

FAQs for Newly Admitted Full-time Research Degree Students (RPGs)

- 1) Can I apply for hall places at Cornwall Street /Jockey Club House located at the Kowloon Tong (KLNT) Compound?

Answer: No. According to the current hall admission policies, all newly admitted full-time research degree students (RPGs) are only eligible to apply for hall places at the Ma On Shan (MOS) Compound.

- 2) I will be awarded the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship and the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarship, which will cover student residence expenses in my first year of study. Do I need to submit a hall application?

Answer: Yes, you MUST submit a hall application before the deadline if you wish to stay in the Student Residence in 2026/27.

- 3) My commencement of study is on 1 January 2027. Can I apply for Student Residence? If I receive a hall offer successfully, can I stay in Student Residence until 1 January 2028?

Answer: Yes, you can apply for Student Residence. Please contact us via email (sropga.mos@cityu.edu.hk) in November 2026 and provide us with a copy of your CityUHK offer letter if you wish to stay in the MOS Compound in 2026/27. However, the residential period of 2026/27 will end at 12:00 noon, 16 August 2027. Therefore, you cannot stay in the MOS Compound until 1 January 2028. The offer of bed place is subject to availability.

For your 2nd year of study and onwards, you can submit hall application to the KLNT Compound only. Lot-drawing will be used in allocating residence places at Cornwall Street/Jockey Club House located at KLNT Compound.

- 4) I received the UGC-funded admission offer after the hall application deadline. Can I still apply for the Student Residence?

Answer: Yes, please send your hall application request, including your admission offer letter as a written proof to sropga.mos@cityu.edu.hk as soon as possible. Late applications will be considered subject to room availability.

- 5) My student visa is under review so I have deferred student registration. May I check-in and stay at the hall until I complete the enrollment procedures?

Answer: No. If you cannot complete the enrollment procedures within three working days after check-in, you will not be allowed to continue staying in the hall.

- 6) The official check-in date for RPGs in the 2026/27 academic year will begin at 9:00 a.m. on 27 August 2026. Can I apply for an early check-in?

Answer: No. You are advised to make alternative arrangements such as hotel accommodation for your stay if you arrive earlier before the start of your housing term.

- 7) I will not be able to complete check-in within one week from 27 August 2026. Can I authorize my friend to complete the check-in procedures on my behalf, or may I check-in later?

Answer: Residents MUST complete the check-in procedures IN PERSON within ONE week from 27 August 2026. If you are unable to do so, you should contact us via email sropga.mos@cityu.edu.hk to apply for late check-in no later than 26 August 2026. For those who fail to apply for late check-in, their hall offers will be forfeited automatically without prior notice after 3 September 2026.

- 8) I will apply for late check-in on 1 October 2026. Will the hall lodging fees be charged from 1 October 2026?

Answer: The hall lodging fees will be charged from the first day of the residential period (i.e., 27 August 2026) even if your late check-in application has been approved.

- 9) The entrance scholarship will cover my accommodation fees for the Student Residence starting from 1 September 2026. The residential year for 2026/27 runs from 27 August 2026 to 16 August 2027. Do I need to pay any hall fees on my own?

Answer: Yes. You are responsible for paying the hall lodging fees for the period that is NOT covered by the scholarship at your own cost (i.e., 27–31 August 2026).

- 10) I am a non-UGC-funded/self-financed student. Will I be eligible to apply for the Student Residence?

Answer: Yes, full-time research degree students studying in non-UGC-funded programmes/self-financed programmes within normal study period are eligible to apply for the Student Residence.

- 11) If I secure a hall place in the Ma On Shan Compound, can I swap the room with others in the Kowloon Tong Compound?

Answer: No. Residents are only permitted to apply for room change or swapping within the assigned compound with strong justifications. Such requests should be reviewed and approved by the Residence Master and/or the Student Residence Office.

- 12) I have been assigned a bed place in a double room, and my friend has been assigned a bed place in a single room. May we swap bed places?

Answer: Yes. However, the request of room swapping / change will NOT be entertained before check-in. It will be entertained between 3rd October and 30th April within the Ma On Shan Compound only. Such room swapping should be duly approved by respective Residence Master(s).

- 13) What should I do if I do not like the room type I was offered?

Answer: Allocation of hall/room type is by drawing lots. If you do not accept the allocated hall/room type, your hall offer will be forfeited and released to applicants on the waiting

list.

14) Can I change the preferences of room and hall after submission of my application?

Answer: You can amend your hall application on the Admission Application System before the application deadline. No amendment will be allowed after the deadline. Students are fully responsible for checking the updated information on the Admission Application System after making amendments.

15) Can I choose my own roommate?

Answer: After paying the confirmation fee, you can indicate your roommate preference via the Hall Application System at the end of July. Details will be sent via email in due course. If you have any special preferences (e.g., health, living style), you are strongly encouraged to pair up and indicate your preferred roommate based on your assigned room type. The Student Residence Office will try to accommodate your request as far as possible but no guarantee.

Students who do not indicate a roommate preference will be randomly assigned by the System. Final room assignments will depend on room availability and the Hall Admission Policies.