
This is the official admission offer letter for the following applicant issued via the online admissions system.
Name: Mr SHATILOV, Kirill (Application No. : 61700010743)

16 December 2016

Dear Mr SHATILOV,

Admission to HKUST as a Postgraduate Student in Fall Term, 2017-18

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to offer you admission to The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology as a postgraduate student with details as follows:

Program of Study:	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science and Engineering
Mode of Study:	Full-Time
Program Commencement:	1 September 2017
Expected Arrival:	Mid-August 2017 to join orientation activities
Tuition Fee:	HK\$42,100 per annum in the 2017-18 academic year
Deposit:	HK\$5,000
Offer Acceptance Deadline:	30 December 2016

Prof. Pan Hui will be your supervisor for the above program of study. You have been selected to receive a postgraduate studentship (PGS) award in the 2017-18 academic year, subject to the PGS Terms and Conditions. The provision of the PGS award in subsequent years will depend on your performance and the progress of your research study. For your reference, the PGS rate for 2016-17 is HK\$15,700 per month and the Terms and Conditions which are under review are available at http://pg.ust.hk/admissions/forms/pgs_tnc1617.pdf. We will be in touch with you when the PGS rate and the Terms and Conditions for 2017-18 become available.

This admission offer and the PGS award are independent of the outcome of your application for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPFS). However, if you are selected by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council for the HKPFS award, you will receive the HKPFS in place of the above mentioned PGS award. HKPFS awardees will also be governed by the same Terms and Conditions as the PGS awardees.

Accommodation

The University offers accommodation in the first 2 years of your full-time research postgraduate (RPg) study at HKUST. Our Student Housing and Residential Life Office (SHRLO) provides details on the accommodation and application procedures at <http://shrl.ust.hk>.

Offer Acceptance

Please complete the following online procedures before the deadline mentioned above, failure to do so will be considered as having declined this admission offer:

- (i) accept the offer, and
- (ii) settle the deposit payment.

Deposit Payment

The deposit payment is to confirm your acceptance of this admission offer. Deposit paid is non-refundable and non-transferable. Upon your enrollment in the above program, the deposit will be offset against your tuition fee for the first term of study.

Official Documents Required to Qualify You for Student Registration

You will be eligible for and invited to register in the above program only after all the official documents required for substantiating your qualifications are verified by the University. Please send such documents (in paper form and by mail/courier) to reach us by the deadline of **21 July 2017**. Details on submission of supporting documents are available at <http://pg.ust.hk/doc>.

Student Visa/ Entry Permit Application (for Non-Local Students Only)

Non-local students are required to obtain a student visa/ entry permit for pursuing their study at HKUST. Guidelines on student visa/ entry permit applications are available at <http://pg.ust.hk/visa>. Please allow sufficient time (normally at least 8 weeks) for processing.

Orientation and Additional Information

For a great start of the exciting research journey at HKUST, please plan your arrival so that you can join the following important activities in mid-to-late August 2017:

- (i) Official welcome and orientation activities
- (ii) English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) (<http://cle.ust.hk/tests/elpa/postgraduates/>)
- (iii) Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) training program (<http://cei.ust.hk/gta-training-program>)

All PhD and MPhil students have to attain a satisfactory ELPA score and complete the GTA training before taking up the mandatory TA duties.

To get yourself better prepared before joining HKUST, please visit the following webpages which provide useful resources:

- Handbook for Research Postgraduate Studies (<http://rpghandbook.ust.hk/>)
- Pre-arrival and Getting Settled Checklist (<http://pg.ust.hk/pre-arr>)
- RPg Arrival Checklist (<http://pg.ust.hk/rpgchecklist>)

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at pgadmin@cse.ust.hk. For questions about accepting and confirming this offer and visa/ entry permit application please write us at gradmit@ust.hk.

We look forward to your joining our postgraduate community.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Wong
Director of Postgraduate Studies Administration

Note: The normative period of study for completing a PhD degree in full-time mode is 4 years. It is reduced to 3 years if a relevant research postgraduate degree is earned prior to entering the PhD program.

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To meet our admission requirement for the degree requirement, you will be required by the Department, to take and pass with a grade of no less than B for the following additional undergraduate courses in the first year of your studies:

Operating Systems	(COMP 3511)
Design and Analysis of Algorithms	(COMP 3711)
Theory of Computation	(COMP 3721)

If you fail to attain a grade of at least B in any of above courses, you will be required to withdraw from the Doctor of Philosophy program. If you feel that you have already met the above requirement based on your previous studies, please produce appropriate documentation (i.e., course descriptions and examples of course work such as assignments and exams) on your arrival in the Department and your case will be reviewed by the Postgraduate Studies Committee. Meanwhile, your enrollment status will be *provisional* until the above requirement is satisfied.