

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Application for Student Accommodation for the Residential Year 2020/21 Information Sheet

(for New Research Postgraduate Students admitting to HKUST in the Fall Term of the Academic Year 2020/21)

HKUST provides guaranteed accommodation for Research Postgraduate students (RPGs) in their first 2 years of RPG careers in HKUST ^{Note 1}. Guaranteed hall residence is only available if such student submitted an application and completed required procedures in the manner as prescribed by the Student Housing and Residential Life Office.

RPG housing application information: <https://shrl.ust.hk/hall-app-NRPG>

RPG housing admission criteria: <https://shrl-admission.ust.hk/Admission-Policy/Admission-Policy-%28PG%29>

Note 1 : Years of study in students' HKUST RPG career, including MPhil and PhD, is cumulative under the housing admission policy (e.g. 1st year PhD student who have completed a 2-year MPhil program in HKUST will not be guaranteed residence); NO guaranteed residence is provided for students in HKUST-SUSTC and HKUST-SZU Joint PhD Training Programs

Accommodation Arrangement in Residential Year 2020/21

A new PG Hall, Global Graduate Tower (GGT), is available for application now. However, its move-in date is subject to the permission of the relevant government departments. Therefore, successful applicants would be assigned to a temporary on-campus bedspace and relocate to GGT once it is ready.

Meanwhile, Tower C of University Apartment will be returned to the University for other purpose; hence, Tower C will be no longer be available as student residence.

In addition, a new UG Hall construction project located behind GGT will start from the 3rd quarter in 2020. Applicants are reminded that there will be dust and noise disturbances generated from the new project nearby GGT during daytime.

For new students who are assigned hall places in the 2020-21 residential year, as soon as the admissions are confirmed and visa granted, Office of Postgraduate Studies (PGSO) will inform new RPg students about their quarantine arrangement in the University managed facilities either on or off campus. After completion of the quarantine, the University will arrange check-in to their designated hall or a transitional hall as necessary. For self-quarantine arrangement, please contact PGSO at pgso@ust.hk.

Residential Period

All housing offers are in term/ yearly basis
Full Residential Year 2020/21: 21 Aug 2020 – 31 Jul 2021
Fall Term 2020: 21 Aug 2020-15 Jan 2021
Spring Term 2021: 18 Jan 2021-31 Jul 2021

Availability of Bed Spaces and Room Types

Towers A to B in the University Apartments, GGT and SKCC Hall are available for RPG students in 2020/21. More information on RPG student accommodation: <https://shrl.ust.hk/student-housing/postgraduate-housing>

Application Means

New RPG students are required to submit the housing application at <https://www.ab.ust.hk/applyhall> from **8am, 17 June 2020 to 11:59pm, 8 July 2020** (HK Time) if they wish to be considered student accommodation in 2020/21. New students shall be able to log into the system using their Admission Application Number and Date of Birth (or the HKUST ITSC network account if available).

Late applications will not be accepted unless it is due to late confirmation in program admission to HKUST. **Only the hall applications submitted completely within the stipulated period will be processed, including the hall applications with Guaranteed Hall Residence.** Requests for late application after 8 July 2020 shall be sent directly to pghousing@ust.hk with justifications, and all such cases will be considered on case by case basis.

Acceptance of Housing Offer

Application results will be released in late July 2020 and will be sent to applicants' HKUST email address and personal email address (if applicable). It is important that applicants watch for this email, and follow the instructions in the email to **confirm online the acceptance of the hall offer starting from the next day of the result announcement** and applicants will have 4 days to accept the offer. If you do not accept the offer online by the deadline of the acceptance period, **your housing offer will become null and void.**

Accommodation Charges and Payment

Students who have accepted housing offers are committed to pay the accommodation charges for the full offered period irrespective of their actual days of stay. The hall charges for the entire Residential Year 2020/21 for new RPGs, subject to further confirmation by the University, are listed below for reference.

Building/Halls	Accommodation Charge (HK\$) ^{Note 2}
University Apartments, GGT & SKCC Hall	2,590 - 4,230 / month

For postgraduate studentship (PGS) recipients

The charges will be deducted directly from PGS upon student's acceptance to a housing offer.

For non-PGS recipients

The accommodation charges are to be paid by monthly installments. Students may login to the Student Information System (SIS) ^{Note 3} via myPortal at <http://my.ust.hk> (under Student Centre) to view the charge statement and settle the charges by the payment due date upon receipt of the charge posting notification. Please also be advised to keep a copy of the payment record in case there are any problems with the payment.

Note 2 : Charges shown here includes utility charge for rooms in University Apartments; no utility charge will be charged to residents in SKCC Hall and GGT and residents pay according to their actual consumption

Note 3 : You shall receive further information/instructions on the use of SIS in due course and posting of new charges

Early Withdrawal

If you intend to check out earlier than the last day of your residential period stated previously, you are required to submit written notification to SHRLO at least ONE MONTH before your desired move out date.

For check-out before the last day of offered stated previously, the last month's hall fee will be calculated as follows:

- Residents have to pay half of the monthly hall fee if they check out at any time on or before 12 noon on the 16th of the month; otherwise,
- Residents shall pay a full month's hall fee if they check out at any time after 12 noon on the 16th of the month.

Off-campus Accommodation Options

If students are interested in living outside HKUST campus, they may approach the Off-Campus Housing Section of the Student Housing and Residential Life Office at offcamphouse@ust.hk for assistance.

Information of off-campus accommodation is also available online at <https://offcamphouse.ust.hk/>.

Enquiries

Website : <http://shrlo.ust.hk>
Email : pghousing@ust.hk (for PG accommodation)
offcamphouse@ust.hk (for rented and off-campus accommodation)
Phone : (852) 2358 6664
Address : G/F, UG Hall II, HKUST
Hours : Mon-Fri, 8:45am-5:30pm (Closed at 1-2 pm)