



The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CUHK Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme 2024 Outbound 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 full-time CUHK faculty members to undertake short-term academic visits to academic institutions outside the Greater China Region for exploration and development of institutional/faculty/departmental-level collaborations as well as collaborative research with leaders in frontier research in diverse fields. The Scheme will also boost the international exposure of individual faculty members and visibility of CUHK as a whole.

2. Academic Institutions and Strategic Areas for Collaboration

The Scheme is open for visits to 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 to selected universities with which the University is building strategic ties are encouraged².

While special considerations will be accorded to applications to visit 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 institutions should be ranked within the top 100 in major global university league tables.

3. Eligibility

- Academic staff members holding full-time employment at CUHK from all disciplines and at all levels are welcome to apply.
- Award holders are required to remain in university service for not less than a year upon completion of their proposed visits.
- Each CUHK applicant can only submit one application to visit an academic institution in each application round.

4. Award Provisions

- Selected faculty members will be granted an economy class return air ticket to the visit destination. The provision of air ticket may be extended to cover inter-city travel costs from the nearest airport to the city to be visited by reasonable means (e.g. train fare and bus fare).
- Accommodation support for up to seven nights at the visit destination will be provided, subject to the cap of the per diem designated for the city to be visited.
- Other expenses such as visa application, meals, laundry charges, transportation within the city, will not be covered by the Scheme.

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.

5. Visit Planning

- a) At the time of application, applicants should have made connection with a host and have identified area(s) of mutual interest for further exploration during the visit.
- b) Applicants should work with the host to devise a plan for the visit, including activities to be undertaken and people whom they will meet. Applicants are encouraged to seek opportunities to promote the University and its strengths, including for example, conducting of research seminars and giving information sessions on CUHK's graduate programmes.
- c) The visit should be carried out and completed during March–December 2024.

6. Application

- a) Applications should include details of specific proposed research collaboration with the host.
- b) An [online application](#) should be completed and submitted with the following documents:
 - An invitation letter from the host collaborator, with some details of the visit programme.
 - An endorsement form to be completed by the head of department/unit at CUHK. To download the 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 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 to the same host institution 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

Award holders should 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

- a) 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 required.
- b) Award holders will normally be covered under the "[CUHK's Group Travel Insurance \(Staff\)](#)". Award holders are advised to purchase additional travel insurance as deemed necessary³.

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.