



International Connection Programme 2025/26 Application Guidelines

Objectives

Cross-cultural Peer Mentorship

- To establish supportive networks that can provide assistance in both academic and personal life aspects.
- To enhance the seamless transition and life adjustment of new students at CUHK.

Global Leadership

- To develop students' global leadership skills, event management and cross-cultural communication skills, which are essential for global leaders.

Cultural Integration

- To facilitate meaningful intercultural integration between local and non-local students.

Eligibility

Mentors

- All **Year 2-or-above local UG** students at CUHK are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to year 3 or above students. Interviews may be required if necessary.

Mentees

- All **Year 1 non-local UG** students at CUHK are eligible to apply.

Matching

One mentor will be matched up with no more than three mentees. Each mentorship group will consist of both local and non-local students. Matching will be conducted based on factors such as personal interests, major, affiliated college.

Training Day Camp

All participants will be required to attend the training day camp:

Date: 28 September 2025 (Sunday) (tentative)

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm (round-trip transportation will be arranged between campus and campsite)

Location: Sai Kung

Content: Ice-breaking, team building, cross-cultural communication skills, global leadership development

Bonding Activities

The mentors and mentees are required to attend one LCES-endorsed activity, and initiate student-led activities during the programme period. Activities should promote shared experiences, cultural understanding, and integration into the local context and each mentoring group will be required to **submit an activity plan focused on at least one of the given themes.**

Each group will be subsidized a maximum of **\$600** for their bonding activities, and the **number of subsidized activities is capped at two.** Detailed guidelines will be provided in the confirmation email, which will be sent by mid-September.

Day Trip to Shenzhen

This day trip offers a valuable opportunity to connect with students from CUHK (Shenzhen) and engage in meaningful dialogue. **Participation in the trip will be prioritized for selection in the final presentation.**

Final Presentation cum Closing Ceremony

All the mentoring groups will be required to submit reports with photos and/or video clips on their bonding activities for screening. 15 groups will then be shortlisted for 5-min presentations, in which the participants will share their experiences, cultural understanding, and integration journeys throughout the Programme.

A subsidized Leadership and Cultural Diversity Tour in May 2026 will be offered to mentoring groups that demonstrate outstanding performance in the Final Presentation.

Certification and Prize

- Certificate of Participation (Requirement: attendance in the training day camp, one LCES-endorsed activity, completion of at least one bonding activity and submission of the report)
- Student Development Portfolio (SDP) record update
- Subsidized Leadership and Cultural Diversity Tour in May 2026 (awarded to selected teams only)
- Nomination of Outstanding Student Awards (exclusively for outstanding mentors)

Programme Schedule (Subject to revision)

1 September 2025	Deadline for Mentors' Application
8 September 2025	Deadline for Mentees' Application
Mid-September 2025	Announcement of Matching Results
28 September 2025	Training Day Camp
October 2025	Teams' submission of proposals for self-initiated cultural activities
November 2025 - February 2026	Teams' implementation of self-initiated cultural activities and participation in LCES-endorsed activities

January 2026	Day trip to CUHK (Shenzhen)
February 2026	Deadline for submission of the activity report, financial report, and evaluation form for certification and selection for the Final Presentation.
March 2026	Final Presentation cum Closing Ceremony
May 2026	Leadership and Cultural Diversity Tour