What should I prepare before applying for exchange?

Students should conduct research on their preferred host institutions (e.g. their academic calendar, the courses they offer, etc.), seek advices from tutor(s) and instructor(s), and discuss your study plan with your family. You should also check if their academic calendar match with your internship plan (if any); and prepare alternative study plan if the course(s) you wish to take is/are not offered.

Can I apply for both HKUWW and FBE Exchange Programmes?

No, FBE students can only apply for ONE exchange programme, i.e., either HKUWW or FBE Exchange Programme. In the event that students apply for both Programmes, your FBE application will be considered void.

Can I go on exchange for more than once during my HKU study?

No, students can only go on exchange ONCE during their university life regardless of the exchange programmes (FBE/ HKUWW/ Law).

Can I go on one-year exchange via FBE Exchange Programme?

No, students can only go on one-semester exchange via FBE Exchange Programme.

What are the language requirements for the application of FBE Exchange Programme?

Students are recommended to have a TOEFL score of 570 (paper based)/230 (computer based)/85 (internet based) OR an IELTS score of 7.0 for overseas exchange.

1. If you have not taken IELTS/ TOEFL, please take the test as early as possible.
2. If you cannot obtain the IELTS/ TOEFL result by the application deadline, please send the result slip to us via email once available.
3. If your IELTS/ TOEFL result has expired, please submit the expired result along with your application. But expired result is only acceptable for internal assessment, i.e. for placement by FBE. Students should re-take the test after the exchange placement is confirmed.
4. Please note that a valid IELTS/ TOEFL result is usually required for application to the host institutions. Students should also check if they fulfill the language requirements specified by the host institutions. Host institutions have the right to reject your application even under Faculty’s nomination if you do not meet their application requirements (including language proficiency and CGPA).

What is the selection criteria of FBE Exchange Programme?

Applicants will be assessed based on their CGPA as of first semester (60%), extra-curricular activities (30%) and essay (10%).

Can I change the priority order after I submit the application?

No, students cannot change their priority order after they submit their applications.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What kind of activities are considered as extra-curricular activities?
A: Community service, university/faculty/society/association/hall activities, awards and competitions participated in recent two years.

Q: Is internship considered as extra-curricular activities?
A: No, internship is NOT considered as extra-curricular activities.

Q: What should I include in the essay?
A: You should write about your motivation for exchange, reasons for choosing the exchange institution/preferred country (your first choice) and how you will make the most of this exchange opportunity.

Q: How many institutions can I select in my application? And how should I prioritise them?
A: You can have up to 8 choices for FBE Exchange Programme. Students should prioritise the choices based on their CGPA, extra-curricular activities, preference of institutions/countries, study plan and the competitiveness of institutions. As some institutions are more competitive in terms of popularity and hence a higher CGPA requirement, students should put both “Preferred” and “Safer” choices in their application. Please refer to the table of host institutions with competitiveness as observed in past few years. This table serves as REFERENCE ONLY based on previous participants’ preferences and CGPAs.

Q: Is there any GPA reference for the host institutions?
A: As the GPA of students applying for the same institutions varies every year, the Faculty does not provide any GPA reference so as to avoid any confusion among students.

Q: Is there any scholarship available to support my exchange study via FBE Exchange Programme?
A: Yes, all eligible participants (with a CGPA of 3.0 or above before the exchange semester) of exchange programmes (both FBE and HKUWW) will be automatically considered for the HKUWW Scholarship. Students do NOT need to put in a separate application for exchange scholarships. Please note that this scholarship is a subsidy only and its purpose is not to support all your expenses overseas.

Q: Can I meet with Faculty staff to ask for advice?
A: The Faculty will organise enquiry sessions during the application period. Students are welcome to walk in and ask for advice.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have questions regarding FBE Exchange Programme?
A: Please contact the Enrichment Team at fbe.ugenrichment@hku.hk