



PLACE 2025 SUMMER CAMP

HKUST(GZ)

2025

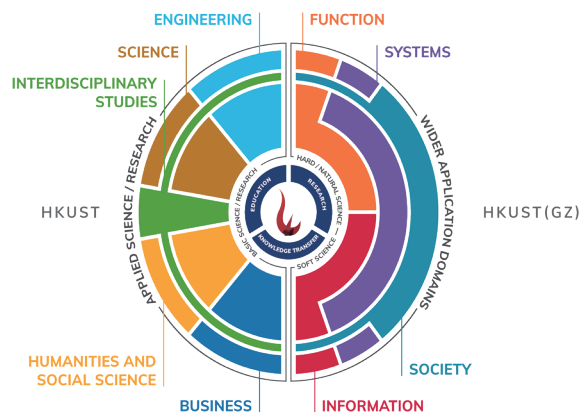
About The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)

Formally established in June 2022, **The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) (HKUST (GZ))** is a cooperatively-run university between the Chinese mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. HKUST(GZ) has obtained approval from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and become the first legally-independent educational institution co-established by the Mainland and Hong Kong since the announcement and implementation of the “Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” and the “Overall Plan for Deepening Globally Oriented Comprehensive Co-operation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in Nansha of Guangzhou”. With a spirit of pioneering innovation, HKUST(GZ) charts new territories in cross-disciplinary education and explores new frontiers in pedagogies, aiming to serve as a role model of the mainland-Hong Kong integrated educational development and become a world-famous high-level university, endeavoring to nurture future-oriented, high-level and innovative talents.

“Hub” and “Thrust”

In response to the increasingly complex challenges faced by the rapidly changing world, HKUST(GZ) adopts a brand-new and cross-disciplinary academic structure featuring “Hub” and “Thrust” to substitute the conventional one characterized by “School” and “Department”, facilitating cross-disciplinary integration while vigorously developing emerging and frontier disciplines. This is a groundbreaking move in the higher education community across the globe.

HKUST(GZ) comprises four Hubs, namely Function Hub, Information Hub, Systems Hub, Society Hub and 16 Thrusts. The admission of undergraduate students began in 2023, with the first batch of programs covering artificial intelligence, data science and big data technology and smart manufacturing engineering.



ABOUT PLACE SUMMER CAMP 2025

The Playshop for Language and Cultural Exchange (PLACE) Summer Camp is an ideal place for international and domestic students who have a passion for exploring the cultural tapestry and vibrant energy of the Greater Bay Area and forming intercultural networks and friendships.

In its inaugural year, 2024, the PLACE Summer Camp successfully welcomed over 300 participants from 23 countries, fostering a diverse and enriching environment for cultural exchange.

4 MODULES:

Culture

English-Speaking Cultures: Such as English Debate Competitions, Public Speaking Contests; Exploring Lingnan's Cultural & Natural Heritage



Science

Laboratory Visits, Lecture & Site Tour of the Hong Kong - Zhuhai-Macao Bridge



Sports

Summertime Fun Sports Night, Renowned Athletes Meet & Greet Session



Life

Bonfire Party, MoFu Night, Arts Show



2 WEEKS:

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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PROGRAM FEATURES

- Diverse modules offering unique opportunities to learn about culture, language, sports, and science.
- Engaging guided cultural tours across the Greater Bay Area, including remarkable destinations like Hong Kong and Bruce Lee's ancestral home in Guangzhou.
- Collaborative learning through hands-on activities and team projects that promote creativity and cooperation.
- A dynamic language and cultural exchange environment where students share perspectives and enrich their understanding of different cultures.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Organizer	HKUST(GZ)
Location	No.1 du xue rd, nansha district,guangzhou,china
Dates	August 10-23, 2025
Application Deadline	May 30, 2025
Duration	2 weeks
Cost	20,000 RMB (2,800 USD)
Student Profile	Ideal for undergraduate students with an interest in China and cross-disciplinary studies
Eligibility	Undergraduate or graduate students, at least 18 years old by August 10, 2025
English Language Proficiency Requirement	Native English speaker, or non-native speaker with advanced English proficiency
Outcomes	Upon completion of the program, students will receive: • Certificate of Achievement • Firsthand experience of the vibrant Chinese cultures • Strong collaboration and communication skills • Lasting intercultural networks and friendship

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Week One								
TIME	Aug.10 Sun.	Aug.11 Mon.	Aug.12 Tue.	Aug.13 Wed.	Aug.14 Thu.	Aug.15 Fri.	Aug.16 Sat.	Aug.17 Sun.
9:00-10:30	Check-in	Opening Ceremony	Science-Welcome Carnival(DIY)	Science-PLACE Lab Tour	Activity-LingNan Culture Tour (Museum)	Culture-Language & Culture Bridge	Culture-Language & Culture Bridge	Free Time
10:30-12:00		Welcome Lunch Party	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
12:00-14:00								
14:00-15:30		Campus Orienteering	Science-Welcome Carnival(DIY)	Science-Game Day & Lab Tour		Culture-English Debate Showcase	Activiy-Joyful Farm Experience	
15:30-17:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner		
17:00-19:00	Free Time	Ice Breaker	Sports Bridge	Sports Bridge	FreeTime	Sports Bridge	Bonfire Party	
Week Two								
TIME	Aug.18 Mon.		Aug.19 Tue.	Aug.20 Wed.	Aug.21 Thu.	Aug.22 Fri.	Aug.23 Sat.	
9:00-10:30	Science/Activity-Forum& Culture Tour(Hong Kong Zhuhai Macao Bridge)		Culture-Language& Culture Bridge	Activity- LingNan Culture Tour (Museum)	Activity-MoFu Group Sharing Session	Closing Ceremony	Check-out	
10:30-12:00			Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	CultureTour HONGKONG	
12:00-14:00								
14:00-15:30			Activity-Summer Fun Sports Day		Activity-MoFu Group Sharing Session	Free Time Rehearsal		
15:30-17:00			Dinner		Dinner	Dinner		
17:00-19:00	Free Time		Sports Bridge	Free Time	MoFu Night	Farewell Arts Show		

APPLICATION PROCESS

01

Complete the online application
<https://qnr.hkust-gz.edu.cn/vm/wWGcxBD.aspx>

02

Await the review of your materials

03

Receive admission and financial assistance
results within **2-3 weeks** after submission

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Official academic transcripts
- Personal statement (300 word)
- Resume or CV
- Photocopy of passport information page

APPLICATION QR CODE



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Outstanding applicants may qualify for financial assistance covering up to 90% of the program fees, as well as round-trip airfare costs. The financial assistance amounts will vary based on a comprehensive evaluation of the students' application materials and are designed to support and encourage participation from exceptional candidates.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old by August 10, 2025
- Current undergraduate or graduate students at any accredited university

PROGRAM FEE

\$ 2,800

The fees includes tuition, on-campus housing, three meals a day, local transportation, and insurance.

CAMP WEBSITE

<https://place.hkust-gz.edu.cn>



For inquiries, please contact: place@hkust-gz.edu.cn
Application Deadline: May 30, 2025



2025 PLACE SUMMER CAMP FAQ

Q1: What financial support options are available for the summer camp?

We have established a financial support scheme to assist qualified applicants. This scheme offers scholarships that may cover either a portion of the program fee or the entire amount.

Additionally, admitted students may be eligible for a travel grant to help offset a portion of their economy-class airfare. The amount awarded for the travel grant will be determined through a comprehensive review of the students' application materials. Please note that the travel grant is provided as a subsidy and will not exceed the actual cost of the airfare. For instance, if a student is awarded a travel grant of \$600 upon admission but the actual flight cost is \$500, the student will receive a travel grant of \$500.

Q2: Are there any additional costs to be paid besides the program fees?

The program fees cover tuition, accommodation, meals, guided tours and insurance. Please note that other travel or personal expenses are not included in the program fees.

Q3: What are the accommodation and dining arrangements for the summer camp?

All participants will be accommodated in student dormitories on campus. Each student will have their own private bedroom and access to shared spaces and facilities. For more detailed information about the student dormitories, including facilities and services, please visit the following link:

<https://www.hkust-gz.edu.cn/campus-life/facilities-services/student-dormitories/>

A variety of dining options are available on campus, including KFC and Starbucks Coffee. Detailed information about these dining facilities and services can be found here: <https://www.hkust-gz.edu.cn/campus-life/facilities-services/restaurant/>

Q4: After the summer camp ends, will there be certificates or achievement awards?

Yes, upon successful completion of the program, all participants will receive an official Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their hard work and dedication. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to earn awards during the Student Forum. During this event, participants will collaborate in teams to present or perform in front of a judging panel, showcasing and demonstrating what they have learned throughout the camp experience.

Q5: What kind of visa do I need to apply for attending this program?

Generally, students may apply for an L-Visa (Tourist Visa) or an X2-Visa (Short-Term Study Visa) to participate in the summer camp. Please note that students from certain countries may be exempt from visa requirements for short-term visits. For detailed policies, guidance, and support regarding visa and immigration matters, please consult your local Chinese embassy/consulate through their official website or consular hotline.

Q6: Where do participants of the summer camp typically come from?

We are excited to welcome students from diverse backgrounds and look forward to creating a diverse international learning environment for all participants. The participating students come from Canada, the United States, Europe, Oceania, and other regions around the world.

Q7: Are there opportunities to participate in workshops or seminars to gain deeper insights into local culture, economy, or social issues?

Our program offers a diverse range of workshops, seminars, and field trips that provide participants with unique opportunities to explore, experience, and engage in discussions related to culture, language, and technology in the Greater Bay Area. For example, participants will have the chance to visit local enterprises and gain insights into cutting-edge research and technology, providing a hands-on learning experience that complements their academic pursuits.

Q8: I am or will be 18 years old before August 10, 2025, but I am not a current college student. Am I eligible to apply for the PLACE Summer Camp?

Yes, you are eligible to apply. If you have received a university offer, you can upload it along with your high school transcript to support your application. If you are taking a gap year before starting college, simply list your high school in the application form. Additionally, if you are currently interning or working full-time after high school, you can mention this in your personal statement to support your application.

Q9: Do I need to pay any deposits or fees after I receive the admission notification?

No, there are no deposits or fees required upon admission. However, if admitted students change their plans and decide not to attend the summer camp before it begins, or if they fail to complete the entire program, they will be responsible for covering their own airfare and any related costs.

Q10: If I am awarded the travel grant, what is the process for purchasing the air ticket?

If you are awarded the travel grant, a third-party travel agency, Zhejiang Yiqi Business Tourism Co., Ltd., will contact you to assist with the ticket purchase. The

amount of the travel grant will be automatically deducted from your airfare.

Q11: What does the program fee of 2,800 USD include?

The fee covers tuition, accommodation, meals, guided tours, and insurance. Please note that any additional travel or personal expenses are not included.

Q12: When can I expect to receive the admission letter?

After submitting the registration form, applicants can expect to receive a notification regarding their application status within approximately two weeks.

Q13: Are there any discounts for group registrations?

Currently, there are no discounts available for group registrations.

Q14: Is it possible to apply for late arrival or early departure from the summer camp?

To ensure a fulfilling and complete experience, we encourage participants to attend the entire summer camp program. However, if there are special circumstances, please indicate them on the registration form and inform us via email in advance. We will respond based on your specific situation.

Q15: Can late-enrolled undergraduate students join the summer camp?

Yes, late-enrolled undergraduate students are welcome to join the summer camp. After completing the registration and check-in procedures, we will arrange dormitories for the students based on the actual situation and schedule them for subsequent activities.