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Fact Sheet for HKDI Inbound Exchange Programme – AY2026/27 (Non-credit-bearing)

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| Exchange Duration | |
| One semester (up to five months) | |
| Autumn Semester | September 2026 to January 2027 |
| Spring Semester | January 2027 to May 2027 |
| The Inbound Exchange Student Scheme (IESS) | |
| Introduction | With the establishment of academic agreements between two institutions to pursue collaboration on academic activities for promoting the advancement of international understanding, academic excellence, dissemination of learning and strengthening cultural ties, Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI) invites students from partner institutions to come and study at HKDI for a period of up to five months (one semester). The exchange programme aims to foster the exchange of creative ideas and cultural understanding through first-hand interaction amongst students. |

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| Requirements | Incoming exchange students applying for the Inbound Exchange Student Scheme (IESS) should be nominated by their home institutions in their <u>third or final year of undergraduate</u> studies or currently studying for a <u>postgraduate degree</u> . | | | | |
| | <p>Non-credit-bearing students are expected to interact with HKDI students and actively participate in design-related events during their stay in Hong Kong:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share knowledge and expertise with HKDI's Higher Diploma students to enhance their international exposure, cultural experience and research potential; 2. Provide academic coaching, guidance and advice to HKDI's Higher Diploma students on specific areas of design studies; 3. Conduct research studies of their own choice, advised by senior academic staff of various departments at HKDI, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Architecture, Interior & Product Design; - Department of Communication Design; and - Department of Digital Media. 4. Participate in HKDI students' learning activities, such as project works and field studies. | | | | |
| Contact Hours | The incoming exchange students under IESS are usually required to commit no less than 110 contact hours (6-6.5 hours per week) throughout the scheme to meet and interact with HKDI's higher diploma students. | | | | |
| Programme | | | | | |
| Language of Instruction | English | | | | |
| Programme Area | | | | Programme offered in * | |
| | | | | Autumn Semester | Spring Semester |
| | Architecture, Interior and Product Design | DE114501 | Architectural Design | • | • |
| | | DE114502 | Landscape Architecture | • | • |
| | | DE114504 | Interior Design | • | |
| | | DE114505 | Product Design | • | • |
| | | DE114509 | Jewellery Design and Technology | • | • |
| | | DE114511 | Design for Event, Exhibition and Performance | • | • |
| | Communication Design | DE114101 | Advertising Design | | • |
| | | DE114105 | Visual Arts and Culture | • | • |
| | | DE114112 | Illustration | • | • |
| | | DE114113 | User Experience Design | • | • |
| | | DE114116 | Visual Communication Design | • | • |
| | Digital Media | DE114110 | Animation and Visual Effects | • | • |
| * Student will be attached to the programme(s) based on their academic background and calibre. | | | | | |
| Tuition Fee | Registered students from partner institutions who join the IESS will be exempt from the HKDI tuition fee, in accordance with the memorandum of understanding. | | | | |

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| Accommodation Allowance | <p>Subject to annual review and funding availability, a monthly accommodation allowance of HKD2,800 will be provided to support the stay of the incoming exchange students under IESS. Students may choose to stay in VTC Halls of Residence, provided there are places available, or choose to find a place outside the Halls of Residence.</p> <p>The allowance is eligible only for incoming exchange students under IESS who hold a valid student visa issued by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and have completed the student registration process at HKDI. The monthly accommodation allowance will take effect on the date of registration.</p> <p>For students opting to stay in the VTC Halls of Residence, HKDI will prepay the full residence fee on the student's behalf. In the event that a student terminates their studies earlier or departs earlier than originally planned, the student will be required to fully or partially refund or compensate HKDI for the corresponding residence fee.</p> |
| Nomination and Application | |
| Nomination Deadline | Autumn Semester: 30 April 2026 |
| | Spring Semester: 30 September 2026 |
| Procedure | <p>Partner institutions' Exchange Coordinators are invited to submit student nominations via the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/0tyGt10egv</p> <p>After we receive the nominations, an online application link will be sent directly to the nominated students for completion.</p> |
| Application Deadline | Autumn Semester: 15 June 2026 |
| | Spring Semester: 15 November 2026 |
| Application Procedure | <p>The nominated students will receive a link for the online application. They are required to complete the Online Application Form and submit the following documents to us by the stated deadline in the email.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum Vitae (CV); 2. Digital Portfolio; 3. Letter of Motivation; 4. Digital Copy of Academic Transcript; and 5. Recommendation Letter from the Academic Department of Home Institution <p>Applicants may be invited to an online interview.</p> |
| Result Announcement | <p>Normally, 2 – 3 weeks after the deadline, a visa application pack will be sent to candidates upon confirmation of acceptance.</p> <p>Please note that acceptance is based on the review of your application documents, class availability, overall academic suitability, and the final approval of HKDI.</p> |

| Visa Application | |
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| Document | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online Application for Entry for Study in Hong Kong; 2. Application for Student Visa Sponsorship and Declaration (ISS-SV1); 3. Photocopy of travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/or details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable); 4. Digital file of recent passport photo; 5. Letter of acceptance (E-mail Notification); 6. Photocopy of proof of financial support, e.g. bank statements, savings account passbooks, tax receipts and salary slips |
| Submission | <p>You may submit the visa application online via the GovHK website.</p> <p>Upon offer acceptance, please follow the guidelines for visa application and send all document drafts to hkdi_exchange@vtc.edu.hk for initial review before submission.</p> |
| Fee | HKD330 |
| Processing Time | Normally 6 – 8 weeks |
| Collection of Visa | You will be issued an e-Visa (i.e. Notification Slip for Entry Visa/Permit) upon approval of the application and online payment of the visa fee. |
| Registration | |
| Time | Upon arrival at HKDI |
| Document | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passport; 2. Landing Slip; and 3. Copy of travel insurance policy |
| Living | |
| Accommodation | <p>VTC Hall of Residence (Tsing Yi) 20B Tsing Yi Road, Tsing Yi Island, New Territories, Hong Kong</p> <p>VTC Halls of Residence (Pokfulam) 145 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong</p> <p>Cost: Shared Occupancy: HKD2,800/month Miscellaneous fees will be charged separately.</p> <p>*Due to the limited availability of accommodation places at the VTC Halls of Residence, dormitory spaces will be allocated through a lottery draw system based on demand. The allocation of accommodation cannot be guaranteed.</p> |
| Insurance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is mandatory for incoming exchange students to make their own arrangements for travel and health insurance to cover the entire period of their studies in Hong Kong. - The insurance coverage should include, but not be limited to, travel, personal accident, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalisation and emergency evacuation/repatriation. - Students are required to provide proof of coverage prior to arrival. |

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| Estimated Cost of Living | Accommodation: HKD2,800/month (A Shared Occupancy Room at VTC Halls of Residence) Miscellaneous: HKD4,500/month Food: HKD4,500/month Transportation: HKD2,000/month Total Cost of Living: HKD13,800/month |
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Reference: <http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk/en/live-in-hong-kong/introduction.php>