

# TALENTED INDEED WE ARE

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**ACADEMY**  
FOR THE TALENTED

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# Message from Director of Undergraduate Admissions



Hello to all Members of the HKU Academy for the Talented,

A very warm welcome to you all!

President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Xiang Zhang has made an introductory statement entitled “*An International City Starts with a Global University*”.

The University of Hong Kong is the oldest tertiary education institution in the city of Hong Kong. Way back to March 16, 1910, Sir Frederick Lugard, the then-Governor of Hong Kong, laid the foundation stone for the University, which housed the first three faculties: Arts, Engineering and Medicine. Now, in our 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are proud and honoured to celebrate our magnificent achievements together with a total of over 33,000 students, consisting of 17,000-plus undergraduates and 16,000-plus postgraduates from 10 faculties.

In the past decade or even more recently, the University has dedicated efforts to identify, educate and support gifted and well-accomplished secondary school students through The Academy for the Talented (Act) scheme. Since its establishment in 2011, the Academy has stayed the course to provide members with an exclusive introduction to campus life through the provision of our flagship pre-university academic programmes. Among the 10 faculties that host the programmes and school-based chapters, the disciplines of Business, Engineering, Law and Medicine are our members’ favourites. While the programmes challenge our members’ academic minds, the engaging activities get them fully immersed in typical university student lives. On that note, I am excited and delighted to announce that the Faculty of Dentistry will host its first Pre-University Intensive Programme this summer, allowing our members, during their junior school years, to engage with one of the most renowned and prestigious faculties in the world.

With the extensive support from schools internationally, I am particularly pleased to see the successes of the scheme when our 9,000-plus Academy members across the globe have been engaging in our exclusive networking and cultural exchange events. Each year, new members with distinct competencies join the Academy, a lineup with other most curious and brilliant students to identify their interests whilst developing their unique talents and potentials. Under the management of the HKU Admissions Office, we recruit the brightest minds with diverse backgrounds, locally and abroad. Today, the Academy houses members from over 90 different nationalities worldwide.

The Academy undertakes a mission to build upon the proud traditions and strengths of HKU, Asia’s Global University. We have had a long history of producing graduates of distinction committed to lifelong learning, integrity and professionalism, capable of responsive leadership and communication in their fields. To stay safe and healthy, the flexible combination of in-person and online programmes are applied during different stages of the recent pandemic, enabling our members to level up amid the pandemic. A variety of learning formats are also offered to ensure that students find the one that best fit their needs and busy schedules under different circumstances. Indeed, all programmes are designed to be intensive, engaging and fun.

HKU is the proven place where our possibilities can be infinite. Hong Kong has come a long way, and not just in recent years where the ongoing pandemic has tested our resolve as a city and community. Over the course of 111 years since its founding, our University has served humanity. In the end, my deepest thanks go to every one of you for your support. I hope to see you soon in future Academy programmes/events and wishing you to become our undergraduates students at HKU eventually!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennett Yim".

**Prof. Bennett Chi Kin YIM**

Chairman of the Academy for the Talented

Director of Undergraduate Admissions and International Student Exchange

Professor

Stelux Professor in Marketing

# Message from Chairman of the Academy for the Talented Alumni Association



The Academy for the Talented was founded in 2011 and strives to provide high school students with exclusive learning opportunities at the University of Hong Kong. Our mission is straightforward – to unleash the untapped potential our members have and prepare them to perform in each and every stage of their careers.

To accomplish this, our team of dedicated researchers and teachers alike work tirelessly to give our members meaningful and enriching experiences. We also work hard to ensure the learning experiences we offer match up with the real-world narrative so members will be equipped with the required skills to excel, reach new heights and accomplish great achievements.

Our flagship summer academic programmes, covering all areas offered by the 10 faculties at the university, form the core of the Academy. On top of that would be ‘student chapters’ happening throughout the year that aims to build on the concepts acquired in the programmes, as well as opportunities for mentorship schemes, interview simulation workshops, academic competitions, overseas academic conferences, and more. Knowledge exchange is a key initiative the University undertakes at all levels, and we believe our programmes can rightfully supplement the conventional curriculum in high schools, giving our members an edge over others in today’s increasingly complex global dynamics.

By knowledge exchange not only do we mean learning, but also real idea exchanges amongst individuals, thereby igniting new inspirations and thoughts. That is why diversity is at the forefront of our talent recruitment process, such that our membership body is composed of members from every corner of the world. Here at the Academy, members have the opportunity to engage in contemporary discussions in a global context, and the learning environment itself is really a place that embraces differences and facilitates intercultural learning as well. The spirit of all-round education is to not neglect the minute and seemingly innocuous details within the learning space, but to realize and rationalize them.

I hope we have convinced our members by our action that if there’s one thing the pandemic has taught us, it would be that regardless of the circumstances we are being put under, learning and enriching never stops. Ever since the pandemic struck, our team has adopted innovative modalities to deliver seminars and events, from creating an interactive platform for campus tours to hybridizing laboratory sessions. Passion is the backbone that underpins all the work we do here, and it is also a quality we are looking for in those who wish to join us.

For those who are seeking to join us, please do not stop believing in yourself. Put yourself out there and be brave enough to take a lead. As for those who are already in this big family of talented young individuals, I call on you to utilize the experience you have gathered to take action, mobilize resources and to partake in meaningful youth activities in formal or non-formal academic settings. When given the opportunity to learn, we must cherish it, take the most out of it, and understand the importance of continuous education has on us.

The Academy adopted big reforms and yielded significant steps in the last decade. As we stand at the juncture of welcoming a new decade here at the Academy, we will continue to deliver top-notch experiences for members to grow, and be constantly on the lookout for new opportunities for members to engage.

**Mr. Ryan Kwok**  
Chairman of the Academy for the Talented Alumni Association



I am honoured to serve as a teacher for both the HKU Neuroscience Academy for the talented, and the HKU Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented. These are ideal summer programmes for highly motivated students interested in biomedical sciences or medical professions. Classes are interactive, fun and engaging. Students will also learn important clinical and research skills during the programme. Last but not least, it is a wonderful opportunity to network with peers who share similar career goals and aspirations. I hope to see you at next year's programmes!

**Dr. Kendrick C. Shih**  
Director of Student Affairs  
Clinical Associate Professor of Practice  
MBBS, MRes(Medicine), MRCSEd, FCOphth HK, FHKAM (Ophthalmology)



As a legal practitioner and law teacher, I have taught in the HKU Legal Academy for the Talented for the past 2 years. I love to interact with students who are curious about the law and I hope to be able to inspire and nurture young legal minds. Through the programme I aim to provide students with practical insights about studying law and share my experience about the legal profession. Law is interesting because it regulates all aspects of our daily lives. I hope that you will find out why after joining our programme.

**Julienne Jen**  
Principal Lecturer  
Director, FT PCLL Programme  
Department of Legal Education  
Faculty of Law  
LLB, LLM, SFHEA



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## Asia's Global University

Founded in 1911, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) prides itself on being the oldest local higher education institution, where talents from all generations meet and thrive. Our heritage dates back to 1187, when the Hong Kong College of Medicine was first established for the local Chinese community.

HKU is now an internationally renowned English medium public research university with at least 49 programmes from nearly a dozen faculties. We offer world-class, campus-based education to outstanding students in a wide range of academic disciplines, including Arts, Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Social Sciences. Our reach will continue to broaden in response to international academic development.

HKU makes an impact as Asia's global university through internationalization, innovation, and interdisciplinarity. We foster an ethnically diverse and supportive intellectual environment that attracts and nurtures global scholars, in addition to promoting excellence in research, knowledge exchange, teaching and learning. Through our global presence, regional significance, and engagement with the rest of China, we are committed to making a positive social contribution.



HKU in 1912



HKU in 2021

# About the Academy for the Talented

## Where Exceptional Students Prosper

The HKU Academy for the Talented (the Academy), founded in 2011, is a membership-based programme that brings together local and international students from diverse backgrounds. We act as a link between outstanding pre-university students and HKU. Outstanding secondary school students from all around the world are encouraged to join us to maximize their holistic development.

## Our Missions

*Academy inspires the brightest minds*

*Every talent is important*

Students have little access to university education. In response to this, the Academy was established to serve as a knowledge-sharing hub for exceptional secondary school students throughout the world. As our exclusive members, students will get a taste of campus life by participating in our flagship pre-university programmes, which include student chapters from our ten faculties.

On top of that, they are regularly exposed to networking and cultural interaction opportunities through our mentorship programmes, interview simulation workshops, academic competitions, and overseas academic conferences, where intellectual development, potential discovery, and inspiration sparks occur. Our complete curriculum, organized by a dedicated team of researchers and teachers, is thoroughly aligned with our goal of unlocking our members' untapped potential, guaranteeing that they are not just skilled but also professionally equipped. We value comprehensive education, whole-person development, mentorship and intercultural interactions in a global environment at the Academy.

Our members are equipped with the necessary skills and cultural fluency to flourish, attain new heights, and significantly contribute to today's increasingly sophisticated global dynamics. Such activities align with our mission of HKU as Asia's Global University and guarantee that the one-of-a-kind learning experiences we provide are relevant to the modern experience. The Academy serves as a road map for participants' future local and worldwide endeavors, reaching new heights and making great achievements in today's increasingly complex global dynamics. Such initiatives work in harmony with our vision of HKU as Asia's Global University and ensure the one-of-a-kind learning experiences we offer match up with the real-world narrative. Truly, the Academy functions as a roadmap for members in their upcoming local and global endeavours.



## OVERVIEW

### We Provide the Best for the Best

Members of the Academy can enjoy numerous unparalleled benefits, including a glimpse of student life at HKU and access to exclusive university programmes and events.

At the Academy, you will be exposed to the greatest learning environment all year. Apart from academic programmes in Business, STEM, Medical, English, Law, Science, and Engineering, you may engage in a range of immersive educational programmes to gain professional expertise, such as monthly lectures, multidisciplinary programmes, legal programmes, and personal enrichment programmes. The Academy, in particular, provides intense study programmes for secondary school students every summer.

Participating in real university teaching and learning activities will give you a taste of HKU's lively and vibrant campus life. Scholarships and/or awards are also offered to honour members who have contributed significantly. The details are as follows:

- Privilege 01 **Pre-university Academic Programmes**
- Privilege 02 **Exclusive Connections and Networking**
- Privilege 03 **Academy Monthly Talks**
- Privilege 04 **Academy Student Chapters**
- Privilege 05 **Exclusive Alumni Sharing**
- Privilege 06 **Exclusive Financial Benefits**



# Membership Privileges

## PRIVILEGE 01



### Pre-university Academic Programmes

The Academy provides realistic university experiences through personalized academic programmes in the following areas:

- Medicine, Healthcare and Neuroscience
- Business, STEM and Engineering
- Law and Legal Studies
- Languages such as English and more

Our programmes frequently incorporate one or more of the following components:

- Lectures and/or hands-on workshops conducted by prominent HKU professors
- Corporate visits
- Group projects, presentations or competitions
- Social events to mingle with HKU student ambassadors
- Internship opportunities offered by our partner companies for winners of certain programmes

These programmes are meant to offer you a sense of the content and experiences you may expect if you pursue suitable undergraduate degrees at HKU. They allow you to explore and develop interests while also getting a head start on your career.

Every summer, you will have the opportunity to participate in our special Pre-university Academic programmes for our members alone. For your convenience, we have chosen the following summer programmes that have already taken place in 2023:

Level of studies	Programmes
S2-S5	HKU Business Academy for the Talented-Collaborative Innovation Bootcamp
S4-S5	HKU Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented 
S2-S5	HKU STEM Bootcamp on Data Science
S2-S5	HKU Neuroscience Academy for the Talented
S2-S5	HKU Academy for the Talented English Programme
S4-S5	HKU Legal Academy for the Talented 
S5	HKU Dentistry Academy for the Talented 
S2-S5	HKU Engineering Academy for the Talented

Estimate year of entering into university in sept	Secondary	Year	Grade
2028	S1	Y8	G7
2027	S2	Y9	G8
2026	S3	Y10	G9
2025	S4	Y11	G10
2024	S5	Y12	G11
2023	S6	Y13	G12

 Face to Face only



# Membership Privileges

## PRIVILEGE 02

### Exclusive Connections and Networking Opportunities

Our academic programmes and seminars give members with the finest possibilities to develop long-term friendships with other like-minded elite members from other secondary schools, as well as our HKU student ambassadors. Furthermore, in line with HKU's vision of being Asia's Global University, many of our tailored programmes offer international networking opportunities for you to connect, meet, and engage with the world's high-calibre members at events such as (i) Nobel Week in Stockholm and (ii) Pre-university Academic programmes. You are also invited to join our Discord Channel to speak with other Academy members. Over there, you may openly communicate and seek advice, as well as share your experience to encourage the efforts of your Academy peers.

## PRIVILEGE 03

### Academy Monthly Talks



Our professional speakers, who are specialists in various professions, offer instructive and entertaining speeches monthly. Subjects might include:

- Stress-coping, Well-being and Personality Traits
- COVID-19 and Health-related Topics
- Animal Welfare and Legislation and more



## PRIVILEGE 04

### Academy Student Chapters

Legal Academy Student Chapters (LASC) is a year-long programme that aims to equip our top-performing members with legal knowledge in the field of Copyright (2022) and International Property Rights (2023). The programme is led by Ms Alice Lee, Associate Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Faculty of Law, HKU. Participants can gain an invaluable taste of legal education, so that they can become responsible global citizens and make informed decisions that guide them on whether they want to study law and, if so, where and how to pursue their legal studies. What's more, members will be able to meet legal experts and representatives from governmental or non-governmental organisations, enabling them to build a professional network. Stay tuned for other student chapters!

## PRIVILEGE 05

### Exclusive Alumni Sharing

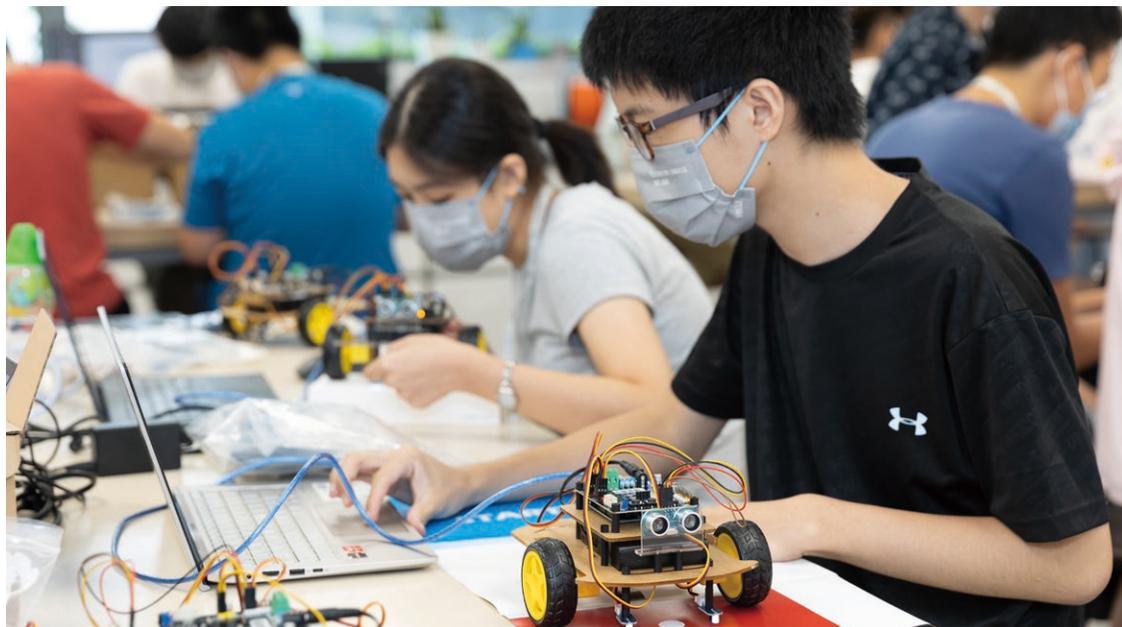
High-achieving Academy alumni will guide you through your secondary school journey at various stages by sharing and providing you with insights into:

- HKDSE Strategies (shared by outstanding Star Catchers)
- Study Tips and Exam-taking Skills
- University Admission and Career Path

## PRIVILEGE 06

### Exclusive Financial Benefits

As a member of the Academy, you will be able to take advantage of our exclusive scholarship opportunities to attend HKU programmes and other notable international events, such as the Nobel Week. Grant is also available for students in need. In addition, the HKU Visitor Centre offers a 10% discount on all purchases.



## Talented Indeed We Are

We provide a holistic experience by living out the following “ACADEMY” core values:

<b>A</b> cademic	We inspire you to maximise your intellectual potential to the fullest through academic learning.
<b>C</b> o-Curricular	We encourage participation in extra-curricular activities which can provide some of the most meaningful experiences you have at HKU and might even be a springboard for careers or be part of life after graduation.
<b>A</b> spirational	We encourage your interactions with renowned scholars, pioneering researcher, and community leaders to inspire you to set lofty goals.
<b>D</b> istinctive	We provide exceptional students like you with one-of-a-kind and exclusive opportunities to meet with like-minded individuals.
<b>E</b> nriching	We design programmes to foster your personal growth and intellectual development and spiritual development.
<b>M</b> emorable	We provide you with a once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity that will allow you to form long-lasting friendships and memories.
<b>Y</b> outhful	We collaborate with you to give you a taste of the inspiring and vibrant university dynamics at HKU.

## How Does One Become a Member of the Academy?

One can become a member of the Academy through several means, and this can be attained by following the steps below:

### By **INVITATION**

The Academy’s membership is primarily by invitation. Selected secondary schools in Hong Kong and abroad are invited to nominate their top students for consideration by the Academy.

### By **TALENT SEARCH**

The Academy also welcomes applications from current Form 2-6 students in local curriculum schools, or Grade 9-12 students in international curriculum schools who have excelled in the following areas:

- STEM (e.g., Mathematics, Science, Informatics Competitions/Olympiad)
- Innovations (e.g., Robotics or Business Competitions)
- Languages and Debate (e.g., Writing Competitions, MUN, Mooting Competitions)
- Music (e.g., International Competitions)
- Sports (e.g., International Competitions)
- Community Services (e.g., Awards Received from Community Services)

What you need to know for a step-by-step guide to the Talent Search process is outlined below, as Talent Search is only for new Academy members, current Academy members are not required to apply.



## STEP 01 EXPLORE

Visit us at website at <https://talented.hku.hk/> to delve into the Academy and the world of possibilities we provide.



## STEP 02 REGISTER

Enrolment in the Talent Search has begun! Don't pass up this opportunity.



Check out the procedures at <https://talented.hku.hk/how-to-apply> and register an account at our application portal at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tasterapp/application/auth/login>.

## STEP 03 CREATE APPLICATION

Following your registration, we will send you a confirmation email with a link to our application portal. After that, you can create your application by entering your personal and academic information. Remember to select our Talent Search Application Form to explain why you want to join the Academy, your areas of interest in your studies and state your extra-curricular achievements.

## STEP 04 UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

Please upload the scanned copies of your supporting documents after filling out your personal information, academic qualifications, awards and scholarships. The following documents are required for your online submission:

- your HKID/ Passport / Entry Permit copy
- your Academic Transcript/ School Report (with English translation, if applicable)
- your Resume/ CV/ Portfolio listing out your extra-curricular activities and achievements
- your Awards/ Certificates in these areas: Sports, STEM, Innovations, Music, Languages & Debate and/or Community Services

## STEP 05 SUBMIT APPLICATION

To confirm that all information submitted is correct, check the box next to “I agree .....” and proceed to the payment page for application fee settlement.

Following that, you must pay the application fee via Visa / Master Card or China Union Pay.

Our committee will review your application you have paid. We may invite you to a get-together. Our online system allows you to check the status of your application.

## STEP 06 JOIN US

Congratulations on your successful membership application! We will walk you through the next steps to enrolling in the Academy's pre-university programmes. Following your admission to the programme, you will be welcomed by our HKU student ambassadors!



“As the first female foilist to achieve double gold in the Asian Junior Championships while ranking the 4th in the Local Senior Championships and 7th in the World Junior Championships, I am aspired to achieve academic excellence as well. The HKU Academy for the Talented Summer programmes have given me the perfect gateway to becoming a successful student athlete for HKU in the future by enriching my knowledge and insight.”

**Janelle Leung**  
St Paul's Co-Educational College



# Testimonials

I Am an HKUer

## HKU Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented

“The Medical and Healthcare Academy for The Talented (MACT) programme is an intensive, interactive and intriguing programme specially designed for our Academy members. Participants not only attended lectures delivered by prestigious doctors and professors, but also engaged in a splendid array of hands-on workshops, say, acquiring surgical suturing techniques, applying the First Aid skills in tackling emergency scenarios, and using Virtual Reality to explore human anatomy.

As the alumna of the Academy, I am pretty glad to see how the programme has ignited the passion of many young scholars who may become future leaders in our community. It is also amazing to witness the expansion of the Academy and I am looking forward to joining more events where I can share my learning experience and university life within the community.”

**Michelle Yeung**  
MBBS V, Student Ambassador, The University of Hong Kong

“Being open to new experiences is essential to the full realisation of one’s self-potential. The Medical Academy for the Talented programme offers a wide range of academic and career exposure to students, allowing them to find out their true potential.

The suturing workshop led by Dr. Mike Leung from the Faculty of Dentistry had been many students’ favourite part of the programme. Students were able to get a taste of handling the scalpel, making stitches, and most importantly, being a dental surgeon. I wish I could have this wonderful suturing opportunity during my secondary school years.

In short, the 5-day programme was amazing. It was filled with laughter and encouragement. I felt very grateful to be accompanied by enthusiastic and smart individuals who actively engaged themselves in the programme and exchanged ideas with each other.

Now the programme has come to an end, I wish everyone the best of luck and see you soon in HKU!”

**Grace Ip**  
BDS V, The University of Hong Kong

“My journey in the Medical and Healthcare Academy programme was highly enjoyable and fulfilling. It gave me a deeper understanding in various facets of medicine, and has definitely intensified my interest in the field as a whole. The lectures were engaging and informative, and the highly practical activities were fun for partakers. Both of them, along with the opportunity to visit various faculty buildings, were eye-openers for me, opening up pathways for me to explore within the medicine circle.

Additionally, being able to interact with like-minded people, and cultivate genuine, meaningful friendships are something I’m hugely grateful for, and while looking back, I’m fond of this experience.”

**Adrian Richard Pardoe**  
West Island School, Hong Kong



“Never have I expected that one programme could pose such a long-lasting impact on me. Not only did I gain a wide range of insights and get to know many talented friends from it, but this programme also further ignited my interest in the field of healthcare. To my great astonishment, the programme daily stunned me with what subsets the healthcare industry entails, from dentistry, pharmacy, anaesthesiology, and speech therapy to even public health and crime investigations. Yet, the most memorable part was the practical sessions, where I tried suturing and blood drawing for the first time, and picked up some useful First Aid skills along the way. Also, having the opportunity to talk to the student ambassadors cleared up my worries on the university life, and I am pleased to form a bonding with them. The Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented was undoubtedly the highlight of my summertime!”

**Lillian Guo**  
Yew Chung International School, Hong Kong

“The HKU Medical and Healthcare Academy for the Talented 2022 was a 5-day intensive programme that provided me with an exclusive opportunity to engage in an inquiry-based learning on a variety of medical topics. Not only did I learn alongside similar high-performing peers, but also gained knowledge and useful skills about medicine as well as its modern-day potential from the industry’s professionals. The entirety of it prepared me for lifelong learning, as this programme really covered a wide range of medical knowledge and health sciences, and allowed us to explore our potential interests in these fields through lectures, workshops and practical sessions. Within this atmosphere, we all got to learn, interact, and broaden our social circle with students of similar backgrounds having the same passion in pursuing a medical-related career.”

**Chan Kevin Ki Lam**  
ESF King George V School, Hong Kong

# Testimonials

## HKU Neuroscience Academy for the Talented

“The Neuroscience Academy for the Talented presents a unique educational opportunity in many ways. Not only does it provide captivating lectures on the brain, but their dissection and soft clay remodeling activities also let students engage in hands-on learning, allowing them to apply neuroscience knowledge in real-life challenges.

Personally, I took pleasure in sharing personal experiences and studying advice with students. It was heart-warming to see how well we bonded and how well we were able to learn from each other.”

**Francis Fong**  
MBBS II, Student Ambassador, The University of Hong Kong

“I was initially drawn to the position of Student Ambassador four years ago after experiencing the dynamism of the HKU summer programme as a high school student. This programme provided me with an insight into a myriad of courses and programmes that HKU offers, and I was grateful to have found my interest in the field of medicine and biological sciences. Since joining the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine after completing my International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma, I continued to contribute to the Academy for the Talented programme, endeavouring to inspire prospective students and introduce them to the vibrancy of HKU.

The students I mentored in the Academy for the Talented were truly outstanding, and it was my pleasure to see them actively participate in our activities, and cultivate their passion for particular fields of interest. I hope to see them joining HKU's big family in the future!”

**Lam Chak Hei Jack**  
MBBS V, Student Ambassador, The University of Hong Kong

“It was my utmost pleasure of having this opportunity to attend the neuroscience programme, which enabled me to explore the foundations of the neuroscience discipline and various physiological mechanisms, as well as to gain knowledge about the structure and functions of our brain. This enriching 4-day course has also aroused my interest in neuroscience through immensely informative lectures and engagement in hands-on activities. A big thank you to all who have been contributing to this fruitful course!”

**Ellie Chiu**  
St. Paul's Convent School, Hong Kong

“It had been an extremely valuable experience from the neuroscience programme. The academy existed like a community where we were able to share ideas and discuss to each other on the topics we were endeavouring. Overall, it was a remarkable experience and would probably stay in my memory for years to come, which further motivated me to pursue my dream in the field of medicine.”

**Daniel Fong**  
Chinese International School, Hong Kong



## HKU Legal Academy for the Talented

“The Legal Academy for the Talented was an immersive taster programme for senior secondary students. The lectures, court visits and mooted competitions all simulated what the typical life of a law student has been like. We were also pleased to partner with Deacons, which had organized a three-day Early Insights Programme to give outstanding participants a valuable glimpse into the legal profession.

Personally, I enjoyed the programme as much as other participants did. As a student ambassador and an alumnus of the Academy, I took pleasure in sharing my university experience and public exam advice with fellow participants throughout the programme, since I had been through.”

**Hubert Wong**  
BBA & LLB Year III, Student Ambassador, The University of Hong Kong

“Joining the Legal Academy for the Talented is an interactive, unique, fun experience for secondary students who got the chance to see the legal sector from different perspectives.

During the course of just a couple of days, I was able to experience a mooted competition, attend court hearings and take part in lectures that introduced me to different parts of the legal profession.

Through this experience, I was able to meet many new friends from various schools, whom I hope to meet again in the future.”

**Thomas Cheung**  
Chinese International School

“The programme was incredibly well-planned. In just four days, I developed a deeper understanding of the legal system in Hong Kong, and was able to gain insights into my future career path. Members also had the opportunity to take part in mooted competitions, which allowed us to display our understanding of different civil law topics such as Tort Law and Contract Law.

In short, it was an incredible experience which not only provided me with textual knowledge on law, but also presented me a chance to build connections and gain meaningful friendships along the way.”

**Charlotte Tan**  
Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong

## HKU International Symposium on STEM Education

“ Seeing high school students as what might hopefully be the future international leaders of STEM who had organized their ideas and presented them to STEM leaders in Hong Kong was an eye-opening experience.

Everyone was so creative! We were all from diverse cultural backgrounds, so each student's input was different which made the project pretty good.”

**Loaah Eltemsah**  
AI-Glazaly High School, USA

“ An exhilarating experience that I'd always remember, the Symposium's quality lectures and high expectations really pushed me to my limits. From the high table dinner and joint programming sessions to panel discussions and group projects, in each event, we got the chance to engage with fellow tech enthusiasts and experts from all around the world. With a shared passion for technology, my teammates and I instantly got connected and still remain friends to this day. With the help of my mentor who proved to be immensely knowledgeable in virtual reality and machine learning, I was able to finally integrate the openCV library into my image detection convolutional neural network after struggling for weeks. Our group successfully programmed an HTC Vive Virtual Reality project with Unity, a development platform new to the whole team. This experience inspired us to proactively solve issues within our own communities.”

**Choi Ching Lam**  
Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong

“ I not only learned to code but also met with top students from different nations. In addition to improving my presentation and communication skills, this experience helped me to better understand the importance of smart living.”

**Mok Yan Ling**  
Chong Hwa Independent High School, Kuala Lumpur

“ It was truly a life-changing experience that I would always cherish. I met like-minded students interested in STEM from many different countries and all walks of life. The AI topic was extremely interesting. The project we worked on was intellectually stimulating, and the speakers were great! I am incredibly grateful to the Academy for giving me such an opportunity, and hope to have an equally meaningful summer this year.”

**Alex Yu**  
Singapore International School, Hong Kong

“ The Academy has allowed me to further explore my interest in STEM-related areas, while its scholarships for programmes have enabled my passionate pursuit in medicine. I also had the opportunity to attend the International Symposium on STEM Education where our group used virtual reality technology for collaboration and then presented the artificial intelligence job-finding app Jobbo to a group of entrepreneurs.”

**Jennifer Li Ding**  
ESF King George V School, Hong Kong

“ First of all, being the Academy member gives me new knowledge on the topics of my interest. In my case, it is data science. We have studied different kinds of DS applications in real-life situations. For instance, we get to know the use of DS in archaeology and biomedicine. Secondly, we are trained with the abilities to work on projects, including creative thinking skills, idea generation, organization and some of the hard-skills such as flow-chart creation. Of course, it would be better to take part in-person. Anyway, the most significant thing is acquiring knowledge.”

**Adil Shayakhmetov**  
NIS of chemistry and biology in Karaganda, Kazakhstan



# Testimonials

## Deacons' Early Insights Programme

“From slamming down the gavel, wearing powdered wigs to yelling out “Objection, your Honour”, these scenes used to make me associate with the legal profession, prior to my apprenticeship in Deacons' Early Insight Programme being held as part of the HKU Legal Academy for the Talented. It is rare for Hong Kong students to earn the opportunity to join a law firm and find out more about the legal profession beyond news reports and sensationalised TV shows and novels.

Throughout the 3-day programme at Deacons, I was exposed to a variety of tasks relating to the daily work of a solicitor, ranging from legal research to drafting contracts, which allowed me to utilise the knowledge I had learnt during my time at the Academy. As my legal experience was limited to book knowledge as well as my participation in mooting and mock trial competitions, the given tasks were definitely challenging and took me a lot of hard work. Thankfully, we were assigned trainee solicitors as mentors who guided us throughout the process, and I later found myself enjoying each new task being assigned. Law is so much more than robes and rhetoric, and I was exposed to the minutiae of a lawyer's duty. Overall, I was able to learn more about the risks and rewards from developing a career in the legal profession, as well as specific requirements from firms like Deacons. I am extremely thankful to both Deacons and HKU for giving us a fascinating glimpse into the Hong Kong legal system as well as an opportunity to make new friends.”

**Anders Pang**  
St Paul's Co-Educational College



## Nobel Week

“The Nobel Week is a programme established by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) which invites participants from all around the globe to attend a series of Nobel Prize-related events and have face-to-face dialogues with the Nobel laureates.

At the Stockholm University, I attended thought-provoking lectures, conducted by top professors, on topics such as philosophy and international relations. I also had the chance to attend 'Nobel Lectures', an enlightening ceremony during which winning laureates of the year shared their ground-breaking inventions and astounding research. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I joined the 'Nobel Week Dialogue' where the world's leading scientists, key policy makers and Nobel Prize winners had an academic discussion on the catastrophic water crisis. The Nobel Laureates were very inspiring, and they demonstrated steadfast dedication and persistence in their research. Empowered and enlightened to strive for my own aspirations, I was eager to promote the awareness of pressing global issues among my peers.”

**Jenny Lee**  
St Paul's Convent School, Hong Kong

## Start-up Weekend

“During that weekend I learnt about the highs and lows of an entrepreneur's life. I was really excited to be mentored by numerous entrepreneurs, especially Carson Yau, the founder of ReUbird supported by HKU iDendron. The toughest part of this programme was embracing criticism and learning to accept our failures. Since our initial idea was flawed, we went back to square one for a new idea on the last day and ended up winning the second prize! One of the judges walked us through each idea's problems and suggested improvements. I could never imagine that launching a start-up was so challenging. This experience will become the blue-print for my dream pursuit or even for launching my own company in the future.”

**Duncan Chan**  
Sheng Kung Hui Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School, Hong Kong



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## PRIVILEGE 01

### Pre-university Academic Programmes

Our multi-disciplinary programmes give you an idea of authentic campus life at HKU:

- Medicine, Healthcare and Neuroscience
- Business, STEM and Engineering
- Law and Legal Studies
- Languages

Features in our programmes inspire you career-wise:

- HKU professors-led lectures and/or hands-on workshops
- Social events to mingle with HKU
- Corporate visits
- Guidance from student ambassadors
- Group projects, presentations or competitions
- Internship opportunities from our partner companies for winners of certain programmes

## PRIVILEGE 02

### Exclusive Connection and Networking

Local opportunities:

- Connection with HKU's alumni
- Long-term bonding with like-minded elite members
- Access to a wider community of HKU alumni working in diverse business fields for advice

International opportunities:

- Overseas networking with the world's high-calibre members via global events as below:
  - Nobel Week in Stockholm
  - International Symposium on STEM Education
- Participation in our Discord Channel for exchange, advice and experience sharing

## PRIVILEGE 03

### Academy Monthly Talks

Insightful topics from Healthcare to Animal Welfare are presented by experts

## PRIVILEGE 04

### Academy Student Chapters

Legal Academy Student Chapters is a year-long programme that aims to equip our members with legal knowledge in Property Law and Copyrights

## PRIVILEGE 05

### Exclusive Alumni Sharing

Study tips, exam strategies and career guidance from highly accomplished Academy alumni

## PRIVILEGE 06

### Exclusive Financial Benefits

- Exclusive scholarship for attending HKU programmes and notable international events
- Member discount up to 10% on all purchases at the HKU Visitor Centre
- Grant to students in need

## 1. How would I know if I had been accepted by the Academy?

Successful applications through online system or by nomination will be notified by email from the Academy.

## 2. How do I accept the Academy's admission offer?

Log in to your portal to accept after receiving the offer via email.

## 3. I'm not a Hong Kong permanent resident. Is a student visa required to attend the Academy?

All members without the right of abode/right to land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa for educational purpose from the Hong Kong Immigration Department.

## 4. How can I renew my Academy Membership?

Your membership is permanent. Members simply need to update their personal details and particulars annually via the Academy portal.

## 5. I am studying in S2 and I am already doing advanced mathematics and chemistry, I am interested in the medicine programme for S4 and S5 students, how can I enrol?

All programmes are designed for specific grade-levels. Every participant should meet the grade set in the programmes.

## 6. Will attending the Academy help my uni applications?

The Academy opens doors to multitudes of opportunities to better understand your interested programme as well as connecting with people related to the field in both academic and professional capacities. These will be valuable to complete your university applications.



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