PhD (with PGS) Full-time

- CNY 60,000 per academic year

PhD (self-financed) Full-time/Part-time

- CNY 150,000 per academic year

Taught Postgraduate Programs

- **Fees vary for each program.** Please refer to fytgs.hkust-gz.edu.cn/programs ("General Information") for details.

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