

# Student Exchange Programmes in 2021-22

## FAQ

- **Special Notes on COVID-19**

- The teaching modes of the host universities in 2021-22 have not been decided yet as of Oct 2020.
- In view of the pandemic situation, the host universities may announce to cancel their inbound exchange programmes at a later stage. The University also reserves the right to cancel outbound exchange activities should any unforeseen circumstances make it advisable.
- Those whose offer was deferred/cancelled due to the host university's suspension of exchange in 2020-21 will be given priority when re-applying in 2021-22. However, the School will also maintain a certain number of quota available in each host university for new applicants despite the impact of the pandemic.
- Students are advised not to make any non-refundable financial obligations in connection with the exchange at this point.

- **Special Notes from OAL**

Students who had accepted a term-time exchange offer for 2021-22 from any CUHK units (including the School) will not receive an offer from OAL selection due to limited places available in 2021-22.

- **Eligibility of Final-Year Students**

Under normal circumstances, students whose expected graduation date is 31 December 2020 are not eligible for any exchange programmes in 2021-22.

Students whose expected graduation date is 31 July 2021 must submit an indication of intention to extend study period (download [here](#)) so as to be eligible for exchange programmes in 2021-22. Under normal circumstances, those students are only eligible for exchange in 2021-22 Term 1.

- **Summer Internship for Year-3 Students**

For Year-3 students who need to take the compulsory internship during the summer break, please make sure that the exchange period will not clash with your summer internship (normally from June to August). You should understand that going on exchange in Term 2 might make it difficult to get internship opportunities. Please consult your Academic Advisor before applying.

- **Maximum Cumulative Period of Exchange**

During the entire study period at CUHK, each student can go on exchange for a maximum of one academic year, i.e. two regular terms plus one summer. Students who have been on exchange for one academic year are not allowed to apply.

- **Exchange Interview**

There is no interview arrangement for exchange programmes in 2021-22.

- **Important Dates**

The online application will be closed after 11:59pm, 1 December 2020. Late submissions will not be considered. The placement results will be announced to successful applicants by email between 25 January and 4 February 2021.

- **Overseas Accommodation**

Students should be aware that not all host universities can provide on-campus accommodation to exchange students due to very limited hostel places. However, host universities will try their best to assist you in finding housing near the campus.

- **Acceptance of Offer**

Students need to submit a deposit of HK\$1,500 to secure the exchange place after accepting an offer. The deposit will be returned to you after you receive the letter of admission from your host university.

- **Change of Exchange Period**

In general, the request for change of exchange period from one semester to another can be considered if you submit it before mid-February 2021. In some cases, the request might not be accepted due to host university's restrictions such as the availability of accommodation. However, students are not allowed to change the exchange period from one semester to one year.

- **Swap of Quota**

Students are not allowed to swap exchange opportunities with each other.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Round Placement**

No new applications will be accepted for 2<sup>nd</sup> round placement. Unfilled quota from 1<sup>st</sup> round will be re-allocated and the result will be sent to successful applicants by email from early to mid-February 2021.

- **Withdrawal after Accepting An Offer**

For withdrawal, students need to send an email to Ms. Ivy Chow ([ivychow@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:ivychow@cuhk.edu.hk)) with compelling reasons and necessary supporting documents e.g. an offer letter from other unit. Please note that the deposit will not be refunded under normal circumstances. Students must consider all possibilities carefully before accepting an offer.

- **Official Transcript**

You do not need to submit your official transcript to the School for the online application. However, once you are nominated by the School to the host university, they may request you to submit an official transcript for admission.

Since the recipient of an official transcript has to be an addressee in an institution, you can request the delivery to be sent to Ms. Ivy Chow at School of Journalism and Communication (R206-7, Humanities Building, CUHK) or your host university directly (if they request so).

- **Credit Transfer**

Students should observe the [guidelines and regulations for credit transfer / unit exemption](#) as set out by the Registration and Examination Section. Applications for credit transfer of major courses will only be considered after you complete your exchange study and obtain the official transcript from your host university. To facilitate your curriculum planning, the School will provide a list of courses offered by your host university and accepted by CUHK in the past after the placement is finalised in late February 2021.

Please be reminded that there is no guarantee of a successful enrolment in your interested courses at your host university. Therefore, you should not rely on specific courses offered by your host university to satisfy the graduation requirements at CUHK.