Call for Applications

Early Recruitment Scheme for Graduate Studies in Year 2022 (2nd Round)

Department of Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong

Application Website: **https://gradappl.cs.hku.hk/InterviewSystem/login**

Application deadline: 11:59pm, 1st September, 2021 (Interview on early September, 2021)

Date of Admission: 1st September 2022

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Introduction:

The early recruitment scheme for graduate studies starting in 2022 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 2022. 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$199,920 (and up to HK$301,200 for selected PhD candidates) annually during the period of study (4 years for Ph.D. study and 2 years for M.Phil. study). And annual conference and research-related travel allowance HK$12,600. PhD Applicants are also encouraged to apply for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) scheme.

5. DEADLINE: Complete your application at https://gradappl.cs.hku.hk/InterviewSystem/login before **1st September, 2021**.

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

7. Please visit http://www.cs.hku.hk/programme/mphil-phd/admission.jsp for general information regarding the admission procedures.

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.

9. Please visit http://www.cs.hku.hk/~gradappl/ for updated information and interview schedules for the early recruitment scheme.

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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