# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG APPLICATION FOR POSTGRADUATE HOUSING

# **General Information and Application Procedures**

# I. Housing for Postgraduate Students

Residence ( $\Delta$ )	Room	Occupancy	Monthly rental (HK\$) + (subject to annual adjustment)
HKU Residential Colle	ges (Jockey Club Student V	illage III)	•
Shun Hing College	Single room	1 HKU student	Around \$4,000 per room
	Double shared room	2 HKU students	Around \$3,150 per person
Chi Sun College	Single room	1 HKU student	Around \$4,000 per room
	Double shared room	2 HKU students	Around \$3,150 per person
Lap-Chee College	Single room	1 HKU student	Around \$4,000 per room
	Double shared room	2 HKU students	Around \$3,150 per person
New College	Single room	1 HKU student	Around \$4,000 per room
	Double shared room	2 HKU students	Around \$3,150 per person
Ching Lin Terrace	Twin bed room	2 HKU students	\$5,430 per person
Residence	Single room (loft)	1 HKU student	\$5,790 per person
	Single room	1 HKU student	\$6,300 per person
	Single room (with one double bed)	1 HKU student / Married couple <sup>△</sup> (husband and wife), 1 must be a HKU student, kids are not allowed	\$6,870 per room/\$9,150 room
	Single room (with one double bed, toilet & shower)	1 HKU student / Married couple <sup>△</sup> (husband and wife), 1 must be a HKU student, kids are not allowed	\$7,600 per room/\$10,170 per room
Graduate House	Single room	1 HKU student	\$3,948 per room
	Double room (for married couples)	Married couple <sup>△</sup> (husband and wife), 1 must be a HKU student, kids are not allowed	\$7,233 per room
Morrison Hall	Double shared room	2 HKU students	around \$1,900 per person
St. John's College Wong Chik Ting Hall	Small room (143sq ft)	1 HKU student	\$6,300 per room
	Large room (167sq ft)	1 HKU student	\$7,000 per room

<sup>△</sup> For student residence places, please go to "Part II – Enquiries" for the respective hall/college/residences' websites for information.

<sup>+</sup> The lodging fee room rates for 2020-2021 are subject to approval of higher authorities including the Council.

<sup>△</sup> Section 40 of the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 181) of the Hong Kong Law <a href="http://familyclic.hk/en/topics/Matrimonial-matters/Marriage-and-co-habitant-issues/An-overview/#content">http://familyclic.hk/en/topics/Matrimonial-matters/Marriage-and-co-habitant-issues/An-overview/#content</a>

# <u>Jockey Club Student Village III (Shun Hing College, Chi Sun College, Lap-Chee College and New College)</u>

#### 1. Provision

The four Colleges are located at Jockey Club Student Village III, 9 Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town. They provide altogether 1,764 places of Double Shared Rooms and Single Rooms for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Please visit the websites of Shun Hing College < <a href="http://www.shunhingcollege.hku.hk/">http://www.shunhingcollege.hku.hk/</a>, Chi Sun College < <a href="http://www.newcollege.hku.hk/">http://www.newcollege.hku.hk/</a>, Lap-Chee College < <a href="http://www.newcollege.hku.hk/">http://www.newcollege.hku.hk/</a>> for more information.

Rooms in four Colleges are air-conditioned and with a computer point for access to the University's computer network. A shared lavatory with shower stalls are located in each floor. Students who wish to do light cooking or reheating of food may use the hot plates, microwave oven and fridge equipped in each lounge.

## 2. Admission Criteria

Each of the four Colleges set up its own Admission Panel. All full-time postgraduate students studying government funded courses would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Priority will be given to newly arrived research postgraduate students. Students who study non-government funded taught postgraduate programmes are unlikely be admitted according to the University of Hong Kong Senate's guidelines.

Applicants choosing any of the Colleges as one of the preferences should duly complete Section C of the application form. Otherwise the application may not be considered.

Four Colleges may only consider first to third choice applications.

## 3. Residential Period

Offer of admission for residential membership is on residential year basis. Continued residence is subject to application for re-admission.

Unless otherwise specified, students who have accepted the residential membership are allowed to stay in the College until the end of the stipulated residential period, or the expiry date of student status as shown on the Student Card, or the official date of completion of studies as informed by the Faculty, whichever is earlier. For any stay thereafter, which is not guaranteed and subject to extra charges, prior approval from the College must be sought.

## 4. Charges

The total lodging charge for postgraduate students in residential year 2020-21 is HK\$40,180.00 and HK\$31,420.00 for Single Rooms and Double Rooms respectively. The fees, which are non-refundable, are charged in TWO installments (one for each semester). The total amount of fees payable will be notified individually together with the admission offer.

Debit notes of the abovementioned fees will be issued to students via the HKU Portal after move-in.

Lodging charges are subject to adjustment in each residential year.

# 5. Withdrawal Policy

The Colleges will seek replacement upon students' withdrawal from residence. Students withdrawing must complete an application form at least FOURTEEN days prior to their date of departure for Master's approval. For early withdrawal from residence, the paid lodging fees are not refundable, and no portion of outstanding lodging fees (if any) would be waived.

# **Ching Lin Terrace Residence**

- Ching Lin Terrace Residence is located in No. 10 Ching Lin Terrace, Kennedy Town. The area consists of a small number of residential buildings and a Chinese Lo Pan Temple (Grade I Historic Building). The building sits quietly within the context of the site and it is surrounded by To Li Garden, Jade Lotus, Greenview Court and Hee Wong Terrace. The nine-story flat-type residence, most of which features single rooms, houses 126 students.
- 2. All flats come with en-suite bathrooms and are fully furnished with bed, wardrobe, study desk, chair, IP phone, LED TV, sofa, dining table with chairs and wireless internet connection. Each flat also contains a pantry with electrical induction hotplate, refrigerator and microwave oven for the preparation of light snacks. Other facilities include a multi-purpose hall, reading room and laundry facilities on the ground floor, and a covered landscape area on the mezzanine floor.
- 3. Accommodation requests are filled according to the order in which the applications were received.

Eligibility	Contract Type	Billing Cycle
Newly arrived <b>non-local</b> full-time research postgraduate student	Minimum Stay: 1 month (Full monthly lodging fee will be charged for residence of less than a	Monthly For the month in which you first arrive, lodging fee will be calculated on a pro-rata
New Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF) awardees	month)  Maximum Stay: up to August 1 of each year	basis. For the months thereafter, lodging fee will be calculated on a monthly basis.
New HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship (HKU- PS) Awardees	(extension and renewal are not automatic)	
All others full time research postgraduate students		

- 4. In addition to the monthly rental, residents are also required to pay Air-Con Smartcard deposit of HK\$50. Air conditioning charges at HK\$1.48/kwh.
- 5. Early arrival and extension of stay is subject to the availability of flats/rooms/bed-spaces, please email chinglin@hku.hk for arrangements.

- 6. Withdrawal policy: The first month's lodging fee is non-refundable under any circumstances. For the months thereafter a 14-days notice of withdrawal, which is also non-refundable, will be required. However, residents leaving Ching Lin Terrace Residence for the following listed reasons are entitled to a refund on the unused portion of lodging fee:
  - Medical reasons (documentation required)
  - Official withdrawal from the University

# **Graduate House**

Please note the following for the Graduate House admission exercise:

- March 1 May 31 annually for current residents(current residents please refer to in-House notices)
- March 1 July 15 annually for new/non-resident students
- Late applications will not be considered
- Taught Postgraduates (self-funded programs) will be considered in lower priority

Please also refer to the information posted on the official website before submitting an online application.

# 1. Provision

Graduate House is located in the main campus on No. 3, University Drive. It provides 188 single rooms and 9 double rooms for full-time registered postgraduate students of the University. All the rooms in Graduate House are air-conditioned and are provided with basic furniture, a fridge and a computer point for access to the University's computer network. Every two single rooms share a bathroom while double rooms have self-contained bathrooms.

Please note that due to the design of the building, **no cooking** is allowed in Graduate House and only reheating of cooked food is allowed in the pantries. Students who have a strong need for cooking should take this fact into account before submitting an application.

Pest control exercise will be carried out on regular basis for student rooms. It is a mandatory activity that residents shall facilitate. Besides, Orientation Talk and High Table Dinner are also mandatory activities for residents.

## 2. Residential Period

Under normal circumstances, admission to Graduate House is for 12 months. Please note that all new residents of Graduate House have to complete **at least 6 months** residency before they could apply for withdrawal. Withdrawal without appropriate substantiation and/or advanced notice to the Graduate House Office will lead to forfeiture of the rental deposit.

# 3. Admission Criteria

Admission to Graduate House is based on the following criteria as assessed by information provided in the application form:

#### (1) Academic achievements

Academic related awards (tertiary institutes)
Academic related awards (national prizes)
Academic related awards (international prizes)
Publications (book chapters)
Publications (patents)
Publications (international peer-reviewed journals)

#### (2) Extracurricular achievement

Activities (brief mention of hobbies)
Activities (participation in clubs or associations)
Activities (positions held as organizer of activities)
Personal achievements (e.g. sports or music training)
Personal achievements (e.g. winner of competitions)
Social contributions (e.g. voluntary works)

#### (3) Needs

Distance (Local within 45 mins travel)
Distance (Local – New Territories or outlying islands)
Distance (Mainland China)
Distance (Overseas)
New arrivals in Hong Kong
Poor home environment as stated in Section C
Special personal need

While Graduate House makes efforts to provide high-quality residential services, we also strive to serve as a hub for intellectual, social and cultural exchanges among postgraduates. For achieving this goal, applicants with special talent(s) and willingness to contribute to the activities in Graduate House may be given high priority for admission.

Applicants choosing Graduate House as one of the hall preferences <u>MUST</u> complete Section C of the application form duly or else the application would not be considered. Also, applicants without submitting a copy of (1) "Notice of Admission" or (2) "e-offer", would not be considered.

## 4. Charges

New residents are required to pay the first month's rent, a security deposit of HK\$5,000.00 for Single Room and \$8,000.00 for Double Room, a key deposit of HK\$130.00 per set and a laundry smartcard deposit of HK\$100 directly at the Hong Kong Bank on campus by using pay-in slips upon move-in. Residents are required to make up for the difference in case there is an increase in rent. The deposits will be refunded to the resident after deducting any outstanding charges incurred within the residential period after the resident checks out of Graduate House.

Rental charges do not include electricity expenses, which is to be charged according to the actual amount of electricity consumed by the residents at the Residential Tariff Rates set by the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. and the current minimum charge each month is HK\$36.90 irrespective of which day of the month the resident moves in. Both rental and electricity charges are settled **by autopay** at the same time around the 10th of each month. A statement will be issued to the resident before the charges are deducted.

### 5. Offer of Rooms

Successful applicants must provide proof of registration before rooms could be offered. All rooms are allocated to successful applicants on a random basis by the Graduate House Management. Residents may be required to relocate to other rooms by the Graduate House Office on need basis.

# **Morrison Hall**

Founded in 1913, Morrison Hall was one of the earliest halls in the University. It was closed down in 1968, yet, it was rebuilt in 2005. The new building is located near the Flora Ho Sports Centre at 109 Pokfulam Road. It provides 69 double shared rooms for postgraduate students of **mixed gender**. It also consists of an undergraduate residence which accommodates about 150 male students. For more information about the Hall, please visit our website <a href="http://www.morrison.hku.hk">http://www.morrison.hku.hk</a> by using Chrome browser.

# 1 <u>Criteria for Admission</u>

All **full-time** postgraduate students would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Priority will be given to newly arrived Research Postgraduate Students while Taught Postgraduate Students are unlikely be admitted according to the University of Hong Kong Senate's guidelines.

Application for September intake will be handled after July 15 in batch.

## 2. <u>Interviews</u>

Applicants may be invited to attend a selection interview. Failure to attend it will imply that you are no longer interested in the application.

## 3. Residential Period

Admission to Morrison Hall is on a residential year basis from late August till end of May. Residents may be re-admitted in subsequent years on the basis of the criteria for re-admission and is not automatic.

# St. John's College Wong Chik Ting Hall

The St. John's College is located at No. 82 Pokfulam Road. All postgraduate student rooms are located in the Wong Chik Ting Hall which opened in September 1997. There are 66 large and 45 small single rooms. All student rooms are single rooms and provided with air-conditioning, internet connection, television, refrigerator, private toilet and shower. There is a canteen and a laundry room in the College. The size of the large room with balcony is 167 sq.ft., and the small room is 143 sq.ft.

# 1. Room Rental / Utility Charges

Residents are required to pay the room fee on a monthly basis **through autopay**. Monthly room fees **exclude** electricity fees but include water and gas usage. Electricity fees will be charged in accordance with the meter record.

# 2. Deposit and First Payment

All successful applicants are required to pay a deposit and the first month's rental as below. The validated payment proof must be presented to the College Office by the payment deadline set on the offer.

	Deposit	First Month Rental	Electricity	Total
Small Room	HK\$6,300.00	HK\$6,300.00	HK\$1,000.00	HK\$13,600.00
Large Room	HK\$7,000.00	HK\$7,000.00	HK\$1,000.00	HK\$15,000.00

The deposit will be forfeited if resident fails to comply with the conditions of admission. Rates quoted are subject to adjust on July 1st of each year.

Priorities will be given to first choice applications.

<sup>\*</sup> There is a chance that the East Wing Development construction might commence in the Year 2021. Despite that all construction hours, safety, and noise levels will be strictly governed by the laws of Hong Kong, it will surely cause substantial disturbances once construction begins. Please take this into serious consideration before your submit your application.

# II. Enquiries

Please refer to the websites of individual halls/hostels for more information on the number of student places, room conditions, facilities and services. For enquiries related to individual halls residences, please contact the halls residences directly.

Hall/Office	Address	Email
HKU Residential Colleges (Jockey Club Student Village III)  Telephone No.: (852) 39171419 Fax No.: (852) 28726635	9 Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong	jockeyv3@hku.hk
Ching Lin Terrace Residence Telephone No.: (852) 3917 0133	G/F, Ching Lin Terrace Residence, 10 Ching Lin Terrace, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong	chinglin@hku.hk
Graduate House Telephone No.: (852) 39171810 Fax No.: (852) 25461861	Room P1-01, 3 University Drive, Hong Kong.	gradhse@hku.hk
Morrison Hall Telephone No.: (852) 36042014 Fax No.: (852) 28557192	109 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.	jockeyv2@hku.hk
St. John's College Wong Chik Ting Hall  Telephone No.: (852) 28177102  Fax No.: (852) 28175624	82 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.	stjohns@hku.hk

# III. Privacy Ordinance

All information provided in your application will be used for the postgraduate housing admission exercise only, and will be kept as resident records for administrative purposes if you are admitted.

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