

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
2023 APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (<http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/>) provides general guidelines and instructions on applying for entrance to undergraduate programmes at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The application requirements for the Music Programme (JS4082) additionally include an audition (video), submission of supporting documents, and written entrance test (in-person); these serve as the basis for shortlisting. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview (in-person).

Significant Dates for Main Round:

22 May, 2023 (Monday)

Deadline for submitting audition video and supporting documents

01 June, 2023 (Thursday)

Shortlisted candidates will be notified for a Written Entrance Test

07 June, 2023 (Wednesday)

Written Entrance Test

12 June, 2023 (Monday)

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview

19 – 21 June, 2023 (Monday – Wednesday)

Interview of shortlisted candidates

SUBMISSION OF VIDEO AUDITION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Audition Video Requirements

1. Before beginning to play, show your face to the camera.
2. The video should contain two contrasting pieces, one fast and one slow, recorded in a single take. The maximum total duration for both pieces is 5 minutes.
3. Accompanists are not required, and professional recording is not expected. The video may be recorded on mobile device, as long as the sound quality is clear and the image quality is acceptable.
4. Upload the video to YouTube (unlisted video instead of public) or a similar platform.
5. Please make sure that all links are accessible.

Checklist of Supporting Documents

1. Secondary school reports (F.4 to F.5 and/or F.6): required
2. Personal statement: optional
While you may have already described your academic interests in the 'Additional Information' section of the JUPAS application form, you are strongly advised to submit a personal statement that states your prior musical experience and reasons for applying to our programme. Please write 250-300 words in English.
3. Music qualifications: optional
As a reference, the expected level of proficiency in your major instrument / voice is equivalent to or above Grade 8 (ABRSM/Trinity College/Central Conservatory). If you have taken graded music examinations, please submit the results and certificates.
4. Repertoire list: optional
Please provide a list of repertoire studied in the last 2 years. This is especially recommended for applicants who have not taken graded music examinations.
5. Recommendation letters: optional
Students should, if possible, provide letters of recommendation from music teachers / music professionals.

6. Composition portfolio: optional
If you have studied composition, please include a selection of your original works.
7. Please pack all supporting documents into a shared folder link using Google Drive, Dropbox, or a similar platform.

Submission procedure

1. Please upload your JUPAS/ Non-JUPAS application number, full name (family name first), your instrument, titles of the pieces performed, as well as links to your audition video and supporting documents by **22 May, 2023 (Monday)**, to <https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13658262>
2. Your application will NOT be processed if you fail to submit the audition video and other supporting documents by the deadline.

WRITTEN ENTRANCE TEST

1. The Written Entrance Test for the Music Programme (JS4082) is scheduled for 7 June, 2023 (Wednesday). Candidates who are invited to the test will be notified on 1 June, 2023 (Thursday) by email and will receive further instructions.
2. There are two parts. The first will test your aural skills (e.g., identifying intervals and chords, discriminating melodies and rhythms). The second will test your knowledge of theory and analysis. You will be asked general questions about tonal harmony (e.g., relationship between two chords) as well as questions on specific score excerpts (e.g., identifying key areas and chord progressions).

INTERVIEWS

In-person interviews are planned for 19–21 June, 2023 (Monday – Wednesday). Shortlisted candidates will be notified on 12 June, 2023 (Monday) and given further instructions. The interview will last about 10 minutes.

AUDITION VIDEO FAQ

1. Must I have an accompanist for the audition?
You may, but it is not required.
2. Can I play excerpts of pieces?
Yes. Just keep the total length of the video to a maximum of 5 minutes.
3. Do the two pieces need to be in different styles or periods?
No. You just need to play or sing one piece that is fast and one that is slow.
4. May I play more than one instrument?
You may, but you will need to indicate which instrument you intend as your major. You will still need to perform two pieces in contrasting tempi and keep to the 5-minute overall time limit. So, consider carefully whether auditioning on two instruments is to your advantage.
5. Due to the pandemic, ABRSM graded practical exams have been cancelled and Trinity College will introduce Digital Grades. Will this affect my admission result?
The music qualifications serve only as a reference and are not a requirement. Applicants may wish to submit results of ABRSM 'Performance Grades'.
6. What are your expectations for the audition?
Performance technique and stylistic understanding are equally important. Choose your audition pieces strategically to demonstrate a range of skills and knowledge.

Please direct enquiries to music@cuhk.edu.hk
