# University Accountability Agreement (UAA) for 2022-25 Triennium

# Sector-wide Performance Measures (PMs) (as at August 2024)

### **Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)**

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# **Abbreviations**

# **Study Levels**

SD Sub-degree

Ug Undergraduate

**TPg** Taught postgraduate

**RPg** Research postgraduate

MPhil Master of Philosophy

**PhD** Doctor of Philosophy

**Others** 

**UGC** University Grants Committee

**RGC** Research Grants Council

**CDCF** Common Data Collection Format

**CPD** Continuing Professional Development

**DCCG** Departmental Cost Centre Group

**FT** Full-time

**fte** Full-time equivalent

**GBA** Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

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**N.A.** Not applicable

# PM 1.1(a) Undergraduate satisfaction with the quality and value gained from their teaching and learning experience

#### PM 1.1(b) Undergraduate satisfaction with their overall learning environment

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This PM is based on standard UGC questions included in universities' annual graduate / student surveys. The latest available data from 2020/21 to 2022/23 academic years are presented below.
- (ii) For PM 1.1(a), the scores are based on the standard UGC question –

For 2020/21 academic year: "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my programme and the value which I have gained from my experience of teaching and learning, taking account of the teaching and staff support which I have received and the skills which I consider that I have developed as a result."

The question has been updated for 2021/22 academic year and after: "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my programme and my experience of teaching and learning, taking account of the support that I have received, as well as knowledge, skills and values that I have gained or acquired."

with a 5-point rating scale  $(5 - Very \ satisfied; \ 4 - Satisfied; \ 3 - Neutral; \ 2 - Dissatisfied; \ 1 - Very \ dissatisfied; \ 0 - Not \ available \ (i.e. \ no \ response)).$ 

(iii) For PM 1.1(b), the scores are based on the standard UGC question –

For 2020/21 academic year: "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the overall learning environment, taking account of the learning resources such as the Library, IT access and study space and of the opportunities afforded to engage with other students."

The question has been updated for 2021/22 academic year and after: "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the learning environment, taking account of the learning resources, including Library, IT access, study space and the opportunities afforded to engage with other students."

with a 5-point rating scale (5 – Very satisfied; 4 – Satisfied; 3 – Neutral; 2 – Dissatisfied; 1 – Very dissatisfied; 0 – Not available (i.e. no response)).

HKBU PM 1.1 Ug satisfaction with teaching and learning experience

		Academic year		
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Ug students not admitted via senior year Ug places	3.80	3.88	3.68
PM 1.1(a)	Ug students admitted via senior year Ug places	3.86	3.92	3.62
	All Ug students	3.82	3.89	3.66
	Ug students not admitted via senior year Ug places	3.77	3.78	3.65
PM 1.1(b)	Ug students admitted via senior year Ug places	3.81	3.83	3.58
	All Ug students	3.79	3.80	3.62
No. of stude	ents responded to the questions	1 625	1 818	1 290-1 291
No. of targe	t students	1 984	1 958	1 864
Response ra	te of the questions	82%	93%	69%
Survey used	to collect data	Graduate Employment Survey		t Survey
Target respo	ondents	2021 Ug graduates	2022 Ug graduates	2023 Ug graduates
Survey perio	od	October to December 2021	October to December 2022	October to December 2023

# PM 1.2 Undergraduate employment success rate

- (i) UGC-funded universities conduct their individual annual graduate employment survey to collect data of graduate employment situation in the corresponding year.
- (ii) This PM presents the percentage of graduates seeking employment (i.e. excluding those who were not seeking employment for the time being, pursued further studies, emigrated or returned to place of origin) of UGC-funded FT Ug programmes who were in employment. The latest available data from 2020/21 to 2022/23 academic years are presented below.

	Academic year		
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
(a) No. of FT Ug graduates	1 984	1 958	1 864
(b) No. of responded FT Ug graduates	1 870	1 826	1 638
Response rate of the question [(b) / (a)]	94.3%	93.3%	87.9%
(c) No. of responded FT Ug graduates seeking employment	1 420	1 389	1 307
(d) No. of responded FT Ug graduates in employment	1 398	1 362	1 288
(e) No. of responded FT Ug graduates in FT employment	1 323	1 331	1 166
(f) No. of responded FT Ug graduates pursuing further studies	262	252	171
(g) No. of responded FT Ug graduates emigrated or returning to their country / place of origin	144	112	102
Percentage of FT Ug graduates in employment [(d) / (c)]	98.5%	98.1%	98.5%
Percentage of FT Ug graduates in FT employment [(e) / (c)]	93.2%	95.8%	89.2%
Percentage of FT Ug graduates pursuing further studies [(f) / (b)]	14.0%	13.8%	10.4%
Percentage of FT Ug graduates emigrated or returning to their country / place of origin [(g) / (b)]	7.7%	6.1%	6.2%

# PM 1.3(a) Learning experience outside the classroom – Service learning activities

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) PM 1.3(a) measures the percentage of undergraduate students (including both local and non-local students) who participated in service learning activities outside the classroom in the academic year concerned.
- (iii) Activities / experience are counted regardless of whether they are (a) credit-bearing / non-credit bearing; (b) formally assessed / not formally assessed; (c) part of the graduating requirements of the programmes or not; and / or (d) activities conducted within or outside Hong Kong. Online / virtual activities / experience are not included.
- (iv) Service learning activities include (a) those organised / co-organised by universities; and (b) those organised by other parties / student organisations, and the activity was recognised / approved by the university.

	Academic year	
	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of Ug students participated in service learning activities	22.9%	31.5%
No. of students participated in service learning activities	1 604	2 245

- The Ug students who have more than one service learning activity are counted once.
- The percentage of Ug students participated in service learning activities is compiled with reference to the total number of Ug students as at 31 August of the academic year.

# PM 1.3(b) Learning experience outside the classroom – Internships experience

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) PM 1.3(b) measures the percentage of undergraduate students (including both local and non-local students) with internship experience in the academic year concerned.
- (iii) Internships, which can be remunerated or unremunerated, are typically undertaken by students looking to gain relevant skills and experience in a particular field and are arranged, approved and recognised by universities. The internship can be a part-time or full-time work arrangement. As it is common for students of certain disciplines (e.g. education and healthcare) to take part in practicum (as a mandatory component of the curriculum of the academic programme concerned) instead of internships for work experience, their practicum experience are also included.

	Acaden	nic year
	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of Ug students with internship experience	28.3%	31.6%
No. of Ug students with internship experience	1 980	2 252

- The Ug students who have more than one internship experience are counted once.
- The percentage of Ug students with internship experience is compiled with reference to the total number of Ug students as at 31 August of the academic year.

#### PM 1.4 Satisfaction of students with special educational needs

#### Notes:

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) This PM is based on the following standard UGC question included in universities' annual student survey for all students with special educational needs.
  - "I am satisfied with the support provided by the university in relation to students with special educational needs (SEN), including
    - (a) enhancement of accessibility to learning experience and employment support;
    - (b) awareness-raising and capacity-strengthening in the university;
    - (c) promotion of integration and mainstreaming of students with SEN into campus life; and
    - (d) overall support."

For each item (a) to (d), a 5-point rating scale is used (5 – Very satisfied; 4 – Satisfied; 3 – Neutral; 2 – Dissatisfied; 1 – Very dissatisfied; 0 – Not available (i.e. no response)).

	Academic year	
	2021/22	2022/23
(a) Enhancement of accessibility to learning experience and employment support	4.25	4.13
(b) Awareness-raising and capacity-strengthening in the university	4.19	4.16
(c) Promotion of integration and mainstreaming of students with SEN into campus life	4.17	4.20
(d)Overall support	4.33	4.21
Response rate of the question	84%-94%	74%-79%

#### Domain 2: Research performance and research postgraduate experience

#### PM 2.1 Value of total research income

#### Notes:

- (i) This PM shows the annual research income / value of both research grants and contracts <u>received</u> by the <u>university proper</u>, irrespective of the funding source (such as UGC, RGC, HKSAR Government, private funds, non-local sources, etc.). The latest available data from 2020-21 to 2022-23 financial years are presented below.
- (ii) The cumulative value of research grants and contracts refers to the <u>cumulative</u> value / funding received instead of the total value of the research projects (i.e. excluding funding of particular research grants / contracts which are not yet received by the university). It covers new and ongoing research projects in a particular financial year ending 30 June. On-going projects include projects that were completed, suspended or discontinued within that financial year. For reference, we also show the breakdown of the value of research grants / contracts that were completed, suspended or discontinued during the financial year.
- (iii) The value of new research grants and contracts refers to the total value of new research projects in a particular financial year ending 30 June (i.e. including both the value / funding received and that not yet received by the university of the new research projects).

(HK\$ million)

	Financial year		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Cumulative value of research grants and contracts	830.6	1,565.4	2,061.0
Status of the projects in financial year ending 30 June:			
Completed	119.4	114.8	283.0
Discontinued / suspended	-	-	-
Value of new research grants and contracts	219.6	910.2	665.0
Income received	123.8	769.0	523.8
Income not yet received	95.9	141.2	141.2

<sup>-</sup> Figures may not add up to the corresponding totals owing to rounding.

# Domain 2: Research performance and research postgraduate experience

# PM 2.2 Average time-to-completion, graduation rate and employability of research postgraduates

- (i) This PM covers RPg students who studied UGC-funded FT RPg programmes. For average time-to-completion and graduation rate of RPg students, the latest available data of three cohorts of students admitted from 2015/16 to 2017/18 academic years as at the 2022/23 academic year are presented; for employability, the latest available data from 2020/21 to 2022/23 academic years are presented.
- (ii) The average time-to-completion is analysed by the type of RPg programmes MPhil, PhD for students with research-based master (i.e. MPhil or equivalent) (PhD with MPhil) and PhD for students without research-based master (PhD without MPhil) with different normative study periods.
- (iii) Graduation rate refers to the percentage of a cohort of FT RPg students who have successfully completed the study within a specified period of time (i.e. two years after the normative study period).
- (iv) "Normative study period" refers to:
  - (a) "two full-time-equivalent years" for MPhil;
  - (b) "three full-time-equivalent years" for PhD with MPhil;
  - (c) "four full-time-equivalent years" for PhD without MPhil.
- (v) In the calculation of study periods, periods of formal suspension, if any, are discounted.
- (vi) RPg employability refers to the percentage of graduates seeking employment (i.e. excluding those who were not seeking employment for the time being, pursued further studies, emigrated or returned to place of origin) of FT RPg programmes who were in employment.

# RPg average time-to-completion (as of end of 2022/23 academic year)

	Cohort			
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
Total no. of RPg graduates				
MPhil	21	15	16	
PhD with MPhil	27	31	20	
PhD without MPhil	36	37	30	
Average no. of years in fte				
MPhil	2.1	2.0	2.4	
PhD with MPhil	3.3	3.4	3.6	
PhD without MPhil	3.5	3.6	3.6	

# RPg graduation rate (as of end of 2022/23 academic year)

	Cohort		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
No. of students completed the study within time (a)	83	81	64
No. of students admitted in that cohort (b)	93	98	87
Graduation rate [(a) / (b)]	89.2%	82.7%	73.6%

# RPg employability

	Academic year		
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
(a) No. of RPg graduates	64	61	85
(b) No. of responded RPg graduates	62	61	83
Response rate of the question [(b) / (a)]	96.9%	100.0%	97.6%
(c) No. of responded RPg graduates seeking employment	18	20	30
(d) No. of responded RPg graduates in employment	17	20	29
(e) No. of responded RPg graduates in FT employment	15	20	29
(f) No. of responded RPg graduates pursuing further studies	5	4	8
(g) No. of responded RPg graduates emigrated or returning to their country / place of origin	36	35	45
Percentage of RPg graduates in employment [(d) / (c)]	94.4%	100.0%	96.7%
Percentage of RPg graduates in FT employment [(e) / (c)]	83.3%	100.0%	96.7%
Percentage of RPg graduates pursuing further studies [(f) / (b)]	8.1%	6.6%	9.6%
Percentage of RPg graduates emigrated or returning to their country / place of origin [(g) / (b)]	58.1%	57.4%	54.2%

# Domain 2: Research performance and research postgraduate experience

# PM 2.3 Research postgraduate satisfaction with their overall experience

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) This PM is based on the following standard UGC question included in universities' graduate / student survey for all RPg graduates –

"Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my programme and my experience of teaching and learning, as well as research, taking account of the research culture, resources, student support, research skill development and supervision."

with a 5-point rating scale (5 – Very satisfied; 4 – Satisfied; 3 – Neutral; 2 – Dissatisfied; 1 – Very dissatisfied; 0 – Not available (i.e. no response)).

	Academic year	
	2021/22	2022/23
Satisfaction with the overall research postgraduate experience	3.96	4.24
Response rate of the question	100%	29%

# PM 3.1 Total income from knowledge transfer via the provision of research and business services (i.e. collaborative research, contract research, consultancies, CPD)

#### **Notes:**

- (i) The latest available data from 2020-21 to 2022-23 financial years are presented below.
- (ii) Income from collaborative research and contract research refers to the annual income of research contracts received by the university proper, irrespective of the funding source (e.g. UGC, RGC, HKSAR Government, private funds, non-local sources, etc.). Research grants (e.g. block grants, RGC research grants under various research schemes) are not included.
- (iii) The cumulative value of collaborative research and contract research refers to the <u>cumulative</u> income received instead of the total value of the research projects (i.e. excluding funding of particular research contracts which are not yet received by the university). It covers new and ongoing research projects in a particular financial year ending 30 June. On-going projects include projects that were completed, suspended or discontinued within that financial year.
- (iv) The value of new collaborative research and contract research refers to the total value of new research projects in a particular financial year ending 30 June (i.e. including both the value / funding received and that not yet received by the university of the new research projects).
- (v) Income from consultancy and CPD courses refer to the income <u>received during the particular</u> financial year.
- (vi) As many CPD courses are not provided by the university proper, for this PM, coverage of CPD courses covers courses organised by the university group, i.e. including the university proper, its subsidiaries or / and self-financing arms.

(HK\$ million)

•	Financial year			
Income source	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
Cumulative value of collaborative research and contract research	172.4	234.3	225.4	
Value of new collaborative research and contract research	5.6	75.1	11.7	
Consultancy (value received during the financial year)	9.6	10.6	9.3	
CPD courses (value received during the financial year)	153.7	161.1	160.5	

# PM 3.2 Income generating from intellectual property as defined in CDCF

#### **Notes:**

(i) This PM is based on data of total intellectual property (IP) income received by the university proper which are regularly collected through CDCF. The latest available data from 2020-21 to 2022-23 financial years are presented below.

(HK\$ million)

	Financial year		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Total IP income received by the university proper	1.4	3.4	1.5

# PM 3.3 Expenditure on public engagement activities (e.g. public lectures, performance arts, exhibitions and others as defined in CDCF)

#### **Notes:**

- (i) The latest available data from 2020-21 to 2022-23 financial years are presented below.
- (ii) In line with the prevailing reporting practice of the UGC, this PM presents the expenditure incurred by the university proper only, except for CPD courses. As many CPD courses are not provided by the university proper, for this PM, coverage of CPD courses cover courses organised by the university group, i.e. including the university proper, its subsidiaries and self-financing arms.
- (iii) For this PM, expenditure refers to the <u>direct cost</u> arising from the reported activities. Overhead expenses incurred regardless of the occurrence of the reported activities are not included.

(HK\$ million)

Even ou didoue	Financial year			
Expenditure	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
Public engagement activities except CPD courses	11.7	3.3	3.6	
CPD courses	127.1	132.6	123.1	
Total	138.8	135.9	126.7	

#### Note:

- Figures may not add up to the corresponding totals owing to rounding.

# PM 3.4 Student engagement in start-ups and entrepreneurship

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) PM 3.4 measures the percentage of undergraduate students (including both local and non-local students) who participated in start-ups and entrepreneurship in the academic year concerned.
- (iii) Activities / experience are counted regardless of whether they are (a) credit-bearing / non-credit bearing; (b) formally assessed / not formally assessed; (c) part of the graduating requirements of the programmes or not; and / or (d) activities conducted within or outside Hong Kong. Online / virtual activities / experience are not included.

	Acaden	nic year
	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of Ug students participated in start-ups and entrepreneurship	20.4%	16.9%
No. of students participated in start-ups and entrepreneurship	1 426	1 206

- The Ug students who have more than one start-ups and entrepreneurship experience are counted once.
- The percentage of Ug students participated in start-ups and entrepreneurship is compiled with reference to the total number of Ug students as at 31 August of the academic year.

# PM 4.1 Non-local students (in each of: undergraduate; taught postgraduate; research postgraduate) as percentage of total student numbers

- (i) The latest available data from 2021/22 to 2023/24 academic years are presented below.
- (ii) This PM covers non-local students studying UGC-funded Ug, TPg and RPg programmes. Incoming exchange students are not included.
- (iii) RPg figures include only students funded by UGC within normal study periods. If RPg students are financed by universities using both UGC and external funds, they will be counted towards different sources on a pro-rata basis.

Study level	No. of non-local students (fte)	Total no. of students (fte)	Percentage of non- local students
2021/22 Academic ye	ear		
Ug	810	7 030	11.5%
TPg	-	113	-
RPg	249	305	81.6%
2022/23 Academic ye	ear		
Ug	873	7 097	12.3%
TPg	-	103	-
RPg	264	335	78.8%
2023/24 Academic y	ear		
Ug	943	7 324	12.9%
TPg	-	104	-
RPg	259	318	81.4%

# PM 4.2 Non-local students (in each of: undergraduate; taught postgraduate; research postgraduate) broken down by regions (Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Oceania, Africa and others) and study levels

- (i) The latest available data from 2021/22 to 2023/24 academic years are presented below.
- (ii) This PM covers non-local students studying UGC-funded Ug, TPg and RPg programmes. Incoming exchange students are not included.
- (iii) RPg figures include only students funded by UGC within normal study periods. If RPg students are financed by universities using both UGC and external funds, they will be counted towards different sources on a pro-rata basis.

		Academic year						
C4 I	Place of origin	202	1/22	2022/23		2023/24		
Study level		No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	
	Asia	771	95.2%	810	92.8%	872	92.5%	
	The Mainland of China	622	76.8%	650	74.5%	704	74.7%	
	Europe	16	2.0%	31	3.6%	42	4.5%	
Ug	North America	5	0.6%	6	0.7%	6	0.6%	
	Central & South America	6	0.7%	8	0.9%	8	0.8%	
	Oceania	-	-	1	0.1%	-	-	
	Africa	12	1.5%	17	1.9%	15	1.6%	
	Total	810	100.0%	873	100.0%	943	100.0%	
	Asia							
	The							
	Mainland of							
	China							
	Europe							
TPg	North America	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Central &							
	South America							
	Oceania A fri ac							
	Africa							
	Total							

HKBU PM 4.2 Non-local students by region

		Academic year						
C4 J		202	1/22	2022/23		2023/24		
Study level	Place of origin	No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	No. of non-local students (fte)	% of total non-local students	
	Asia	225	90.4%	245	92.8%	240	92.7%	
	The Mainland of China	208	83.5%	227	86.0%	222	85.7%	
	Europe	13	5.2%	7	2.7%	8	3.1%	
RPg	North America	1	0.4%	1	0.4%	-	-	
	Central & South America	2	0.8%	2	0.8%	2	0.8%	
	Oceania	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	Africa	8	3.2%	9	3.4%	9	3.5%	
	Total	249	100.0%	264	100.0%	259	100.0%	

<sup>-</sup> Figures may not add up to the corresponding totals owing to rounding.

# PM 4.3(a) Percentage of undergraduate students with non-local university-approved formal or experiential learning experience

#### **Notes:**

- (i) The latest available data from 2020/21 to 2022/23 academic years are presented below.
- (ii) PM 4.3(a) covers all local and non-local students of UGC-funded Ug programmes, excluding incoming exchange students. The non-local learning experience refers to university-approved formal or experiential learning experience without the requirement of the experience being "credit-bearing" or "formally assessed". CDCF collects seven types of non-local learning experience, namely (1) exchange; (2) visits; (3) internships; (4) study / field trip; (5) experiential learning experience; (6) international events including conference, competition, forum; and (7) others. Online / virtual activities / experience are not included.
- (iii) Outgoing exchange / visiting experience refers to students of UGC-funded Ug programmes enrolling in credit-bearing courses in non-local partner institutions for at least one semester (including summer semester) under exchange activities / visiting programmes.
- (iv) PM 4.3(a) reflects the snap-shot situation of all Ug students as of 31 August of respective academic year. i.e. as of 31 August 2023 for 2022/23 academic year, the percentage of Ug students who have had non-local learning experience during his / her Ug study since admission.

	Academic year						
	2020/21		2021/22		202	2/23	
	No. of	% of	No. of	% of	No. of	% of	
	students	students	students	students	students	students	
Ug students with any of the non-							
local learning experience 1-7	1 296	18.3%	921	13.2%	1 676	23.5%	
below*							
Number of Ug students as of 31							
August of respective academic	7 091	100.0%	7 002	100.0%	7 120	100.0%	
year							
Breakdown of non-local learning ex	xperience of	f Ug studen	its:				
1. Outgoing exchange experience	485	6.8%	451	6.4%	758	10.6%	
2. Outgoing visiting experience	13	0.2%	16	0.2%	35	0.5%	
3. Internships experience	367	5.2%	251	3.6%	444	6.2%	
4. Study / field trip experience	629	8.9%	245	3.5%	550	7.7%	
5. Experiential learning experience	337	4.8%	178	2.5%	99	1.4%	
6. International events	83	1.2%	37	0.5%	84	1.2%	
7. Others	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	-	-	

- \* The Ug students who have more than one type of non-local learning experience are counted once. For each type of experience, students participated in more than one time are counted once. As such, figures may not add up to the totals.
- "0.0%" denotes value less than 0.05%.

# PM 4.3(b) Percentage of undergraduate students with university-approved formal or experiential learning experience in the GBA

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) PM 4.3(b) covers all local and non-local students of UGC-funded Ug programmes, excluding incoming exchange students. The non-local learning experience refers to university-approved formal or experiential learning experience taken in the GBA without the requirement of the experience being "credit-bearing" or "formally assessed". Online / virtual activities / experience are not included.
- (iii) Please refer to PM 4.3(a) above for the types of formal or experiential learning experience covered.
- (iv) PM 4.3(b) reflects the percentage of Ug students who have had non-local learning experience in the GBA during the academic year concerned.

	Acaden	nic year
	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of Ug students with non-local learning experience in the GBA	1.1%	3.0%
No. of students with non-local learning experience in the GBA	80	214

- The Ug students who participated in more than one learning experience in the GBA are counted once.
- The percentage of Ug students participated in learning experience in the GBA is compiled with reference to the total number of Ug students as at 31 August of the academic year.

#### PM 4.4 Active research collaboration with non-local institutions

#### **Notes:**

(i) This PM presents the number of active research collaboration with non-local institutions as of 30 November of the respective academic year. i.e. as of 30 November 2023 for 2023/24 academic year.

	Academic year				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		
Number of active research collaboration (in terms of the number of places collaborated <sup>1</sup> )	237	351	327		
Number of active research collaboration (in terms of the number of non-local institutions collaborated <sup>2</sup> )	312	444	378		

- 1. This set of figures is compiled based on the number of places collaborated under each active research collaboration. If an active research collaboration involves more than one place, it would be counted more than once in compilation.
- 2. This set of figures is compiled based on the number of non-local institutions collaborated under each active research collaboration. If an active research collaboration involves more than one non-local institution, it would be counted more than once in compilation.

#### PM 5.1 Financial health

	PM	Actual figures			Proje	ctions
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
5.1(a)	Subventions from UGC as a percentage of total income Subventions from UGC / Total Income [(b) / (a) x 100]	34.6%	53.1%	42.1%	44.7%	43.7%
				(Note i)		
5.1(b)	Current Assets / Current Liabilities [(e) / (f)]	4.5	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.4
5.1(c)	Coverage of university's expenditure by reserves and cash & cash equivalents					
5.1(c)(i)	Reserves / monthly expenditure = No. of months that expenditure can be supported by reserves [(g)/(d)]	30.0	28.1	30.3	30.1	29.3
5.1(c)(ii)	Liquid reserves / monthly expenditure = No. of months that expenditure can be supported by liquid reserves $[(h)/(d)]$	14.9	13.3	13.7	13.3	12.8
5.1(c)(iii)	Cash & cash equivalents / monthly expenditure =  No. of months that expenditure can be supported by cash & cash equivalents [(i)/(d)]	4.7	10.2	11.8	9.8	8.6
				(Note ii)	(Note iii)	

(HK\$ million)

	1			(HK\$ million)		
	A	Actual figure	s	Proje	ctions	
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Total Income (a)	4,258	2,911	3,990	3,713	3,934	
			(Note iv)			
Subventions from UGC (b)	1,474	1,547	1,679	1,661	1,718	
Total Expenditure (c)	3,237	3,332	3,479	3,580	3,797	
Monthly Expenditure (d) = (c) $/12$	270	278	290	298	316	
Current Assets (e)	8,048	7,945	8,269	7,795	7,580	
Current Liabilities (f)	1,793	2,398	2,835	2,969	3,163	
			(Note v)			
Total Funds / Reserves (g)	8,112	7,821	8,779	8,990	9,251	
Total "Liquid" Funds / Reserves (h)	4,015	3,695	3,983	3,975	4,055	
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Cash and Bank Deposits (i)	1,268	2,844	3,409	2,935	2,720	
			(Note vi)			

Sources for actual figures: 2020/21 to 2022/23 Financial Reports of UGC-funded universities.

Projection figures were provided by university.

Figures may not add up due to rounding.

 $The {\it financial information only covers those activities at the {\it University level (i.e. excluding subsidiaries)}.$ 

#### **Notes by HKBU:**

#### Explanations / justifications for items with year-by-year variances of +/- 15%

- (i) Decrease of "Subventions from UGC as a percentage of total income" from 53.1% for 2021/22 to 42.1% for 2022/23 is mainly due to a significant increase in Total Income (the denominator) for 2022/23, as a result of an upsurge in investment gains for 2022/23, while the Subventions from UGC (the numerator) grew slightly in 2022/23.
- (ii) Increase in "Number of months that expenditure can be supported by cash & cash equivalents" from 10.2 for 2021/22 as compared to 11.8 for 2022/23 is mainly due to an increase in "Cash and Bank Deposits" of \$565M for 2022/23 while the "Monthly Expenditure" remained steady with a mild increase of \$12M in 2022/23 as compared to 2021/22.
- (iii) Decrease in "Number of months that expenditure can be supported by cash & cash equivalents" from 11.8 for 2022/23 to 9.8 for 2023/24 is mainly due to significant decrease in "Cash and Bank Deposits" of \$474M for 2023/24 while the "Monthly Expenditure" remained steady with a mild increase of \$8M in 2023/24 as compared to 2022/23.
- (iv) Increase of \$1,079M (+37.1%) in Total Income for 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 is mainly due to an increase in Interest and Net Investment income as a result of strong performance in global equities and alternative investments, with investment gains of \$247M for 2022/23 as compared to investment losses of \$608M for 2021/22.
- (v) Increase of \$437M (+18.2%) in "Current Liabilities" for 2022/23 as compared to 2021/22 is mainly due to an increase in deferred income and accrual for construction-in-progress.
- (vi) Increase of \$565M (+19.9%) in "Cash and Bank Deposits" for 2022/23 as compared to 2021/22 is mainly due to more time deposits placed at the banks in return for higher interest income.

#### Assumptions / mechanism of the financial projections

The financial projections are based on the following assumptions / mechanism that: -

The income and expenditure of HKBU in 2023/24 through 2024/25 are projected based on the ongoing implementation of the Institutional Strategic Plan, subject to an uncertain global economic situation and investment climate. Higher expenditures are expected when the unspent matching grants/donations received in previous years are gradually utilised to support teaching and research in subsequent years.

# PM 5.2 Overall student places utilisation rate

#### **Notes:**

- (i) This PM presents the university's enrolment situation, i.e. actual enrolment of UGC-funded students (in fte) for all UGC-funded programmes at all study levels against the approved student number targets.
- (ii) All UGC-funded universities have the obligation for the full utilisation of student places and intake places in return for receiving public funding. Nevertheless, the UGC understands that enrolment management involves factors such as student admission, market demand and individual student decisions which are often beyond the control of the universities and thus allows a certain level of flexibility on under-utilisation and over-utilisation of student places.
- (iii) UGC-funded students refer to local students of UGC-funded SD, Ug and TPg programmes and all local and non-local students of UGC-funded RPg programmes.

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		Academic year			
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		
Number of UGC-funded students	6 638	6 662	6 803		
% of approved student number targets	103.7%	103.5%	103.4%		

# PM 5.3 Scholarship and financial aid for students with financial needs funded by non-government funding

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2021/22 academic year.
- (ii) This PM covers all non-government funded scholarship and financial aid (excluding UGC-funded and RGC-funded) for local students with financial needs enrolled in UGC-funded programmes at all study levels. If a scholarship / financial aid is funded by both government and non-government funding, only the amount funded by non-government source is counted.
- (iii) It presents the amount of scholarship / financial aid and the corresponding number of awardees / recipients from 2021/22 to 2022/23 academic years. If a student received more than one scholarship / financial aid, he / she was counted more than once in the table below.

	Academic year		
	2021/22	2022/23	
Scholarship			
Total amount of non-government funding involved (HK\$'000)	5,690	6,747	
Number of awardees	283	386	
Financial aid			
Total amount of non-government funding involved (HK\$'000)	4,980	3,911	
Number of recipients	516	415	

# PM 5.4 Number of students admitted to UGC-funded programmes at undergraduate level (in respect of the academic year covered in the report) on the basis of non-academic talents through direct admission schemes

- (i) This is a new PM introduced under the UAA for the 2022-25 triennium with data available beginning from the 2022/23 academic year.
- (ii) This PM presents the number of students admitted to UGC-funded Ug programmes on the basis of non-academic talents (including sports, music, cultural activities, creativity and leadership) through direct admission schemes from 2022/23 to 2023/24 academic years.

	Academic year	
	2022/23	2023/24
Number of Ug students admitted on the basis of non-academic talents through direct admission schemes	11	34