Fresh start Student Booklet

HKU PGSA



First look? Checklist for new postgraduate students



WELCOME

Welcome to The University of Hong Kong!

So now you have reached here and are about to start your journey into the exciting life as a postgraduate student but what else would you like to take care of before starting your journey?

- □ Report to the department/faculty office and get the new student package
- □ Open bank account
- ☐ Fill in the bank account form and return to the office (for Studentship holder)
- □ Apply for Hong Kong Identity Card
- □ Apply for student's card, the "Student registration card"



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HONG KONG
IDENTITY CARD

- □ Apply for student Octopus Card (if applicable)
- □ Meet your supervisor
- ☐ Fill in forms required by your department (if there is any, Eg: Lab safety questionnaire)
- ☐ Get a local phone number

Useful Guidelines

Yes, Hong Kong is a new place for you. Just don't worry, here we have tried to put in the things which would be necessary for you to do when you arrive at Hong Kong.

Student Registration Card:

Please fill in the forms you received and submit accordingly. It usually takes like a week from the time you submit your registration document.

Bank account: There are two banks with counters in the main campus: HSBC (匯豐) and BEA (東亞). There is also Bank of China (中國銀行) near the east gate

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Student registration card

Note that you can open a student account when you get your university student registration card, your HKID card (or Hong Kong and Macao traffic permit/passport) and studentship proof if applicable. You can also open a normal bank account (non-student bank account). Some banks require a proof of your address (This should be your apartment in Hong Kong or your school dormitory. It is also suggested to bring a proof of address of your original permanent residence before you come to Hong Kong for banking procedure). You can ask for help on this from your land lord, department office, or dormitory office.



Hong Kong Identity card: It's very important to get your HKID card as soon as possible. It is an official document issued by the immigration department of Hong Kong. http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/idcard/hkic/registreplace.htm (online booking is available)

To get your ID card you should go to the Immigration tower to submit your documents.

12/F, Immigration Tower
7 Gloucester Road
Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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Octopus card

You would like to take 40, 40M, 23 or the MTR from The University of Hong Kong West gate towards Wan Chai and get down at Immigration tower bus station. Please check the exact location in the website as the location may be different for Mainland Chinese students.

Photos & Photocopies: To make photocopies you can use the photocopying machines available in the libraries and at the co-operative store in the 5th floor of the centennial campus. Before you get your student card, you may enter the library by showing your offer letter to the staff. Also, the photocopy center at Chong Yuet Ming might be a good alternative. Chi Wah learning commons also provide copiers.

If you wish to take photos according to the specifications for the any of your identification cards, there is FOTOMAX just 10mins walk from the east gate. (55-57 Bonham Road). There are few cheaper ones you might want to explore near Shek Tong Tsui(石塘咀) Market.

Octopus Card: This would be an integral part of your life in Hong Kong. Initially you can drop into any MTR (metro railway) station in Hong Kong and ask for an octopus card at the customer service desk.



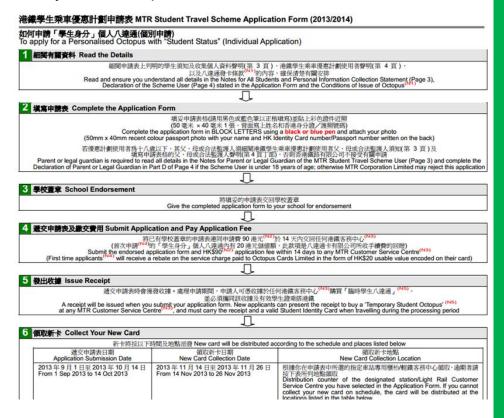
When you have got your student card and have completed with all your formalities like the HKID card, you can apply for the student octopus at certain stations (if the applicant is under the age of 25) with which you can avail a concession

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in your MTR travel.

http://cedars.hku.hk/clnews/mtr_notice.pdf.

Application form for Student Octopus Card ought to be obtained from the General Office of each Faculty/School/Department.



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Phone card: You can get a free sim card (China Unicom) once you register at our website.

Accommodation:

Please check out the accommodation tab in CEDARS site as your first step

(http://cedars.hku.hk/showext.php?id=cl_ac). This will include university housing, university rented off-campus housing and some housing adds. More updated housing ads can be found at the CEDARS office



Sports Center: There are one fitness center in Centennial Campus and two sports centers outside HKU main campus.

- A. <u>Fitness Center</u>
 (Address:3F, The Jockey Club Tower, Central Podium
 <u>Levels</u>)
- B. Flora Ho Sports Center
 (Stanley Smith Swimming Pool)
- C. <u>Stanley Ho Sports Center</u> (Henry Fok Swimming Pool)

<u>Medical options</u>: In case of any medical emergency during office hours and other general medical issues you can approach the University health services (UHS) which is situated in the 2nd and 3rd floor of MengWah complex. http://www.uhs.hku.hk/index.php.

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Dental Unit

Address: Rm 327, Meng Wah Complex

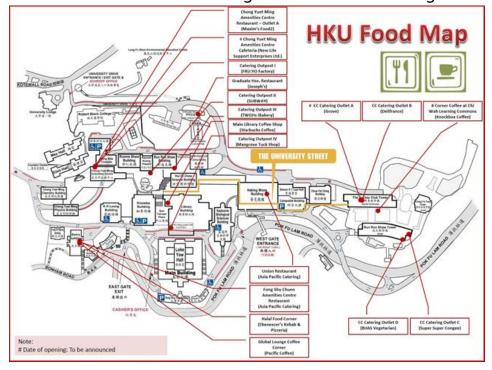
Medical Unit



Address: Rm 215, Meng Wah Complex

<u>Food options:</u> There is very good application available for smart phones called HKU CEDARS app which will help you to locate eating outlets, give you live camera feed about the crowd in these places, describe the type of food and many more information.

For halal food there is an eating outlet in Swire building.



There are a lot of eating options outside the campus within 10 mins of walking distance which includes two McDonalds (Bonham road and Queen's road west). Nearby Kennedy town, Sai Ying Pun and HKU MTR stations, there are a variety of restaurants for you to explore. One site you might want to know about most of the eating options in Hong Kong

 $\underline{http://www.openrice.com/english/restaurant/index.htm}.$

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HKU CEDARS APP

Learning spaces at HKU main campus







Our theme "One simple engage, endless Discoveries" brightens the colorful world of The Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA). Established in 1993, the PGSA of The University of Hong Kong has been serving postgraduate students and alumni for more than 20 years. Postgraduate students can hone their skills and recognize friends under our most welcoming atmosphere from the beginning of the postgraduate journey. To give a fresh start of newcomers, PGSA presents the orientations program and absorbs new family members, including executive committee members as well.

The Association aims to enhance postgraduate life at HKU by encouraging students to take active interest in their welfare by participating in various academic, social and professional events. The Association is an independent unit in the University and it is an autonomous body like the HKU Students' Union (HKUSU). PGSA is open to all the postgraduate students at HKU, whether full-time or part-time. The membership, which is lifetime, covers many postgraduate activities held throughout HKU. These activities may consist of basketball games, tennis games, social parties, high table dinners, career building workshops, outdoor trips and lectures of special relevance to postgraduate life.

It is noteworthy that voluntary works of many aspects are also our missions and duties. Now, with the supports from the HKU family and friends like you, together, it would be our fabulous chance to embrace the beauty and fruitfulness of PG life. Please do not hesitate to find us via the following information:

Office Address: P407 Graduate House, No. 3 University Drive, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 18:00-20:00 (Every Wednesday 18:00-20:00)

E-mail: pgsa@hku.hk

URL: http://www.pgsa.hku.hk

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/hkupgsa

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QQ group for new students:146755357

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/hkupgsa

WeChat groups for new students:



