



# EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD

Fact Sheet 2019-20

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# WELCOME TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

CUHK is located at Shatin with easy access to both Hong Kong's city centre and the border with mainland China.



**Top 50 Worldwide**  
QS World University  
Rankings 2019

**Top 10 in Asia**  
Times Higher Education  
Asia University Rankings 2018



**HK's Most  
Innovative University**  
Reuters 2016, 2017 and 2018



**9 Colleges**  
C.W. Chu, Chung Chi,  
Lee Woo Sing, Morningside,  
New Asia, S.H. Ho, Shaw,  
United and Wu Yee Sun



**20,000+**  
Student Population



**8 Academic Faculties**  
Arts, Business Administration,  
Education, Engineering, Law,  
Medicine, Science and  
Social Science



**Largest and Greenest  
Campus in HK**

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a comprehensive research university with a global vision. It was founded with a mission to combine tradition with modernity and to bring together China and the West. CUHK's firmly rooted Chinese culture, multiculturalism and its unique college system sets itself apart from other universities in Hong Kong and in the region.

CUHK has always been at the forefront of teaching and research, nurturing the next generation of leaders in all fields and advancing the frontiers of knowledge and technology. The galaxy of distinguished scholars and researchers at CUHK include a Nobel Laureate, a Fields medallist, a Turing Award winner, and countless academics with international recognition.

Located in Shatin, a suburban area of Hong Kong, the CUHK campus overlooks the scenic Tolo Harbour and is nestled in greenery. Over the years, it has evolved into the largest, greenest and most sustainably designed campus in the city. A wide range of academic, residential, sports and leisure facilities provide an all-round campus experience for anyone studying at CUHK.

# THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC LINKS

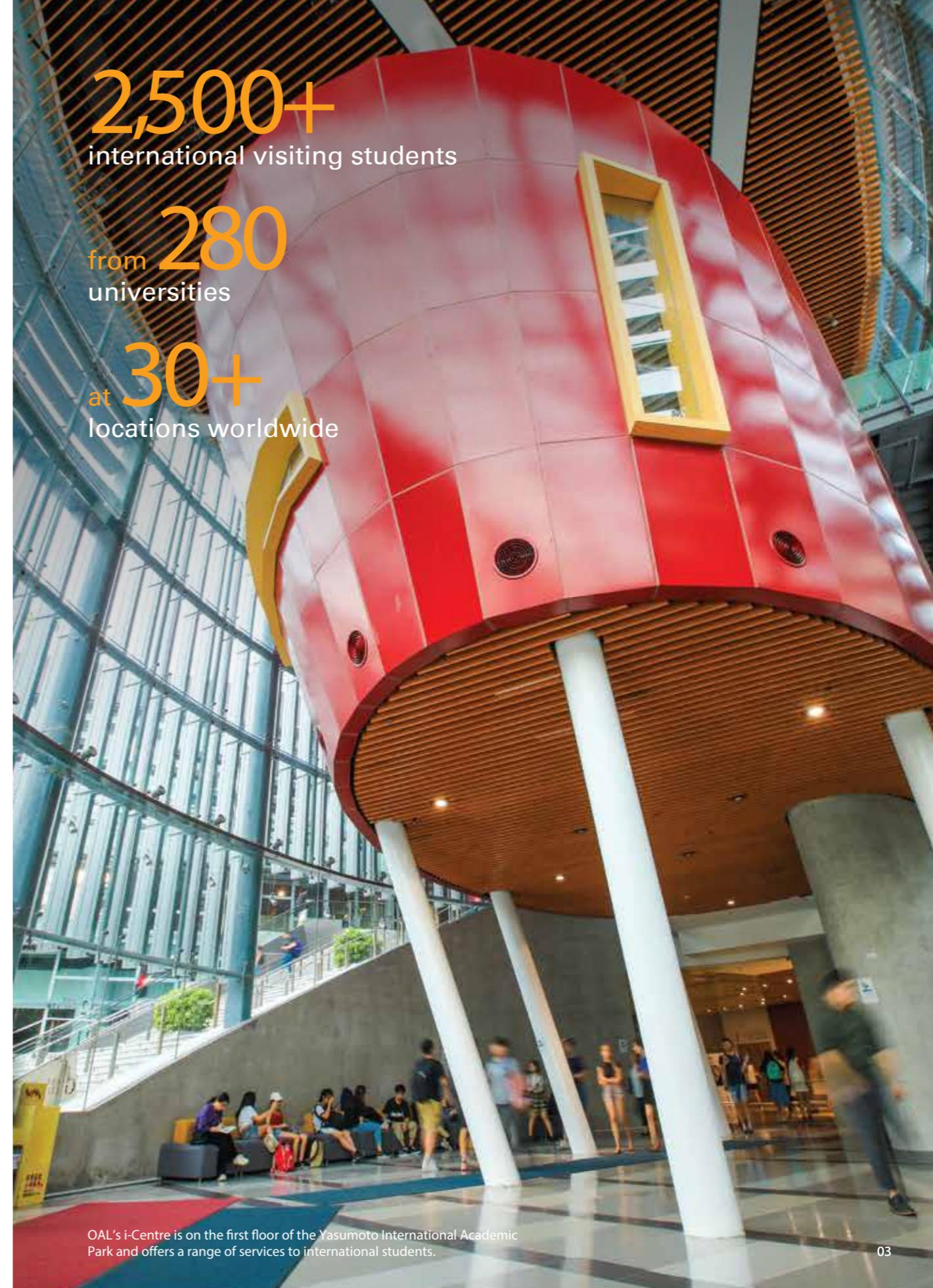
The Office of Academic Links (OAL) at CUHK serves as the international relations arm for the University. OAL promotes and facilitates the internationalisation of the University in its research, teaching and learning programmes so as to seek recognition for the University as a leader on the global stage and to nurture students to have a high degree of inter-cultural sensitivity, tolerance and a global perspective.

## Student exchange and study abroad programmes

The first student exchange programme at CUHK was launched in 1965 with the University of California system. Since then, CUHK has continued to receive students through over 280 programmes with partner institutions in more than 30 locations worldwide. With a population of over 2,500 international visiting students each year, CUHK is truly an international melting pot.

## We are here for you

OAL will be your home department at CUHK and is the single point of contact to facilitate all aspects of your study at the University, both before and after arrival:



2,500+ international visiting students

from 280 universities

at 30+ locations worldwide

OAL's i-Centre is on the first floor of the Yasumoto International Academic Park and offers a range of services to international students.

# HONG KONG

## Asia's World City, City of Life

Hong Kong is not just an ordinary metropolitan city. It is the hub of Asia. A city that never sleeps with non-stop intensity. A perfect blend of fascinating contrasts where East meets West, where busy city pace meets natural countryside, and where endless skyscrapers meet traditional lifestyle. Here, you can find a variety of rich and diverse experiences packed in an easy and fast to get around city.

### Housing

Undergraduate exchange students are guaranteed in on-campus housing and are assigned to double or triple-occupancy rooms. Living with local students will ease the transition to a new environment and promote Chinese culture immersion. On-campus housing is assigned automatically; application is not required.

### Cost of Living

Generally speaking, living in Hong Kong can be expensive, however living at CUHK is extremely affordable as on-campus hostels and meals at student canteens are heavily subsidised. The table on the right shows the approximate living costs at CUHK for an undergraduate in one term.

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The view of the Victoria Harbour from The Peak is one of the most spectacular sights of Hong Kong.

Journey through the unique culinary culture of Hong Kong during trips organised for international students around the city.



Join fellow international students to experience Hong Kong's traditional Chinese culture.



10<sup>th</sup> century CE  
Chinese people began settling in Hong Kong<sup>5</sup>



1842-1997  
Hong Kong was a British colony<sup>3</sup>



< 25%  
Area of developed land<sup>1</sup>  
  
40%  
Area of country parks and nature reserves<sup>1</sup>

### Follow traces of Chinese and Western cultures

Traditional Chinese values such as loyalty to friends and family, and respect for the elderly are well preserved while its history as a former British colony has left a legacy of western ways.

### Explore the outdoors

Escape the bustling city life and enjoy the wide variety of outdoor activities available, just minutes away from the urban centre.

### Eat and shop around the clock

Street stalls and shopping malls offer great bargains and operate until late in the evening. Chinese and international cuisines are abundant and delicious night snacks can be found at 24-hour eateries.

### Travel to mainland China and Asia in a blink

The train from CUHK reaches the border of mainland China in just 25 minutes. A day trip to Shenzhen or a study break to Beijing are just some of the extensive options available. Being in the centre of Asia, travelling around is extremely fast and easy.



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# LIFE ON EXCHANGE



## Programme Dates

### Fall Term 2019 (Tentative)

Arrival	26 or 27 August 2019
Orientation	28 - 31 August 2019
First Class	2 September 2019
Last Class	30 November 2019
Exam Period	4 - 20 December 2019

### Spring Term 2020 (Tentative)

Arrival	2 January 2020
Orientation	3 - 5 January 2020
First Class	6 January 2020
Last Class	18 April 2020
Exam Period	22 April - 9 May 2020

## Orientation

Orientation activities are organized to help students adapt to the new environment at CUHK. It covers information on the curriculum, study life, Chinese culture, Hong Kong society and support services available. In addition, it will be a great opportunity for students to get acquainted with each other.

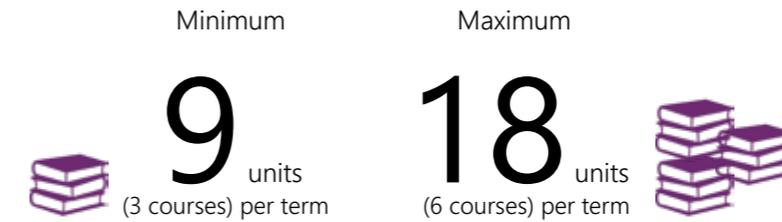


# COURSE

All English-taught courses at CUHK are open to exchange students, with the following exceptions:

- Faculty of Medicine and Education courses
- Faculty of Law courses (reserved for Law majors only)
- MBA courses (except for MBA specific exchange agreements)
- Architectural Design Studio courses (except for Architecture specific exchange agreements)
- Courses with prefix: PHED (except for those with an X after the course number)
- College General Education courses (except for New Asia students taking General Education courses offered within their own college) i.e. courses with prefixes GECC, GEJC, GEMC, GESH, GEUC, GESC
- Student oriented teaching courses, i.e. courses with course number beginning with '0'
- FINA courses under MSc in Finance Programme offered by the Department of Finance
- MEDN courses offered by the School of Life Sciences
- Courses under MSc in Advanced Environmental Planning Technologies / MSc in Hospitality and Real Estate Management / MSc in Housing Studies Programme
- Any other courses deemed by the Department to be restricted

## Course Load



Note: Most CUHK courses are 3-unit each. The average course load for exchange students is 4-5 courses per term.

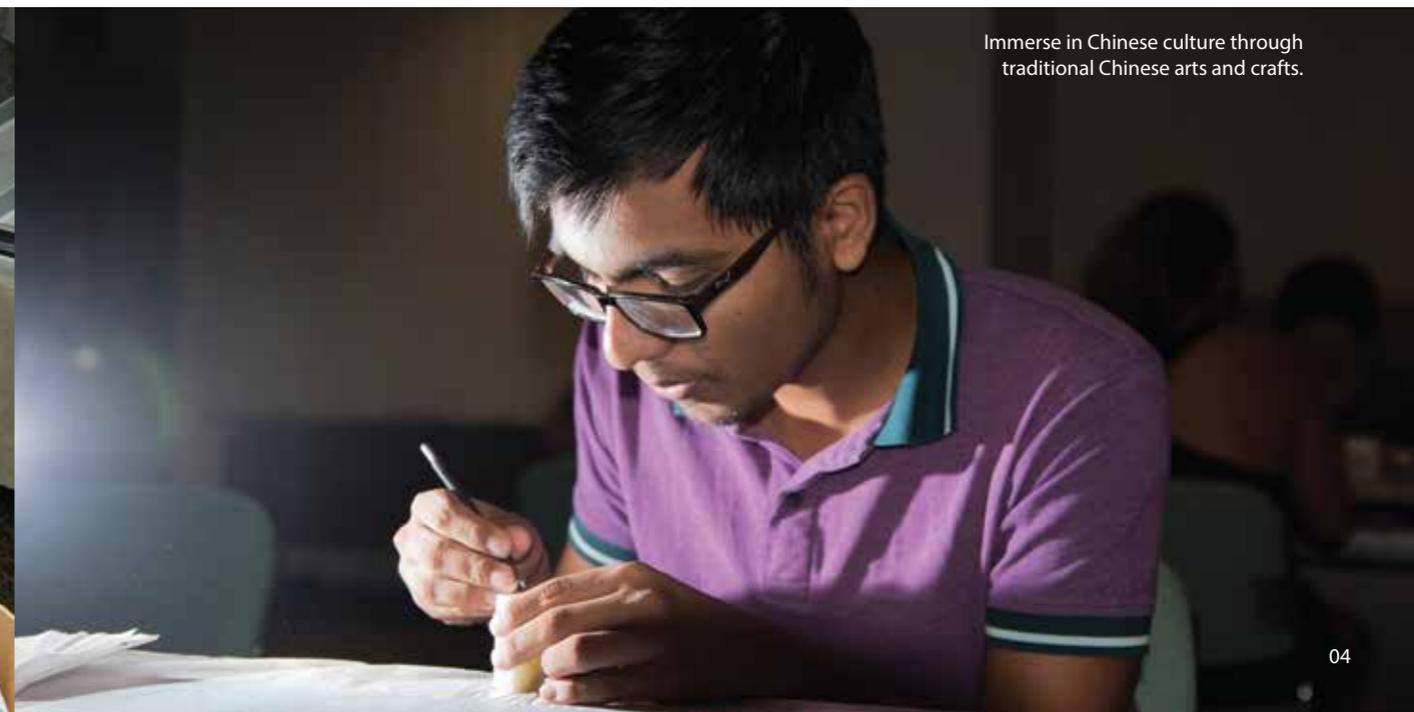
## Course Offering

Courses offered in 2018-19 can be used as a reference to what will be offered in 2019-20 and are available at [www.res.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.res.cuhk.edu.hk) -> Teaching Timetable / Classroom Booking -> Teaching Timetable -> Full-time Undergraduate -> Teaching Timetable.

Most 3-unit courses are composed of 3 hours of lecture or 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial per week. Assessment may include any one or a combination of the following: attendance, class work, written work, laboratory work, field work, research papers, tests, examinations, and any other assessment.

## Chinese Language Centre

The Yale-China Chinese Language Centre (CLC) offers Cantonese and Putonghua courses at all levels. Most **undergraduate exchange students** can take a maximum of 6 units (2 courses) each term without paying additional tuition fees. **Postgraduate exchange students** are required to pay tuition for taking Chinese proficiency courses.



# OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Cultural and social experiences are integral parts of your exchange at CUHK besides classroom education. A wide range of activities are available outside the classroom for you to get in touch with local and international students, explore Chinese culture, experience Hong Kong and enjoy your time at CUHK.



## Orientation

The orientation prepares you for your time at CUHK and covers extensive information for surviving on campus and in Hong Kong. It is an excellent opportunity to get familiar with fellow international students.

## Cultural and extra-curricular activities

Field trips and excursions around town, gatherings, and classes in Chinese martial arts, calligraphy and cooking are just some of the many activities available for international students at CUHK.

## Community service programme

Opportunities are available to international students to engage in community service to those in need. For example, I-CARE is a programme designed to inspire students to examine the meaning of life and nurture their compassion in serving the society while enhancing their own personal growth.

## Accommodation

Undergraduate international students live in shared accommodation at one of the nine colleges. They are conveniently located across the campus and are easily accessible with the on-campus bus system. Living with a local roommate is the quickest way to adapt to the new environment and culture.

## Meeting the locals

There will be many opportunities to meet local students at classes, canteens, karaoke, hiking trips, BBQs and other social gatherings. Be curious, open-minded and daring.

## Student organisations

CUHK boasts a variety of student organisations, from Chinese martial arts to photography to drama. Those within academic departments and colleges are often the most active. Most take place in Cantonese but international students can participate with rewarding results.

## Student services and facilities

A range of facilities, resources and support services are available to support your life at CUHK. They include computing labs, libraries, health clinic, counselling services, sports facilities, canteens, bookstores, supermarket, banks and even a hair salon.

## College activities

Colleges organise a variety of activities, including singing contests, varsity sports, drama nights, festive celebrations and language enhancement programmes. Dessert nights are not to be missed.

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# ADMISSION & APPLICATION

CUHK welcomes you, as an exchange or study abroad (fee-paying) student. You can come for one term, one year or one summer. Application is open to university students of any nationality with sufficient proficiency in either English or Chinese. No prior knowledge in Chinese is necessary.

## Exchange or study abroad?

You will be considered as an **exchange student** if your home institution has a formal bilateral student exchange agreement with CUHK. In other cases, you will be considered as a **study abroad student**. Check with the international office of your home institution to find out if you can come to CUHK on an exchange or study abroad basis.

## Application procedures

Exchange students:



Study abroad students:



## Application deadlines

First Term / Year (September)	1 April
Second Term (January)	2 October
Summer (July)	30 April
Summer (August)	31 May

## To whom should I pay the fees?

	Exchange students	Study abroad students
Application fee	N/A	CUHK
Tuition	Home institution	CUHK
Accommodation fees	CUHK*	CUHK
Administration and other miscellaneous fees	CUHK	CUHK

\* Exceptions apply to a number of institutions.

## Student Visa

All admitted students are required to apply for a student visa (regardless of nationality, except for Hong Kong permanent residents) through the Office of Academic Links before coming to Hong Kong.

## Health Insurance

The University Health Service at CUHK provides free primary health care and clinical services to all exchange students. Exchange students should arrange additional accidental and medical insurance at their own cost during their stay in Hong Kong to cover their travelling around Asia.

# SUMMER@CUHK

## CUHK International Summer School

The CUHK International Summer School (ISS) was first offered in 2004 and has since become one of the most popular university summer programmes in the region. Each year, over 600 international students gather at the CUHK campus to join local students in an intensive programme of academic and cultural immersion. This is a great opportunity for you to gain a Hong Kong and Asian perspective from your peers and to explore Chinese culture through activities, excursions and field trips.

### July Session

The ISS July Session is a 5-week programme that takes place in late June to early August. You enrol up to two 3-credit courses in a wide range of academic disciplines. Join the optional Beijing tour to explore China's historic capital city.

Over 20 courses are on offer in these areas:

- Business and Management
- China Studies
- Chinese Language (Putonghua / Mandarin and Cantonese)
- Environment, Science and Technology
- Humanities and Social Science

### August Session

The ISS August Session is a 3-week programme that runs from early to late August. You enrol in two 3-credit courses of intensive Chinese language training in Putonghua (Mandarin) and Cantonese. Beginner to advanced levels are available. There is opportunity to acquire pragmatic competence through classroom learning and immersion activities.

Visit [www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk) for more details on the CUHK International Summer School.



SURP is an invaluable opportunity for undergraduates to explore their postgraduate careers.



The ISS is a summer programme that combines vigorous academic studies and cultural immersion for students from around the world.

## Summer Undergraduate Research Programme

The Summer Undergraduate Research programme (SURP) is an opportunity for international undergraduate students to undertake research attachment at CUHK for eight weeks from June to August. Students will conduct research under the supervision of a CUHK faculty member and earn 3 credits upon successful completion of the programme.

Visit [www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk/surp](http://www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk/surp) for more details on the Summer Undergraduate Research Programme.

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