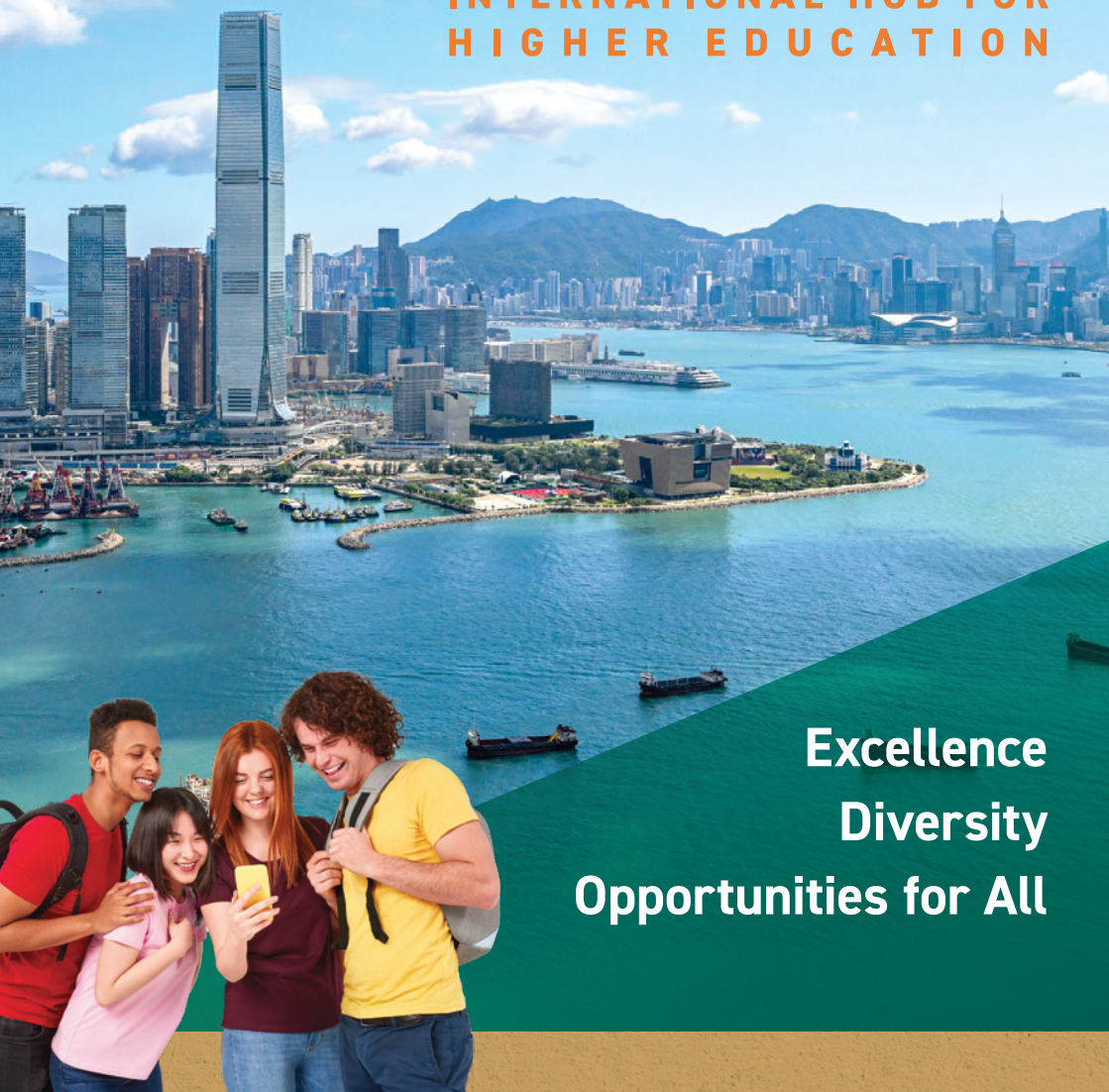


HONG KONG

INTERNATIONAL HUB FOR
HIGHER EDUCATION



**Excellence
Diversity
Opportunities for All**

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Asia's World City: Where East Meets West



Vibrant and Safe International Hub for Higher Education

Multicultural environment offering extraordinary learning experiences for students from diverse background

Unparalleled Strategic Location

Attracting global academic talent by leveraging ties to Mainland China and Asia

Fostering a Global Community

International academic environment with vibrant culture for students to thrive globally



The UGC-funded Universities: Where Excellence Thrives

The University Grants Committee (UGC)

- An advisory body dedicated to improving education quality, research, and collaboration among its eight funded universities
- Steadfast focus on internationalisation, innovation and diversity

Eight UGC-funded Universities

- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Lingnan University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Education University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- The University of Hong Kong



Top 100 Universities in the World

Remarkable Achievements of the UGC-funded Universities

- 5 universities rank among the top 100 universities internationally
- 4 universities take up the top 4 places of the most international universities in the world



QS World
University
Rankings 2026

Times Higher
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University
Rankings 2025

Times Higher
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Beyond Borders

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1 in every 4 students of UGC-funded programmes are from outside of Hong Kong, with **over 26 600 non-local students** out of a total of more than 110 000 students
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Over 77 000 non-local students enrolled in programmes at **UGC-funded universities**, including self-financing programmes
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Students from **over 100 countries** enrolled in more than **200 UGC-funded undergraduate degree programmes**
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Around 70% of academic staff are from outside of Hong Kong


Note: Figures for 2024/25 academic year




Highlights of Hong Kong's supportive initiatives for international students

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Doubling the enrolment ceiling for students from outside of Hong Kong in UGC-funded taught programmes
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Expanding scholarship schemes
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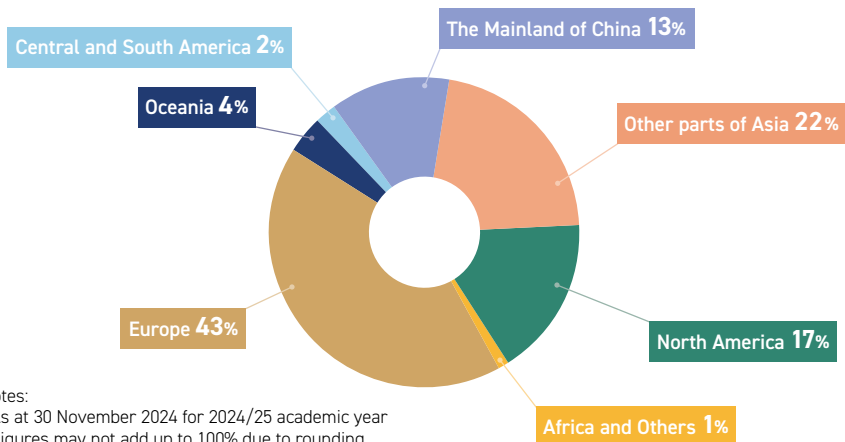
Increasing hostel capacity
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Enhancing job opportunities

Global Student Exchange Network

Broadening students' horizons best prepare them future success

Over 2 600 student exchange agreements worldwide signed by the eight UGC-funded universities in 2024/25



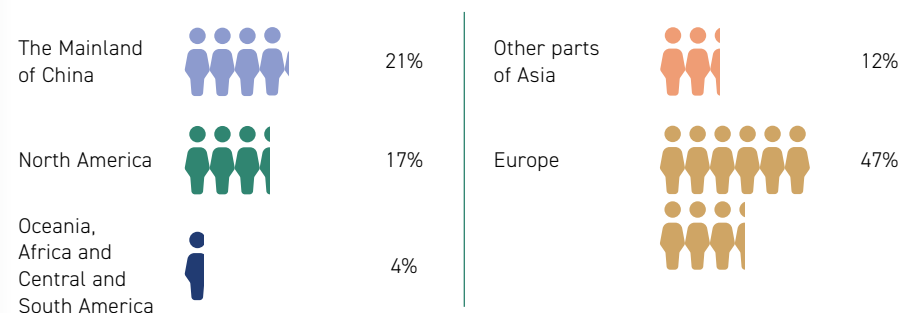
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 • Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding



In 2023/24, the number of **incoming exchanges** amounted to about **5 100** while the number of **outgoing exchanges** was about **5 500**

Over 60% of incoming students from North America and Europe

Distribution of Incoming Exchanges by Place of Origin, 2023/24 (by Region)



Note: Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Close Ties with Mainland China



Connectivity and Synergies

Unrivalled connectivity to Mainland China, enabling seamless synergies with national strategies including the 14th Five-Year Plan, the Greater Bay Area development and the Belt and Road Initiative



Academic Cooperation

Trailblazing Mainland-Hong Kong university alliances in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong/Macao, and Jiangsu/Macao, unlocking new realms of cooperation



Pioneering Presence in Greater Bay Area

4 UGC-funded university campuses in the Greater Bay Area

World Leading Research

Extraordinary Research Excellence

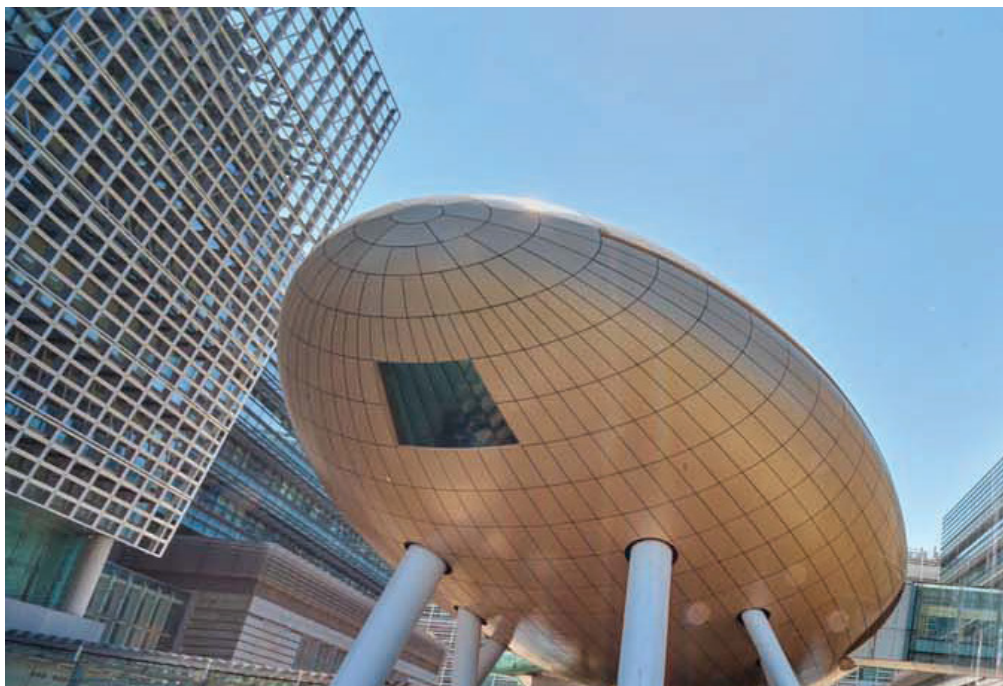
- Hong Kong's publicly funded universities have attained remarkable research excellence, as recognised by international peer reviews
- In the 2020 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2020):
 - **Over 16 000** research submissions evaluated by over 360 international experts
 - **70%** of submissions rated "**internationally excellent**" or "**world-leading**"

Profound Research Impact

- 345 impactful case studies submitted to RAE 2020, with **80%** recognised for "**outstanding**" or "**considerable**" impact
- Breakthrough discoveries and innovations spanning diverse fields, including public policy, business, health, education, social welfare, environment, technology, and more

Unwavering Pursuit of Excellence

- This encouraging result serves as compelling evidence of the universities' research prowess
- Provides valuable guidance for their continuous pursuit of research excellence



Top-notch Research Environment

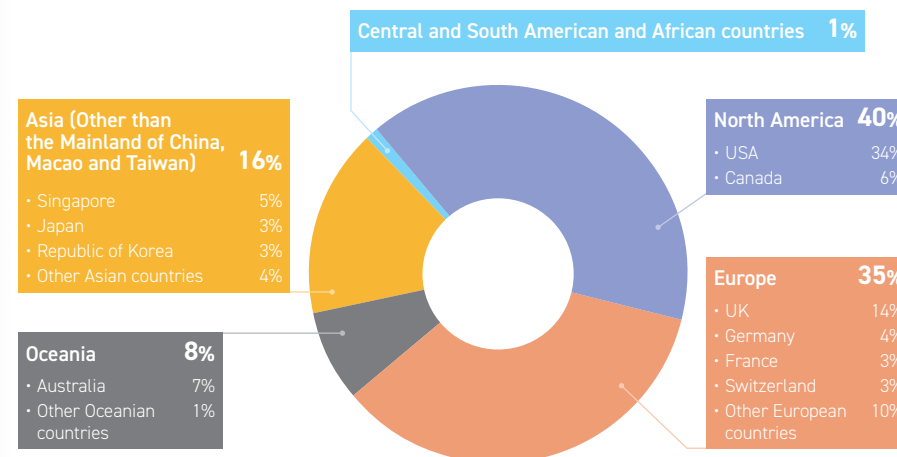
- Hong Kong universities' research environment conducive to producing "world-leading" or "internationally excellent" research
- Validated by the RAE 2020
 - **81%** of submissions received the two highest gradings
- Underpinned by
 - Visionary strategies
 - Exceptional human capital
 - Abundant funding
 - State-of-the-art infrastructure
 - Stellar global reputation
 - Widespread external recognition

Impactful Research Collaborations Worldwide

- In 2024/25, **over 7 000** active research collaborations with more than 70 countries and regions



Distribution of Active International Research Collaboration with International Institutions by Place of Origin, 2024/25



Notes:

- Figures in this chart refer to our active collaborative research activities with international partners, i.e. other than those with institutions in the Mainland of China, Macao and Taiwan, which takes up around 51% out of a total of more than 7 000 active research collaborations
- Figures shown are as at 30 November 2024 for 2024/25 academic year
- Individual figures may not add up to their respective regional totals due to rounding

Promising Prospects: Empowering Growth and Success



Record-high Salary

Graduates of full-time UGC-funded undergraduate programmes recorded an average salary of **HK\$329,000 (about US\$42,000)** in 2023/24



Cultivating Global Competency through Diversified Experience Learning

Rich tapestry of immersive experiences, from local and international exposure to service-learning, entrepreneurship, and internships



UGC's HK\$100M Fund for Future-Ready Education

Fund for Innovative Technology-in-Education to prepare students to thrive in a changing landscape



Extended Post-graduation Work Authorisation for Non-local Graduates

Non-local graduates may leverage up to 2 years of post-graduation work authorisation in Hong Kong, with flexibility to extend visa with employer sponsorship



Abundant Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

- The Belt and Road Scholarship by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Over 700 scholarship schemes for students from outside Hong Kong by the eight UGC-funded universities
- RGC fellowship schemes
 - Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)
 - > Through the HKPFS, Hong Kong's outstanding universities offer exciting research opportunities in a broad range of PhD programmes, with generous stipends and excellent support, for the best and brightest students from around the world.
 - > The Fellowship provides an annual stipend of HK\$340,800 (approximately US\$43,690) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$14,200 (approximately US\$1,820) per year for each awardee for a period up to three years. There are 400 fellowship award places in each academic year.
 - RGC Junior Research Fellow Scheme
 - RGC Research Fellow Scheme
 - RGC Senior Research Fellow Scheme
 - Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme



The Belt and Road
Scholarship



RGC Fellowship
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