

Fact Sheet for HKDI Inbound Exchange Programme – Spring, AY2025/26 (Non-credit-bearing)

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Exchange Duration	
One semester (up to five months)	
Spring Semester	January 2026 to May 2026
The Inbound Exchange Student Scheme (IESS)	
Introduction	<p>With the establishment of academic agreements of 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.</p>

Requirements	<p>The incoming exchange students who apply 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> <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; - Department of Digital Media; and - Department of Fashion and Image Design 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.
Tuition Fee	The registered students of the partner institutions who join the IESS will be exempted from the tuition fee of HKDI, in accordance with the memorandum of understanding.
Accommodation Allowance	<p>A monthly accommodation allowance of HKD2,500 will be provided to support the stay of the incoming exchange students under IESS. Students may choose to stay in VTC Hall of Residence provided there are places available or choose to find a place outside the Hall of Residence.</p> <p>The allowance is eligible only for the incoming exchange students under IESS receiving a valid student visa issued by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and who have completed the student registration process at HKDI. The monthly accommodation allowance will be effective from the date of registration.</p>
Nomination	
Deadline	30 September 2025
Document	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital Portfolio; 2. Curriculum Vitae (CV); 3. Letter of Motivation; and 4. Recommendation Letter from the academic department
Submission	By email to hkdi_exchange@vtc.edu.hk
Result Announcement	Normally 2 weeks after the nomination deadline – an application pack will be sent to candidates upon confirmation of acceptance

Application			
Deadline		15 November 2025	
Document	1. <u>Exchange Programme</u> a. Application for Incoming Student Exchange Programme (ISEP-1); b. Photocopy of academic transcript; c. Digital file of recent passport photo (for producing student card)		
	2. <u>Student Visa</u> a. Online Application for Entry for Study in Hong Kong ; b. Application for Student Visa Sponsorship and Declaration (ISS-SV1); c. Photocopy of travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/or details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable); d. Digital file of recent passport photo; e. Letter of acceptance (E-mail Notification); f. 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		HKD230	
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 visa fee.	
Registration			
Time		Upon arrival at HKDI	
Document		1. Passport; 2. Landing Slip; and 3. Copy of travel insurance policy	
Programme			
Language of Instruction		English	
Programme Area	Architecture, Interior and Product Design	DE114501	Architectural Design
		DE114502	Landscape Architecture
		DE114504	Interior Design
		DE114505	Product Design
		DE114507	Furniture and Lifestyle Product Design
		DE114509	Jewellery Design and Technology
		DE114511	Design for Event, Exhibition and Performance
	Communication Design	DE114101	Advertising Design
		DE114105	Visual Arts and Culture
		DE114113	User Experience Design
DE114116		Visual Communication Design	

	Digital Media	DE114110	Animation and Visual Effects
	Fashion and Image Design	DE114303	Fashion Image Design
		DE114305	Fashion Media Design
		DE114306	Costume Design for Performance
		DE114308	Fashion Design
		DE114309	Digital Fashion Branding and Buying
	* Student will be attached to the programme(s) based on their academic background and calibre.		
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: HKD2,500/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.		
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Accommodation: HKD2,500/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: HKD13,500/month</p>		

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