

Journalism and Communication Student Exchange Programmes (2022-23)

FAQ

- **Special Notes on COVID-19**

- As student exchange programmes have been severely impacted by the pandemic, the number of outgoing places available has been reduced in 2022-23. But the School will try to remain all six programmes open in 2022-23 and avoid a complete suspension.
- The teaching modes of the host universities in 2022-23 have not been decided yet as of Oct 2021. But most universities are optimistic that teaching in 2022-23 could be mainly on campus, in person, if there is no significant reversal of the progress.
- However, students should bear in mind that it is still possible for the universities to suspend their inbound exchange programmes depending on the global pandemic development. The University also reserves the right to cancel outbound exchange activities should any unforeseen circumstances make it advisable.
- Therefore, 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 have accepted a term-time exchange offer from any CUHK units (including our School) will not be granted any offer by OAL due to limited places available in 2022-23.

- **Eligibility of Final-Year Students**

Under normal circumstances, students should go on exchange during their normative study period (for example during the third or fourth year). Students whose expected graduate date is 31 December 2021 are not eligible for any exchange programmes in 2022-23.

Students whose expected graduate date is 31 July 2022 need to submit an Indication of Intention to Extend Study Period for Exchange (2IESPE) [form](#) by 8 December 2021 to Ms. Bonnie Tsang in the School's General Office and apply for change of study period with RES in May/June 2022. For students who, due to special reasons, cannot avoid going on exchange after fulfilling all graduation requirements, they also need to detail the reasons in the online application form.

- **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 2022-23.

- **Important Dates**

The online application will be closed after 11:59pm, 8 December 2021. Late submissions will not be considered. The placement results will be announced to successful applicants by email between 19 January and 28 January 2022.

- **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.

- **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 2022. 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.

- **2nd Round Placement**

No new applications will be accepted for 2nd round placement. Unfilled quota from 1st round will be re-allocated and the result will be announced to successful applicants by email or phone in February 2022.

- **Withdrawal after Accepting An Offer**

For withdrawal, students need to send an email to Ms. Bonnie Tsang (bonniestsang@cuhk.edu.hk) with compelling reasons and necessary supporting documents. Otherwise, students need to pay the School a nomination deposit of HK\$1,500. 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 will request you to submit an official transcript for admission.

- **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 2022.

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.