Call for Applications

Early Recruitment Scheme for Graduate Studies in Year 2019

Department of Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong

Application Website: https://gradappl.cs.hku.hk/interviewsystem/login

Application deadline: 11:59pm, 20th April, 2018 (Interview in around May, 2018)

Date of Admission: 1st September 2019

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Introduction:

The early recruitment scheme for graduate studies starting in 2019 at The Department of Computer Science at HKU (HKU CS) now invites applications from outstanding undergraduate students and master students studying in premier universities in both Mainland China and the rest of the world. The faculty members of HKU CS include many internationally renowned scholars in diverse fields of Computer Science, such as Algorithms, Bioinformatics, Computer Forensics, Information Security, Computer Vision and Graphics, Human-Computer Interaction, Database and Data Mining, Network, Programming Languages, Systems, and Software Engineering. The department's web page is at http://www.cs.hku.hk/

Details:

1. Your application should include a CV in English, an optional research statement, and other supporting documents, such as transcripts, class ranking, proof of English proficiency, and certificates of academic achievements, all preferably in English. The official TOEFL or IELTS score is not needed at this stage. Please indicate THREE research areas of interest in a prioritized order in your application. Once your application is well received, we will send you an ID of six digits in three working days. Please include this ID in your future communication with us.
Note 1: HKU CS plans to recruit about 25 Ph.D. or M.Phil. students for admission in 2019. Because the selection process is highly competitive, only applicants with excellent academic records will be invited for interview. For example, it is expected that an undergraduate applicant from Mainland China should be ranked in top 10% in a related field from a top 20 university in China. A master student intending to apply for the Ph.D. program is expected to demonstrate strong research ability or research record, e.g. in terms of research publications.

Note 2: The research statement is used to assess your research ability. It should contain your research ideas and plans pertaining to some specific problems, and a survey of some research papers. You are encouraged to indicate three areas of interest, and contact a professor in HKU CS in your area of interest for assistance in preparing this document. For example, you can ask the professor’s advice about which papers to read. You should complete the research statement independently without copying sentences from existing papers.

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Shortlisted applicants will be arranged for an interview in Hong Kong or with Skype. Details about the venue and time of the interview will be released later. International applicants outside Mainland China or Hong Kong can be remotely interviewed using Skype.

3. Selection criteria are mainly based on academic merits, research ability and potential, communication skills, and English proficiency. Offers will be made to successful applicants soon after the interview. We expect the applicants to confirm their acceptance of our offer as soon as possible. However, we’ll consider allowing some applicants to extend their deadline for acceptance on a case-by-case basis.

4. All successful applicants will be granted a Department Postgraduate Fellowship (DPF) of HK$195,960 (and up to HK$240,000 for selected PhD candidates) annually during the period of study (4 years for Ph.D. study and 2 years for M.Phil. study). PhD Applicants are also encouraged to apply for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) scheme.


6. Inquiries about the application procedures should be directed by email to gradappl@cs.hku.hk, addressing to Dr. Reynold Cheng, Director of Postgraduate Programme at HKU CS.


8. Admission information is also published on WeChat Official Accounts: hku-cs. You are welcome to view our latest news and post your inquiries there. Please note that you need to have a WeChat account for viewing and posting messages. You can also send your questions to us at gradappl@cs.hku.hk.

10. Applicants who are unsuccessful in this early recruitment scheme may still apply through the main round of application for HKU research postgraduate admission (http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/programmes).

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