



The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CUHK Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme 2024 Inbound Track

(Applications to be made by CUHK faculty members)

Application Deadline: Friday, 22 December 2023

1. Preamble

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) places great emphasis on its global engagement. It encourages its research community to connect with researchers from around the world and promotes collaborations and partnerships with academic institutions worldwide to drive research excellence, promote knowledge exchange, and create positive societal impact.

The CUHK Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme supports visiting scholars from universities outside the Greater China Region to undertake short-term academic visits at CUHK for exploration and development of institutional/faculty/departmental-level collaborations with CUHK faculty members.

2. Academic Institutions and Strategic Areas for Collaboration

The Scheme is open for visits of academic staff members from academic institutions outside the Greater China Region. It aims to encourage the development of collaborative research with research-intensive and top-tier academic institutions primarily in the four strategic research areas¹ identified in CUHK 2025, which are *China: Tradition and Modernity*; *Innovative Biomedicine*; *Information and Automation Technology*; and *Environment and Sustainability*. Applications involving selected universities with which the University is building strategic ties are encouraged².

While special considerations will be accorded to applications involving the University's strategic partners and those which fall within the four strategic research areas, applications to work in other research areas and with other renowned research-intensive institutions are also welcome. Ideally, the home institutions of the visiting faculty members should be ranked within the top 100 in major global university league tables.

3. Eligibility

- a) Academic staff members holding full-time employment at CUHK from all disciplines and at all levels are welcome to apply. Visiting academic staff members should hold full-time employment from academic institutions outside the Greater China Region; all disciplines and all levels are welcome.
- b) Each visiting academic staff member should identify only one CUHK host collaborator for application in each application round.

4. Award Provisions

Selected visiting academic staff members will be provided hotel/on-campus accommodation for up to seven nights.

5. Visit Planning

- a) At the time of application, the CUHK host collaborators should have made connection with the visiting academic staff members and have identified area(s) of mutual interest for further exploration during the visit.
- b) The CUHK host collaborators should work with the visiting academic staff members to devise a plan for the visit, including activities to be undertaken and people whom they will meet.
- c) The visit should be carried out and completed during March–December 2024.

¹ To learn more about CUHK's research priorities, please visit [Research and Innovation - CUHK Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#).

² List of priority institutions include National University of Singapore, Singapore; The University of Auckland, New Zealand; The University of Chicago, USA; The University of Manchester, UK; The University of Queensland, Australia; The University of Sydney, Australia; University College London, UK; University of California, Los Angeles, USA; University of California, San Diego, USA; University of Exeter, UK; University of Toronto, Canada; and Utrecht University, the Netherlands.

6. Application

- a) Applications should include details of specific proposed research collaboration with the visiting academic staff members.
- b) An [online application](#) should be completed and submitted by the CUHK host with endorsement from the head of department/unit of the CUHK host and the head of department/unit of the visiting academic staff member. To download the endorsement form, please click [here](#).

7. Selection

- a) Selection will be competitively assessed according to a number of criteria, including, for example:
 - i. Academic merits of the proposed research collaboration
 - ii. Relevancy to the Strategic Areas
 - iii. Potential of developing high impact research
 - iv. Potential for funding by internal and external agencies
 - v. Potential contribution to CUHK's research development and global engagement
 - vi. Preference to be given to CUHK early/mid-career academic staff on substantiable-track contract
- b) Past awardees of the Scheme will be accorded lower priority in the assessment.
- c) Repeated applications involving the same visiting academic staff members for the same or similar purpose/research topic will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- d) Applications of a learning and training nature will not be supported.
- e) Applicants will be notified of the results by January 2024.

8. Post-visit Report

Host collaborators at CUHK are required to submit a post-visit report outlining the activities conducted, outcomes, and plans for further collaboration within one month upon completion of the visit. The report should be endorsed by the head of the relevant department/unit at CUHK.

9. Other Arrangements

Award holders will be responsible for arranging the practicalities of the visit, including but not limited to, traveling plans, visa application, accommodation, and personal health and hospitalisation insurance coverage as required³.

10. Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact Ms. Olivia Kwok, Office of Academic Links, on 3943-1315 or at oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk.

³ Award holders are responsible for purchasing adequate insurance to cover for their visits. CUHK is not liable for any loss, damage, cost, or expense whatsoever incurred by or attributable to any action or omission by any of the award holders.