

IAS Visitors Program

The HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) has been hosting visits of outstanding scholars who are committed to engaging in academic and research collaborations with faculty members of HKUST. The IAS Visitors Program is open to nominations from HKUST faculty members to invite such scholars for extended visits.

1. Format

- (a) The IAS Visitors Program comprises of the following categories:
- IAS Senior Visiting Fellows
 - IAS Senior Visiting Members
- (b) IAS Senior Visiting Fellows are engaged with the IAS on a fixed term, usually two years, during which they are welcome to make regular visits. Visits of IAS Senior Visiting Members are considered on an individual basis, and they are expected to stay for an extended period (at least one month).
- (c) The visitors may hold concurrent visiting appointments with the University, subject to the approval of the Host's home department/division and relevant authorities.

2. Nomination

- (a) Nominators must be HKUST faculty members.
- (b) Please complete the Nomination Form for IAS Visitors (IAS Form D).
- (c) The IAS will consider proposals on a rolling basis.

3. Consideration

- (a) The criteria for evaluating nominations include, but are not limited to:
- Academic distinction and international visibility of the proposed visitor
 - Benefit to faculty and students at HKUST
 - Contribution to the University's strategic development; and
 - Societal impact
- (b) Nominations of IAS Senior Visiting Fellows are considered by the IAS Academic Committee, whereas nominations of IAS Senior Visiting Members are considered by the Director of the IAS.

4. Budget and Financial Support

- (a) For IAS visitors holding concurrent visiting appointments with the University, they will receive salaries during their visits. They may be eligible for passage allowance and on-campus housing, subject to the prevailing regulations as stipulated by the Human Resources Office (HRO). They may be required to apply for a valid visa in order to be employed by the University.
- (b) For IAS visitors who do not hold concurrent visiting appointments, honoraria and/or travel allowance will be offered during their visits to defray their local and travel expenses.
- (c) The Host Faculty(ies) is/are required to make partial contributions to the visitors' packages from other funding sources. The exact terms of offer are to be determined by the Director of the IAS in consultation with the Host Faculty(ies). Please contact IAS staff for further information.
- (d) The Director of the IAS is the authority to issue invitations to the IAS visitors.

5. Roles

- (a) The Host Faculty(ies) is/are responsible for making initial contacts with an IAS visitor to confirm his/her visit dates. The Host Faculty(ies) should liaise with the visitor to decide on the academic components of the proposed visit. He/She/They should also initiate interaction between colleagues and students of their home department/division and the visitor.
- (b) The IAS provides logistics support in coordinating the visit and manages the visit schedule.
- (c) In case an IAS visitor should hold a concurrent visiting appointment, the Host Faculty(ies) should initiate the appointment process with the home department/division and School. The home department/division is responsible for coordinating with HRO on relevant appointment matters.