HKUST Engineering Summer Camp for Elite Students 2026
(13 - 17 July 2026)

EVENT INFO & SCHEDULE

Organizer
School of Engineering (SENG), The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Venue
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Overview
The HKUST Engineering Summer Camp for Elite Students 2026 provides an opportunity for exceptional students to enhance their academic and professional pursuits within a unique, immersive environment. This dynamic summer experience combines research talks, laboratory visits, student sharing, a campus tour, and city sightseeing, allowing participants to explore their research interests and expand their academic networks. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for a transformative journey!

Program Fee and Sponsorship

Participants from Partner Institutions
The program fee (HK$6,800 / ~US$880) for participants from our partner institutions will be waived. They will only be required to pay for their international airfare between their home country / region and Hong Kong. A small amount of sponsorship for the airfare may be provided, subject to the agreement with SENG.

Participants from Other Institutions
For participants who are not from our partner institutions, they may be required to pay for the full program fee of the camp (HK$6,800 / ~US$880) and the international airfare between their home country / region and Hong Kong. Subject to their academic performance and the agreement of SENG, the program fee may be waived.

Sponsorship by School of Engineering
HKUST SENG will sponsor a round-trip airfare between the shortlisted participants' home country / region and Hong Kong at a maximum of:
- HK$1,500 for participants from Asia; and participants from the Chinese Mainland who will take the High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) instead;

- HK$3,000 for participants from Central Asia;
- HK$4,000 for participants from West Asia and Oceania;
- HK$5,000 for participants from Africa and Europe;
- HK$6,000 for participants from North / South America; or
- the actual price, whichever is lower

Privileges for Shortlisted Participants

The following privileges will be provided by the HKUST SENG:
- 5-day-4-night on-campus accommodation with WIFI
  [Check-in] 13 July 2026; [Check-out] 17 July 2026 (without further extension)
- Welcome reception, meals, local transportation (excluding HK airport / port <> HKUST) and city tour

Selection

Shortlisted participants will be notified by 16 April 2026 (GMT+8).

Tentative Program Rundown

Programs of the HKUST Engineering Summer Camp will be conducted in English

13 July 2026 (Monday)	
14:00 – 17:30	**Registration & Check-in: On-campus Accommodation**
18:30 – 20:30	**Welcome Reception**

14 July 2026 (Tuesday)	
09:00 – 12:30	**Visit to HKSTP** (to be confirmed)
12:30 – 13:45	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:00	**School of Engineering Welcome Talk**
15:00 – 17:00	**Team Building Workshop / Campus Tour**
After 17:00	**Free Time / Self-arranged Meeting(s) with Potential Supervisor(s)**

15 July 2026 (Wednesday)	
09:15 – 09:30	**Gather at Departmental General Office**
09:30 – 10:30	**Departmental Welcome Talk**
10:30 – 12:30	**Research Talk / Student Sharing / Meeting(s) with Research Groups**
12:30 – 13:45	**Lunch arranged by Department(s)**
14:00 – 16:00	**Laboratory Visit / Research Project Demos**
After 16:00	**Free Time / Self-arranged Meeting(s) with Potential Supervisor(s)**

16 July 2026 (Thursday)	
09:00 – 20:00	**City Tour (including Lunch & Dinner)**
After 20:00	**Free Time**

17 July 2026 (Friday)	
09:00 – 10:00	**Check-out: On-campus Accommodation**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Deadline: 16 March 2026 (GMT+8)

Applications should reach the Office of the Dean of Engineering (Research and Graduate Studies) (DENG RPG) of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) through the Online Application System **by 23:59 on 16 March 2026 (GMT+8)**.

Eligibility of Applicants
Applicants for the Summer Camp must be:
- Current undergraduate or master's students in engineering-related disciplines, from a recognized institution outside Hong Kong, who demonstrate outstanding qualities of academic performance and research potential; and
- Proficient in English

Selection Criteria
DENG RPG and departments will consider the suitability of the applicant based on one or more of the following criteria:
- Academic excellence
- Research potential
- English proficiency

Priority will be given to students who are expected to graduate in 2026-27 and students from our partner institutions.

Selection Procedures
- DENG RPG and departments will evaluate the applications based on the information submitted by the applicants through the online application system.
- DENG RPG may contact the referees and verify the submitted information if necessary.
- Successful applicants / shortlisted participants will receive a letter of acceptance via email by 16 April 2026 (GMT+8). They will be invited to confirm attendance by returning a signed agreement, and submitting the required information or documents, via the online application system by the deadline(s) stated in the letter.

Application Procedures
- Download the Sample of "Online Application Form" to preview the information and documents required for the application.
- To begin your application, create an account by providing your email address, family / last name, and given / first name. Next, enter the system-generated 6-digit code sent to your email for verification before proceeding to the online application form.
- At least one letter of recommendation from your home institution (on the institution's letterhead and signed by the referee) must be provided and sent by the referee(s) using their institutional email address(es) directly to sengpgevents@ust.hk by 23 March 2026 (GMT+8). Please obtain consent from the referee(s) before providing their information in the online application form.
- Complete the application by filling in the required information and uploading the required supporting documents through the online application system, and submitting the completed form by 23:59 on 16 March 2026 (GMT+8). No changes can be made after submission.
- Applicants can save the information and retrieve an incomplete application in the online application system before the application deadline.

Information for Shortlisted Participants
- Full attendance for all activities is required.
- Shortlisted participants are responsible for arranging and buying their own flight / High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) tickets and local transportation to and from the airport / port and HKUST.
- HKUST School of Engineering will sponsor a round-trip airfare / High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) fare between the shortlisted participants' home country / region and Hong Kong, up to a maximum of the following amount or the actual price, whichever is lower.

Continent / Region	Examples of Country / Region	Amount of Sponsorship
Africa	Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa	HK$5,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
Asia	Chinese Mainland, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore	HK$1,500 or the actual price, whichever is lower
Central Asia	Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	HK$3,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
West Asia	Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates	HK$4,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
Europe	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom	HK$5,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
North America	Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, United States of America	HK$6,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
Oceania	Australia, Fiji, New Zealand	HK$4,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower
South America	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Venezuela	HK$6,000 or the actual price, whichever is lower

Remarks: DENG RPG reserves the right to make the final decision on the amount of sponsorship for each shortlisted participant.

Entry Visa to Hong Kong & Insurance

Immediately after receiving the acceptance notification for this program, shortlisted participants from overseas countries / regions (excluding those from visa waiver countries) are required to self-arrange and obtain a valid entry visa. Additionally, shortlisted participants who are Mainland, Macao, Taiwan and overseas Chinese residents are required to obtain an "Exit-Entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao" (EEP) (individual visits). The School of Engineering will provide assistance on a request basis if a support letter is required for the visa application. It is also mandatory for shortlisted participants to purchase their own medical / travel insurance before their arrival in Hong Kong.

About The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) (https://hkust.edu.hk) is a world-class university known for its innovative education, research excellence, and impactful knowledge transfer. With a holistic and interdisciplinary pedagogy approach, HKUST was ranked 6th in the QS Asia University Rankings 2026, 3rd in the Times Higher Education's Young University Rankings 2024, and 19th globally and 1st in Hong Kong in the Times Higher Education's Impact Rankings 2025. Thirteen HKUST subjects were ranked among the world's top 50 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025, with "Data Science and Artificial Intelligence" coming in 17th worldwide and first in Hong Kong. Our graduates are highly competitive, consistently ranking among the world's top 30 most sought-after employees. In terms of research and entrepreneurship, over 80% of our work was rated "internationally excellent" or "world leading" in the Research Assessment Exercise 2020 of the Hong Kong's University Grants Committee. As of July 2025, HKUST members have founded over 1,900 active start-ups, including 10 Unicorns and 17 exits (IPO or M&A).

About HKUST School of Engineering

The School of Engineering (SENG) (https://seng.hkust.edu.hk) is the largest school within HKUST. With more than 3,600 undergraduates and 2,900 postgraduates, SENG enrolls over one-third of the University's student body. Simultaneously, about 30% of HKUST's faculty members are in SENG. The School is committed to providing holistic education and nurturing well-rounded graduates with a global vision, strong entrepreneurial spirit, and innovative thinking. It has a strong international reputation and consistently ranks high among major engineering schools around the world. In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Engineering, HKUST was ranked No.38.

Disclaimer

HKUST School of Engineering reserves all rights to modify the event schedule, program, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and selection criteria for the HKUST Engineering Summer Camp for Elite Students 2026 at any time, with or without prior notice. In the event of any changes, we will attempt to inform participants within a reasonable timeframe.

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