

# HKU International Conference of Undergraduate Research in Science 2019

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General

#### **1. What is the purpose of the HKU International Conference of Undergraduate Research in Science?**

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) is the oldest university in Hong Kong which has over 100 years of history. We ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the QS World University Rankings 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the QS Asia University Rankings 2019. HKU Faculty of Science is also one of the top Science Faculties globally and within the region. To cope with our vision in becoming the Asia's Global University, this Conference is an initiative to bring together outstanding science students from all over the world to have an academic exchange on research projects of diverse disciplines, and to attract potential students to pursue research postgraduate study with us.

#### **2. Why should I participate in the Conference?**

By attending this Conference, you will have the chance to interactive with fellow students from all over the world. You will also have chances to interactive with our distinguished scientists who will be able to provide insights and advice on your research and your future research postgraduate study.

You will also be able to:

- gain science communication experience
- inspire and get inspired by exchanging with fellow students and distinguished scientists
- learn more about Hong Kong and HKU Science
- explore the opportunity in pursuing research postgraduate study at HKU Science
- know more about the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

#### **3. What is the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme?**

The [Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme](#) is a Hong Kong government scheme aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD studies in HK. The Fellowship provides an annual stipend of HK\$301,200 (approximately US\$38,600) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$12,600 (approximately US\$1,600) per year for each awardee for a period up to three years.

## Programme

### **4. What activities would I be participating in the Conference?**

The three-day Conference consists of presentation sessions, specialist lectures, exchange activities with distinguished scientists and research postgraduate students in the Faculty of Science, campus tour and lab visits. Please refer to the [tentative programme](#) for more details.

### **5. Am I required to present at the Conference?**

Every participant will have a chance to present. If you are already undertaking a research project, you may be selected to present at the Conference to all participants. If you have not yet started a research project, you will be presenting your research plan and aspiration with teachers and fellow students of your respective department.

## Application

### **6. I am currently in the final year of my undergraduate study and I am planning to take a Master's degree before pursuing research postgraduate study. Shall I come to the Conference?**

Yes, you are welcome to attend the Conference. You will get to know the research strengths in our Faculty and to meet with our distinguished professors, as well as to explore the opportunities to pursue your postgraduate research study with us.

### **7. What is an abstract?**

An abstract is a summary of your research project. Abstracts include reasons for undertaking the work, the methods used, findings and your conclusions.

### **8. What is a statement of interests?**

A statement of interests is generally in the form of a short essay which shall describe your specific areas of academic and research interests, and how attending this Conference will benefit you. The statement should not exceed 500 words.

### **9. I have not started my research project and I do not have a supervisor yet. What should I do to get a supporting letter?**

You may identify a Professor in your Faculty/Department who has an understanding of your academic/research records to write a supporting letter for you.

### **10. How shall I choose my study field?**

HKU Faculty of Science has six departments and you shall choose one of these study fields based on your current study. Please [click here](#) to view the six departments of the Faculty.

### **11. Can I choose more than one study field?**

You can only choose ONE study field and you will be assigned to participate in the activities organised by the department of your chosen field during parallel sessions.

### **12. When and How would I be informed of the application result?**

Applicants will be informed of the result by email in mid May 2019. If you are selected to attend the Conference, you will be given full details and will be informed whether you will get a subsidy on the airfare.

### **During the Conference**

### **13. Will I have to stay for the entire Conference?**

Yes, students are expected to participate in all activities of the Conference.

### **14. What if I have a special dietary requirement?**

If you are selected to attend the Conference, you will be asked to provide your special dietary requirements (i.e. vegetarian, food allergy) and we will make appropriate arrangements.

### **15. Where will I be staying during the Conference?**

You will be staying in student hostels of the HKU. Two to three students of the same gender will be sharing a room.

### **16. Will I get any certificate upon completion of the Conference?**

A Certificate of Completion will be issued to students who have participated in all activities and complete the Conference successfully.

If you have questions that were not answered here, please send your questions to [science@hku.hk](mailto:science@hku.hk).