

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

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Exchange Duration	
One semester (up to five months), January 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.
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>. Non-credit-bearing students are expected to interact with HKDI students and actively participate in design-related events during their stay in Hong Kong: 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: - 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		
	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.		
Accommodation Allowance	Subject to annual review and funding availability, a monthly accommodation allowance of up to HKD2,800 may 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. 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. 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.		

Nomination and Application	
Nomination Deadline	30 September 2026
Procedure	Partner institutions' Exchange Coordinators are invited to submit student nominations via the following link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/FmZEPH1ZXf After we receive the nominations, an online application link will be sent directly to the nominated students for completion.
Application Deadline	15 November 2026
Application Procedure	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 deadline. Applicants may be invited to an online interview. 1. Curriculum Vitae (CV); 2. Digital Portfolio; 3. Letter of Motivation; 4. Digital Copy of Academic Transcript; 5. Digital Copy of Passport; and 6. Recommendation Letter from the Academic Department of Home Institution
Result Announcement	Normally, 2 – 3 weeks after the deadline, a visa application pack will be sent to candidates upon confirmation of acceptance. Please note that acceptance is based on the review of your application documents, class availability, overall academic suitability, and the final approval of HKDI.
Visa Application	
Document	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	You may submit the visa application online via the GovHK website. 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.
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	1. Passport; 2. Landing Slip; and 3. Copy of travel insurance policy
Living	
Accommodation	VTC Hall of Residence (Tsing Yi) 20B Tsing Yi Road, Tsing Yi Island, New Territories, Hong Kong VTC Halls of Residence (Pokfulam) 145 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong Cost: Shared Occupancy: HKD2,800/month Miscellaneous fees will be charged separately. *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.
Insurance	- 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.
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

Reference: <http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk/en/live-in-hong-kong/introduction.php>