





THE HONG KONG  
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
(GUANGZHOU)



# RED BIRD MPHIL PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

📍 GUANGZHOU, CHINA

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## ABOUT HKUST(GZ)

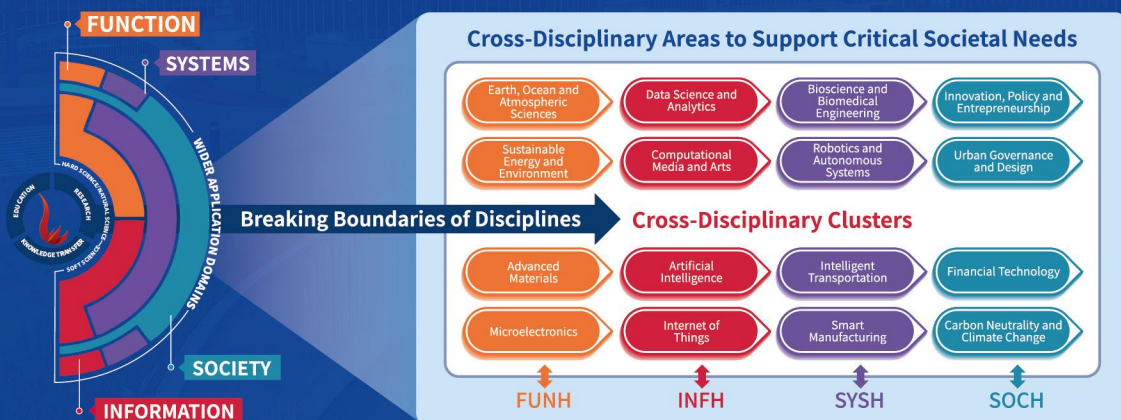
Formally established in June 2022, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)(HKUST(GZ)) is a cooperatively-run university between the Chinese mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. HKUST(GZ) has obtained approval from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and become the first legally-independent educational institution co-established by the Mainland and Hong Kong since the announcement and implementation of the "Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area" and the "Overall Plan for Deepening Globally Oriented Comprehensive Co-operation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in Nansha of Guangzhou". With a spirit of pioneering innovation, HKUST(GZ) charts new territories in cross-disciplinary education and explores new frontiers in pedagogies, aiming to serve as a role model of the mainland-Hong Kong integrated educational development and become a world-famous high-level university, endeavoring to nurture future-oriented, high-level and innovative talents.

For more information, please refer to: <https://www.hkust-gz.edu.cn/>

## ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

In response to the increasingly complex challenges faced by the rapidly changing world, HKUST(GZ) adopts a brand-new and cross-disciplinary academic structure featuring "Hub" and "Thrust" to substitute the conventional one characterized by "School" and "Department", facilitating cross-disciplinary integration while vigorously developing emerging and frontier disciplines. This is a groundbreaking move in the higher education community across the globe.

## HUBS & THRUSTS





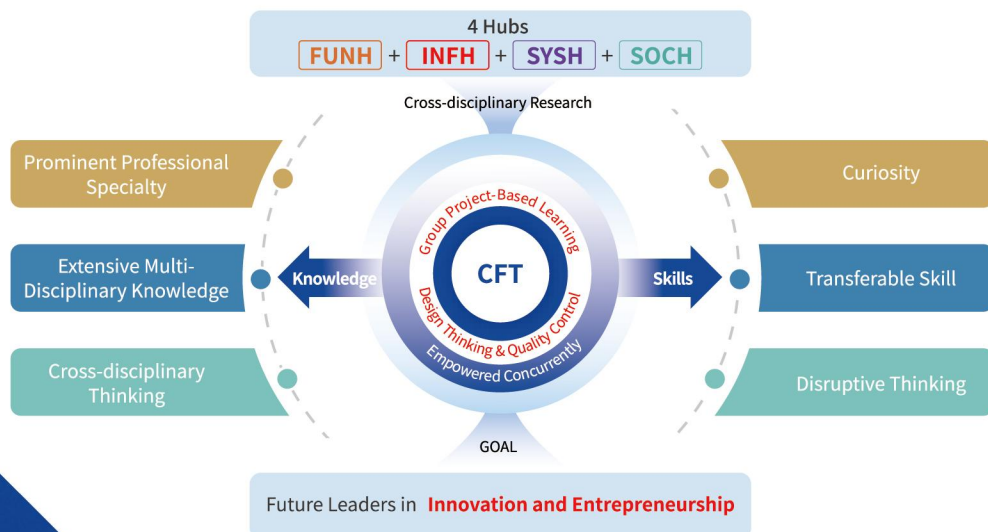
## ABOUT RED BIRD MPhil PROGRAM (RBM)

The College of Future Technology (CFT) Red Bird MPhil Program (also known as RBM) is the first step in our university's commitment to promoting the integration of the "Hub-Thrust Concept". It aims to cultivate "top talents and future leaders in academia and industry". Students in RBM have the opportunity, based on their personal interests, educational background, and future career plans, to engage in independent academic exploration within the first six months of enrollment. During this time, students define their research direction, select their collaborative team and academic supervisors (through mutual agreement), and subsequently register in the Thrust Area of their academic supervisors upon approval. RBM places a strong emphasis on student-centered learning. Through a teaching model guided by team projects, students collaborate with academic supervisors from various Thrusts, project supervisors, or industry supervisors to collectively complete team-based projects.

For more information, please refer to: <https://cft.hkust-gz.edu.cn/admission>

## FEATURES & INNOVATION

- Two-Year Master of Philosophy Program (Full-Time)
- English Teaching Environment
- Attractive Postgraduate Studentship (CNY 10,000 per month, up to 24 months)
- Major Selection after Admission
- Cross-disciplinary Project-Based Learning
- Comprehensive Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support





## MULTIPLE ADMISSION MECHANISM

The RBM breaks away from the traditional admission mechanism of categorizing applicants by discipline. It does not limit applicants by their fields of study. Through an "Individual Application-Committee Review" process, the program recruits outstanding candidates globally, on a rolling basis, and selects the best out of best. The main channels for admission include:

### 1. Application-Review Mechanism

Applicants submit their applications through the official website and successfully go through several stages, including a preliminary screening using a grading system, manual review by committee, and an offline interview. Exceptional candidates will be granted admission by the Selection & Interview Committee.

### 2. Red Bird Challenge Camp

Applicants submit their applications and successfully go through the selection process for the Red Bird Challenge Camp, an official program organized by HKUST(GZ). Camp participants who perform exceptionally well and pass the selection and interview conducted by the Selection & Interview Committee will be granted admission.

### 3. Recommendation-Review Mechanism

Applicants recommended by academic institutions recognized by HKUST(GZ) (currently limited to the Guangzhou University, which is in collaboration with The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) will directly enter the interview stage. Candidates who successfully pass the interview conducted by the Selection & Interview Committee will be granted admission.

### 4. Nomination-Admission Mechanism

Applicants nominated by overseas partner universities will be granted direct admission after being reviewed by the Selection and Interview Committee.

Mechanism	Applicant Type	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	
Application-Review	Applicants selected through the university whitelist and academic performance	6-7 Rounds/yr, Rolling-based Selection & Interview														
Red Bird Challenge Camp	Applicants who meet the standards set by the committee	3 Rounds/yr														
Recommendation-Review	Applicants recommended by recognized academic institutions				1 Round/yr											
Nomination-Admission	Group/Individual applicants recommended by recognized academic institutions	Year-round Application (Admission subject to quota)														



For details, please refer to:  
<https://cft.hkust-gz.edu.cn/?p=3907>



## **ADMISSION**

### General Admission Requirements

#### ▶ Degree Admission Requirements

Obtained a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, or an approved equivalent qualification.

#### ▶ English Language Admission Requirements

Applicants have to fulfill English Language requirements with one of the following proficiency attainments:

- TOEFL-iBT: 80\*
- TOEFL-pBT: 550
- TOEFL-Revised paper-delivered test: 60 (total scores for Reading, Listening and Writing sections)
- IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5\*

\* Refers to scores in one single attempt only. Test at home option is not accepted.

#### ▶ Applicants are not required to present TOEFL or IELTS score if

Their first language is English, or obtained the bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an institution where the medium of instruction was English, or obtained a master's degree (or above) from an institution where the medium of instruction was English.

### Admission Timeline

Application opens: 16th April 2025

Preliminary application deadline: April 2026

### Apply Now

<https://fytgs.hkust-gz.edu.cn/admissions/apply-now>

\*Please select "Master of Philosophy(General)" when choosing the RBM program.



### Tuition Fees

Full-time Research Postgraduate Programs (with PGS)

CNY 40,000 per academic year

### Postgraduate Studentship (PGS)

CNY 10,000 per month, up to 24 months for RBM student

### FAQ

<https://cft.hkust-gz.edu.cn/admission/admission-faq>

Inquiry: [rbmadmit@hkust-gz.edu.cn](mailto:rbmadmit@hkust-gz.edu.cn)

\*The information published on the official website shall prevail





## CAREER PATH

### Graduation paths of the class of 2024 RBM students

#### Further Study

**58%** graduates have chosen to continue their studies.

**83** graduates have chosen to continue their studies domestically such as Tsinghua University, Fudan University and the HKUST(GZ), etc.

**46** graduates from the class of 2024 have chosen to study abroad such as the Stanford University, Cambridge University, ETH Zurich, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, etc. And the regions where these graduates are heading primarily include Hong Kong, the United States, Australia, and other locations.

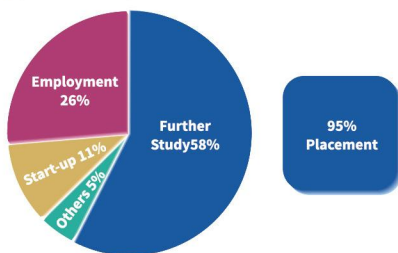
#### Employment

**26%** graduates have chosen employment and key employers are Huawei, Tencent, BYD, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, TP - Link, NIO, Anheuser - Busch InBev, HKUST(GZ) and various enterprises and institutions across different industries.

#### Entrepreneurship

**11%** individuals have chosen to embark on their entrepreneurial journey through the 'Bridge' program or by starting their own businesses.

Class of 2024 RBM  
Student Graduation Placement Analysis  
(222 Graduates)



## THE BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Bridge Program highlights our strong commitment to innovation and entrepreneurial education. It aims to develop a new generation of visionaries by turning their innovative ideas into practical prototypes. This initiative marks a significant expansion of the RBM educational program into entrepreneurship education. By integrating the core principles of the RBM education project, the Bridge Program enhances students' capabilities, advances their knowledge and skills, and transforms these into entrepreneurial outcomes. With our 1st Cohort RBM students about to graduate, the program's launch is perfectly timed to provide essential support as they start their careers.





## STUDY IN CHINA, GUANGZHOU

### Greater Bay Area

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) comprises the two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and the nine municipalities of Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing in Guangdong Province. The total area is around 56 000 km<sup>2</sup>. Based on the latest figures provided by the Guangdong Province, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (SARG) and the Macao SARG, the total population in the Greater Bay Area is over 87 million and the GDP is over RMB 14.5 trillion in 2024.

The development of the Greater Bay Area is accorded the status of key strategic planning in the country's development blueprint, having great significance in the country's implementation of innovation-driven development and commitment to reform and opening-up. The objectives are to further deepen cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, fully leverage the composite advantages of the three places, facilitate in-depth integration within the region, and promote coordinated regional economic development, with a view to developing an international first-class bay area ideal for living, working and travelling.

\*Source: <https://www.bayarea.gov.hk/en/about/overview.html>

### Life in Guangzhou

Guangzhou, also known as Canton, Yangcheng and flower city, is the capital of Guangdong Province in southern China. It is one of the most populous and vibrant cities in China, with a rich history dating back over 2,200 years. As a major port and trading hub, Guangzhou has long been an important center of commerce and cultural exchange. Guangzhou is a modern metropolis with a booming economy and a thriving manufacturing and trading industry. It serves as a crucial transportation hub, connecting China to the rest of the world through its international airport and extensive railway network. Guangzhou, located in the Pearl River Delta, has a climate shaped by both oceanic and continental influences. Nestled between the Nanling Mountains and the South China Sea, it experiences average annual temperatures of 21.7°C to 23.1°C.



### Campus Location

In order to foster true and meaningful collaboration between the two campuses, the 1.1-sq-km Guangzhou campus is conveniently located in Nansha, south of Guangzhou and adjacent to the Qingsheng station on the high-speed Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. It takes just 30 minutes to travel there from the Hong Kong West Kowloon railway station.





For details, please refer to:

## STUDENT DORMITORY



## ROOM TYPES & PRICELIST

Area	Room Type	Unit	Rent (¥)
On-campus Residential Area South District	8 rooms apartment, or ADA 7 rooms apartment	per room	6960/year 580/month
	6 rooms apartment	per room	7560/year 630/month
	Studio or ADA studio	per studio	10,200/year 850/month
	1 room suite, or ADA studio	per suite	13,200/year 1100/month
Off-campus Residential Area Qingan Garden	3 rooms apartment	per room	7m <sup>2</sup> : 580/month 3m <sup>2</sup> : 240/month
	2 rooms apartment	per room	580/month
	Couple apartment	per apartment	1400/month



# SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## ▶ Global Learning Department

Global Learning Department offers specialized support for international students at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou). Our team is dedicated to assisting with visa applications and helping students adjust to studying in a new country, to ensure a smooth transition for all of our students. Through our programs and events, students will have an opportunity to develop social connections and gather information that will help them as they settle into the Chinese culture.

Intl students Bond Over Badminton at Friendly Get-Together



12 Oct 2025

DISCOVERING CHINA  
The Art of Pottery



15 Sep 2025

CULTURE DAY  
Dragon Boat Festival Immersion



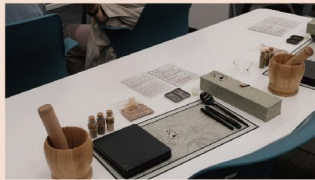
03 Jun 2025

DISCOVERING CHINA  
Unlock the Charm of Jiangmen



21 Apr 2025

CULTURE DAY  
The Art of Traditional Incense Blending



17 Mar 2025

2024 Redbird Music  
Festival Rocks HKUST(GZ)



25 Nov 2024

DISCOVERING CHINA  
Citywalk in Liwan



13 Oct 2024

International Students Badminton  
Get.Together at HKUST GZ



22 Sep 2024



Visa & Immigration



Life at HKUST(GZ)



International Students Support





## STUDENTS' VOICE



♂ **FABIAN WANGSA SAPUTRA**  
 ⌚ (2025/26 COHORT RBM STUDENT)



Being an international student isn't always easy. You're far from home, figuring out a new culture, food, and language. But what really stood out to me here at HKUST(GZ) is just how kind and genuinely helpful people are. Even when there's a language barrier, everyone tries their best to communicate and make you feel welcome, which makes settling in so much easier. The campus itself is amazing, with super advanced labs and a really unique project-based master's program. And while it might seem far from the city, I've actually come to love it. It encourages you to get on a bike and discover the local villages and incredible food nearby. You don't just study here; you get to have a truly authentic experience. My motto is to live like a local.



♂ **KOLCHIN STANISLAV**  
 ⌚ (2025/26 COHORT RBM STUDENT)



As an international student, I really love studying here. I feel completely included and free. With English spoken fluently everywhere, I never feel alone. It's easy to connect with people, and I always have someone to talk to. Academically, I am encouraged to explore real-world problems related to my research interests. This makes me feel free and valuable in my decisions, enhancing my ability to think not only about my research but about the world in general. It's a place that truly supports my growth, both personally and academically.



♀ **CHEW LER YIN**  
 ⌚ (2024/25 COHORT RBM STUDENT)



Hello! My name is Ler Yin, and I am from Malaysia. I am part of the RBM second cohort, majoring in Innovation, Policy, and Entrepreneurship (IPE). The RBM program has truly empowered me to explore freely with the support of faculty, resources, and facilities. I have also met teammates who share the same passion, and together we've worked on projects, research, and even gained hands-on experience in starting and running a company. It is such a pleasure to pursue my master's degree at HKUST(GZ).

# CAMPUS



# VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE











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