

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in English (2019/2020)**

*(Please also visit the University Taught Postgraduate Admissions website at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg> before submitting your application.)*

1. The MFA in Creative Writing in English at HKU is a unique full-time programme at the HKU Black Box. The first of its kind in Hong Kong and Asia, the MFA at HKU features the contemporary creative voice in multilingual contexts. Intense study of design, across the arts, includes compelling historical foundations and fluidity of craft. A customised combination of coursework, workshops, studios, and individual advising offers each student opportunities in the artistic environment of the Black Box to explore creative writing, design practices, and the wider vision of a writer's "built environment" on global audiences. At the same time, in Workshops throughout the year, each writer joins in a community of shared fellowship and passion for creative writing. The Creative Thesis, an original work revised for submission and potential publication at the end of the MFA, marks the beginning of each writer's lifelong practices and mastery in the journey of creative writing.

Applications are invited for admission to read for the MFA degree in Creative Writing in English commencing in September 2019. The application deadline is **12:00nn (HKT) July 2, 2019**.

### **Admission Requirements**

2. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:
  - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
  - (b) shall
    - (i) hold a Bachelor's degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
    - (ii) possess prior experience and knowledge of creative writing in English;
  - (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#).

The programme has its specific requirements with regard to TOEFL and IELTS:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum requirement</u>
TOEFL: Paper-based test (PBT)	Overall score of 550 with 4 in Test of Written English (TWE); or
TOEFL: Internet-based test (iBT)	Overall score of 80 with 25 in Writing; or
IELTS	Band 7 with no subtest lower than 5.5

Note: Only TOEFL/IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application are considered.

- (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination and/or interview if required.
3. An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

## **Application**

4. Applications for this programme and payment of application fee (HK\$300 per application) should be submitted online at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg>.
5. After submitting the online application, applicants are required to upload the required documents in supporting their application before the application deadline and within four weeks from the date of the creation of their application account.
6. A checklist of the required supporting documents is available at <https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1920>.
7. Applicants may contact the Faculty Office by email ([arts@hku.hk](mailto:arts@hku.hk)) or by telephone (3917 4199) if they do not receive their application results by July 31, 2019.

## **Regulations and Syllabuses**

8. The regulations and syllabuses for the programme can also be viewed at <https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1920>.

## **Concurrent Studies**

9. General Regulation G6(b)(i) prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for any other post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any educational institution, unless approval of the Senate has been obtained in advance. Students in breach of this regulation may be required to discontinue their studies at this University.

## **Visa for Studies**

10. If you are not a holder of a Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, a dependant visa, a work visa or an IANG (Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates) visa, you must obtain a student visa before registration in our programmes. Normally the student visa is only granted to those admitted for full-time studies. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid visa and register in the programmes before the study begins. If any student fails to register in time, the offer of admission may be withdrawn and all fees already paid will not be refunded.

February 26, 2019

May 20, 2019

June 17, 2019