



Notice of Student Hostels Committee Selection Procedures of Student Hostels

1. The details of application for hostel residence in next academic year (starts in September the same year) will be announced in March or April each year. Application forms and details are available at our Committee webpage (www.cuhk.edu.hk/ccs-committees/hostel).
2. In 2014/15, around 470 places have been reserved for freshmen, and around 370 for others like special selections and exchange students. Around 720 places left will be allocated in the Committee meeting held in May.
3. Each applicant will be given a point. For current students, the hostel point consists of 3 parts, which are Residential Area, Home Type and Others (please refer to the hostel point system for details).
4. The number of accumulative male and female applicants for various hostel points will be listed separately, and compared against the number of hostel places available. The entrance points for current male and female students for that year will then be decided in the Committee meeting held in May. Successful applicants will be allocated to different student hostels according to the hostel place ratio of various hostels and the applicants' preference. Applicants with hostel points higher or equal to the entrance point will all be allocated a hostel place.
5. All successful applicants will be reviewed by respective Wardens and Residents' Associations of their first choice according to their own criteria. The selection criteria of individual hostels include the applicants' residence history, participation records, skills in promoting hostel activities etc. Applicants who failed to be assigned to their first choice will be reviewed by their second choice hostel and so on. Applicants who are not granted a place by all the hostel choices they have listed will be assigned a place at a hostel where places are still available at the end, applicants can choose to accept or decline the place offered.
6. Selection criteria of single room: applicants who have resided in our student hostels before have higher priority, then, applicants of senior class have higher priority. Nevertheless, applicants who will graduate in December in the same year will not be considered. Applicants who are not assigned single room will have their second choice treated as their first choice in the remaining exercise together with other applicants.
7. The result will be announced in late May. Applicants assigned to International Houses will be followed up by the respective Management Office.
8. Applicants who are not assigned a hostel place in May can apply for "Hostel Participation Special Selection" and "Personal Reason Special Selection" in June to July if needed. "Hostel Participation Special Selection" will consider applicants' contribution to hostel life. "Personal Reason Special Selection" will consider applicants' personal needs like family environment, health or study need, applicants' campus life participation, etc. and also application from final year students who has never resided in our hostels and has expectation from hostel life.
9. New students can apply for a hostel place through the "1 Year Residence throughout 4 years of Study" scheme. Since there is no student activity record in the University for freshmen, the hostel point consists of two parts only, which are Residential Area and Home Type. When the number of applicants exceeds the quota, a small quota will be reserved for "Personal Reason Special Selection for freshmen" which will be handled after the term starts, then some places will be allocated to applicants of higher points, and the rest will be allocated by random draw. The hostel places in various hostels will be allocated according to the applicants' preference. If the number of successful applicants exceeds the number of places available at individual hostel, the places will be allocated randomly. Applicants who are not assigned to their first choice will be forwarded to their second choice for process. If there are not enough places in the second choice, similar procedures will be carried out, if there is no place left in the second choice, applicants will be forwarded to their third choice for process and so on. Unsuccessful applicants who have special needs may apply for "Personal Reason Special Selection".
10. Whether a hostel place will be assigned and which hostel is assigned are two separate procedures which will not affect each another.
11. A waiting list will be compiled when handling special selection. If successful applicants give up the hostel places assigned, the Committee will inform applicants in the waiting list to fill up the places throughout the year.

