Application & Selection Criteria of Faculty of Exchange Programme

- **Application procedures**

If students are interested to apply for the Faculty of Science Exchange Programme 2026-27, please follow the procedures below and submit your application online at **https://goglobal.hku.hk/outgoing/s/Fac_Sci_Prog_26-27** by **December 19, 2025 (Friday).**

a) Read the information of the host institution thoroughly. Seek advice from your Course Selection Adviser(s) and discuss with your family about your plan and/or concerns (e.g. credit transfer, financial condition), if necessary.

b) Collect information about the host institution, e.g. academic calendar, courses available, accommodation, transportation, cost of living, climate, etc. Plan the courses that you wish to take. Course information is usually available at the homepage of the host institution. Make sure that exchange students are not restricted to take the courses of your major only.

c) Applicants are required to upload the followings:
   i) Proof of English language proficiency (official IELTS/TOEFL report with at least an IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 or a TOEFL (iBT) score of 80);
   ii) Academic Reference Form;
   iii) Extra-curricular Activities Reference Form;
   iv) Study Plan *(Write a short essay telling us why you wish to go on exchange and in what way an exchange experience will benefit you. Use your own judgment to decide on the content and length of the essay.)*; and
   v) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

d) Ensure you are available between January 19, 2026 and January 23, 2026 (the first teaching week of the 2nd semester of 2025-26) for attending an interview.

e) Ensure the validity of your passport covers your entire exchange period. If it would expire soon or you do not have a passport, please renew or apply for one as soon as possible.

f) Timeline of the Recruitment Exercise is as follows:

Date	**Action**
November 18, 2025 (Tuesday) – December 19, 2025 (Friday)	Application opens
Between January 19, 2026 and January 23, 2026	Interview of shortlisted applicants
For 1st semester / 2nd Semester / Full year exchange in 2026-27:	
February 9, 2026 (Monday)	Results release
February 13, 2026 (Friday)	Deadline for acceptance and deposit payment
For 2nd semester exchange in 2026-27:	
Early July 2026	Confirmed results release

- **Selection criteria**

  Students are selected according to the following criteria:

  a) Potential to be a good ambassador of HKU and the Faculty
  b) Performance in extra-curricular activities
  c) Study plan
  d) Interview performance
  e) Academic results

- **Application result**

  The application result will be announced on February 9, 2026 by email. Please note that if you also apply for HKUWW Undergraduate Student Exchange Programme 2026-27 through IAO, you will only receive one offer.

- **Application to host institution**

  Successful applicants will be informed to submit the application documents required by the host institutions through the Faculty Office.

- **Leave of absence and credit transfer**

  Applications for leave of absence and transfer of credits (optional) should be made via the **Online Credit Transfer Application System (OCTAS)**.

- **Refundable deposit**

  Successful applicants are required to pay a refundable deposit of HK$2,000 upon the acceptance of offer. It will be forfeited if you withdraw from the Faculty Exchange Programme after accepting the offer.

  The deposit will be returned upon your completion of the exchange programme provided that you have
  - fulfilled the "Condition of Offers", which you will need to sign prior to your departure; and
  - submitted an exchange report (in soft copy) with at least 10 photos to both IAO and the Faculty.