Guiding to Graduate School

“How we got an admission from Graduate School?”

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Reason's to Go to Grad School
Which? University

City University of Hong Kong

Worldwide Recognition

Recent achievements in global rankings highlight the strength of the research, faculty, students and programmes at CityU.

http://AACSB.edu/
Factors for Admissions

1. GPA
2. GMAT/GRE
3. English Proficiency
4. Statement of Purpose
5. Letters of Recommendation
6. Complete Application
Your GPA or grade point average is important to admissions committees, not because it signifies your intelligence, but because it is a long-term indicator how well you perform your job as student.

Grades reflect your motivation and your ability to do consistently good or bad work.
The GMAT/GRE serves as an assessment tool to gauge applicants’ academic abilities.

If the score is too low, it’s a signal to university that the applicant is lacking in the required skills or is underprepared.
A student applying for the admission in an English speaking country needs to prove his or her English proficiency through taking up special test like TOEFL or IELTS.
Central Theme

“Reasons for your interest in attending a specific program at a particular institution”
**Writing an Effective Statement**

Ask yourself

1. Why did you choose to study this major? Why are you interested in this subject? Is there a specific topic within this field which interests you? Have you studied this before? **What do you expect from the program and from the university?** Are you aiming to become qualified for a specific job?

2. Why did you choose XXX university, rather than another university? Have you investigated the other universities? **What was it that attracted you to XXX university specifically?**

3. What are your long-term goals, and how does studying in XXX university help you reach those goals?

4. What makes you a stand-out candidate? Do you have some special skills or passions which make you a more interesting person? **What personal qualities do you possess which make you a good choice for this program?**
✓ Graduate School Prospectus
✓ University Website
✓ Alumni Association
University Instructor
Employer (Dean office): Achieved Dean’s Award
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UK TERMS

• Great Britain
  • England
  • Scotland
  • Wales
• United Kingdom
  • United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The popular Programs

• Business and administrative studies
• Engineering and technology
• Social, economic and political studies
• Computer science
• Creative arts and design
• Medicine and biological sciences
• Languages
UK universities

- More than 130 universities in United Kingdom:
  - ‘Ancient’ universities – Oxford and Cambridge
  - 19\textsuperscript{th} century universities i.e. Birmingham Manchester
  - Post 1945 i.e. Nottingham
  - Post 1962 i.e. Warwick, Kent
  - Post 1992 (re-designation of Polytechnics) i.e. Nottingham Trent, Leeds Metropolitan
  - Post 2005 i.e. Chester, Winchester
UK universities

• All of universities in the United Kingdom are independent and self-governing, (and thus ‘non-state’) legal entities.

• Nonetheless, a substantial amount of their funding comes from the state – mainly in support of the undergraduate programmes and capital investment

• However, universities are accelerating the percentage of their revenue from own income generation – through post-graduate and professional courses, research income, international students and the controversial ‘top-up’ fees for ‘home’ students (currently with the exception of Scottish ‘home’ students.)
UK universities

• The academic year is usually 30 weeks divided into three terms or two semesters

• This is 24 weeks at Oxford and Cambridge
MASTER Program

• Masters’ Programmes - MA/MSc/MEd
  • Taught Full-time Masters – usually one (calendar) year (includes MBA)
  • Taught Part-time Masters – usually over two years

• Research-based MPhil
  • Awarded after a minimum of one year of supervised research
Cost of studying for non-EU students

• Three basic cost headings
  • **Cost of academic study** (university fees for the course plus books and any other associated learning materials)
    • University Full-time Masters courses
      • £13,000 - £25,000
    • Doctorate (PhD)
      • £12,000 - £20,000 annually
  • **Cost of living in UK** – basic accommodation/subsistence
  • **Social life/travel**
Undergraduate and postgraduate course search engines:

- Education UK  [www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)
- UCAS  [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Prospects Graduate Careers  [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)
- Hobsons Postgrad  [www.postgrad.hobsons.com](http://www.postgrad.hobsons.com)
- UK Grad Programme  [www.grad.ac.uk](http://www.grad.ac.uk)
- Higher Education and Research Opportunities Website  [www.hero.ac.uk](http://www.hero.ac.uk)
- New Route PhDs  [www.newroute phd.ac.uk](http://www.newroute.phd.ac.uk)
- Foundation degrees:  [www.foundationdegree.org.uk](http://www.foundationdegree.org.uk)
- MBA Guide:  [www.mba.hobsons.com](http://www.mba.hobsons.com)
## QR Ranking (UK universities)

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Link: https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2018
Application Package

- Personal statement (SOP)
- Reference
- Qualifications
- Admission test results
  - IELTS
  - GRE/GMAT (recommended by some universities)

Usually, you will get one of three decisions:
- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful
Personal statement

• Your one chance to sell yourself as an individual, to show course providers why you want to study the course in the UK and why you would make a great student.

• One personal statement for all choices.
• Maximum of 4,000 characters or 47 lines.
• Minimum of 1,000 characters.
• No spelling or grammar checks.
Personal statement

Shows university and college admissions tutors that:

• you are suited to the course
• you are motivated and dedicated
• you have relevant knowledge and experience gained from education, work, or other extracurricular activities
• you understand the demands of the course
• you will fit into the university’s environment
Recommendation Letter

• Your relation to the applicant
  • Please state the length of time, and the capacity, in which the applicant has been known to you.
  • Has the applicant discussed his/her motivation for the proposed programme of study with you?

• Academic abilities (if applicable)
  • How well do you know the applicant’s academic work?
  • Can you comment on the applicant’s present performance and future potential?
  • If available, please provide the student’s ranking in class.
  • Do you consider the applicant’s degree result a true reflection of his/her abilities?
    - Please comment on any examination results achieved or forecasts the results you believe they will achieve.
  • Please comment on any research experience the candidate has, if applying to undertake research at King’s or a taught program with a significant research component.
Recommendation Letter

• Employment
  • If you are the applicant’s present or former employer, please include an outline of responsibilities and an appraisal of their competence and initiative.
  • Was this work experience directly relevant to this application?
• Suitability for chosen program in terms of:
  • Personal factors – application, independence of mind, creative ability.
  • Motivation
• Powers of expression
  • Please comment on the candidate’s ability to express himself/herself orally and in writing.
• Interests
  • Please refer to the candidate’s contribution to the life of the community of your organization.
• Other information
  • Any further information you feel is relevant to their application.
Other important criteria for universities

- Intellectual ability
- Communication in English
- Emotionally mature
- Imagination and probable creativity
- Motivation for studies
- Willingness to take responsibility
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M.E. INHA Graduate School of Engineering (Mechanical Eng.)
The Form is accessible at

How to get a strong recommendation letter?

http://leadershipcenter.tistory.com/444
**Recommendation Letter Request Form for Graduate School Application**

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**NOTE:** Recommendation letters will be directly given to graduate schools and programs from a recommender. The letters will not be given to students nor an external agent.

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**What do you want to get a recommendation letter for?**

**Whom do you want to get a recommendation letter from?**

**What is your relationship with the recommender?**

**Did you take any course from the recommender? (specify it and tell what you achieved)**

1. e.g.) MGS2150 W01 (Business Statistics) / 2017 Fall / A 1. 2. 3.

**Why do you want to get a recommendation letter from the recommender?**

**Are you providing these necessary documents to the recommender?**

- Statement of Purpose (Personal statement, Cover letter)
- Curriculum Vitae (Resume)
- Transcript (Unofficial is OK)
- A sample recommendation letter or sentences
- Evidences of job, internship, honors, award, grant etc.

**What graduate programs do you apply for? (List them all)**

1. e.g.) Master in XXX / University of XXX / Nation 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

**Until** When do you want to get recommendation letter?

**Which form of recommendation letter do you want to get?**

- Online [Link(s) from Graduate schools via Email]
- Signed & Sealed
  [Graduate School(s) addresses must be provided]

**What is your purpose of applying for the graduate program(s)?**

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**What is your (terminal) career goal after completing the graduate program?**

**Any sample sentences do you want to include in the recommendation letter?**

**Job or internship experiences?**

**Extracurricular activities?**

**Honors, Awards, Grant, or Scholarship?**

**Public service, Volunteering, or Military service?**

**Any further information or request?**

**Applicant’s sign:**

1. I cordially request for a recommendation letter for my graduate school application.

2. Sign: ___________________ Date: ____________________

**Recommender’s Decision:**

1. Yes, I will write a recommendation letter for the applicant.

2. I’m sorry but I cannot write a recommendation letter because

3. Sign: ___________________ Date: ____________________
PANEL DISCUSSION (Q & A)