



CEDARS
HKU

CENTRE OF DEVELOPMENT AND
RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
香港大學學生發展及資源中心

STUDENT RESIDENCES GUIDE

2026/2027



WELCOME TO CEDARS HOUSING

Welcome to student residential life at The University of Hong Kong (HKU), where your University journey is enriched by community, discovery, and growth.

Student residences at HKU are more than just places to live. They are an integral part of University life, supporting academic excellence, personal development, leadership growth, and well-being within a diverse and inclusive community. Through the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), students are supported in exploring accommodation options and preparing for life in residence at HKU.

Each residence offers its own distinctive character, traditions, facilities, and living environment, allowing students to find a setting that best suits their needs and stage of study. Throughout their residential journey, students are also supported by Tutorial Teams, General Offices, and CEDARS, where appropriate.

This guide provides an overview of HKU's student residences, together with practical information to help you prepare for life in residence.

Look for QR codes
throughout the booklet
to learn more!



TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION 1

Introduction to HKU Student Residences	1
Support in Residences	7
Overview of residence options and culture	8
Room types and general provisions	16
Admission Journey	20

SECTION 2

Move-in checklist	21
Payments	22
Rules and regulations	23
Health and safety	24
Terms and conditions	25

WHERE ARE THE RESIDENCES?



Residence clusters

- 1 Main Campus**
 - Simon K. Y. Lee Hall
 - Swire Hall
 - Hornell Hall
 - Lee Chi Hung Hall
- 2 Kennedy Town**
 - Ching Lin Terrace Residence
- 3 Sai Ying Pun**
 - Mui Fong House
- 4 82 & 109 Pok Fu Lam Road**
 - St. John's College
 - Jockey Club Student Village II**
 - Morrison Hall
 - Suen Chi Sun Hall
 - Lee Shau Kee Hall
- 5 Wong Chuk Hang**
 - Jockey Club Student Village IV**
 - Phoenix Yuen College
 - College 2
 - Karson Choi College
 - D. H. Chen College
- 6 91-93 Pok Fu Lam Road**
 - Ricci Hall
 - Jockey Club Student Village I**
 - Lady Ho Tung Hall
 - Starr Hall
- 7 Lung Wah Street**
 - Jockey Club Student Village III**
 - Shun Hing College
 - Chi Sun College
 - Lap-Chee College
 - New College
- 8 Sassoon Road**
 - R.C. Lee Hall
 - Wei Lun Hall
 - Lee Hysan Hall
 - Student Flats
- 9 142-144 Pok Fu Lam Road**
 - University Hall
 - High West Student Village**
 - College A
 - College B
 - College C
 - College D

From Residence to Main Campus

Commute time

≤ 5mins

≤ 15mins

≤ 20mins

≤ 40mins

*Times reflect the quickest typical route and are for reference only.

Mode of transport

Walk

Bus/Minibus

MTR

LIVING IN HKU RESIDENCES

LIVE, LEARN & LEAD

HKU Residential Community aims to provide a safe, positive, and supportive living experience for all students. The environment offers numerous learning opportunities for students to acquire life skills, develop intellectually, and engage in multicultural exchanges.



FOSTER COMMUNITY
NURTURE WELL-BEING



EMPOWER LEADERSHIP
UNLEASH POTENTIAL

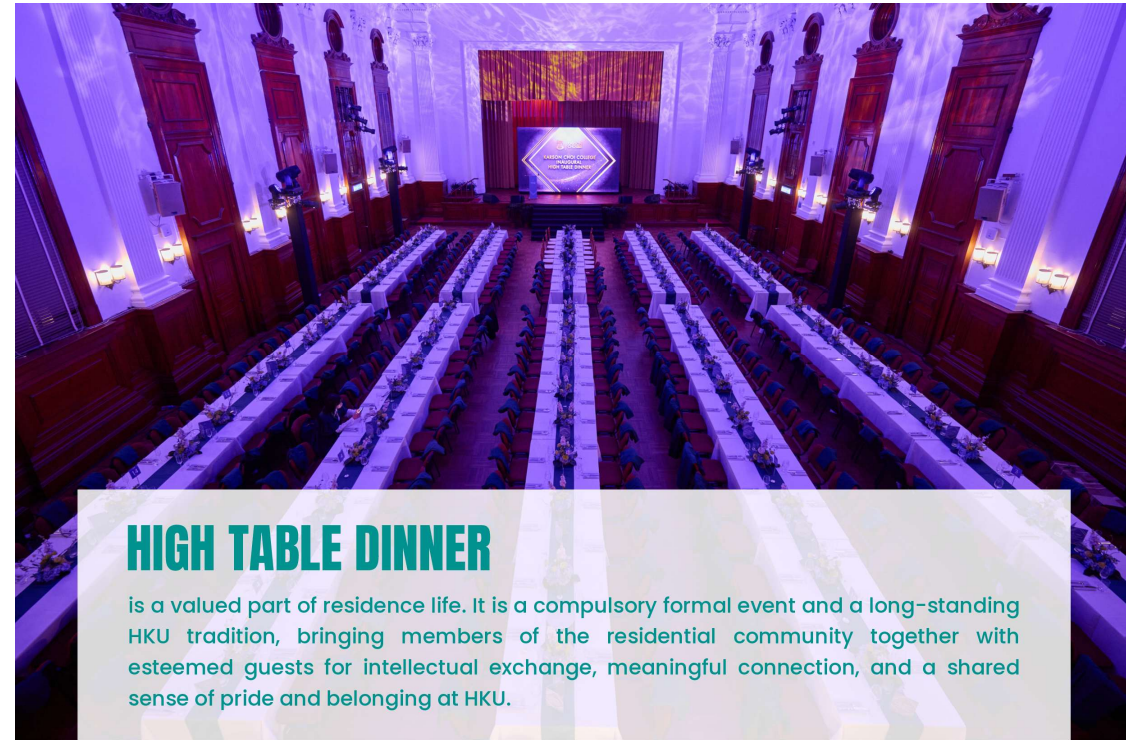


CELEBRATE DIVERSITY
EMBRACE CULTURES



WELCOMING EVENTS

support students as they settle in, build connections, and feel at home in both the University and the wider community. Through welcome sessions and student-led orientation activities, new students can discover interests, explore their surroundings, and begin their HKU journey with confidence.



HIGH TABLE DINNER

is a valued part of residence life. It is a compulsory formal event and a long-standing HKU tradition, bringing members of the residential community together with esteemed guests for intellectual exchange, meaningful connection, and a shared sense of pride and belonging at HKU.



SUPPORT IN RESIDENCES

Each Residential Hall and College is supported by a Hall Warden or College Master, a Tutorial Team, and an administrative office, all of whom work together to support students throughout their residential life at the University.

WARDENS, MASTERS AND TUTORIAL TEAM

Each Residential Hall and College is led by a Hall Warden or College Master, who is supported by a team of live-in tutorial staff, including Senior Resident Tutors, Resident Tutors, and Junior Resident Tutors.

Students are encouraged to reach out to their Tutorial Team for guidance and support in areas such as:

- admissions and applications for residential membership
- student support and pastoral care
- settling in and getting to know the University and the local community
- planning events and activities for the residential community

GENERAL OFFICE

The General Office, led by the Residential Operations Manager, supports the Wardens and Masters in the overall administration and daily operation of the residences.

Students may approach the General Office for practical matters including:

- repair and maintenance requests
- check-in and check-out procedures
- payment of lodging fees
- security, housekeeping and cleaning services
- summer vacation residence applications



Contact us



RESIDENTIAL HALLS

Residential Halls offer a close-knit community where students can build friendships, share memorable experiences, and grow personally, socially, and intellectually. Shaped by distinctive traditions and a strong hall spirit, each hall fosters a unique identity and a strong sense of belonging. Students who do not reside in a hall may also take part in hall life through affiliated membership.



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

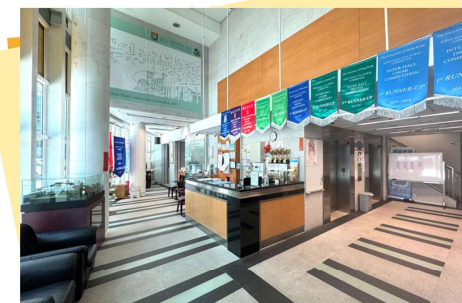
since 1912

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Hall
-  Single rooms and partial with private balcony
-  Meal plan included
-  82 Pok Fu Lam Road

MORRISON HALL

since 1913

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  Jockey Club Student Village II, 109 Pok Fu Lam Road





RICCI HALL

since 1929

-  Male Undergraduate Hall
-  Single rooms
-  Meal plan included
-  93 Pok Fu Lam Road

LADY HO TUNG HALL

since 1951

-  Female Undergraduate Hall
-  Twin rooms
-  Jockey Club Student Village I,
91A Pok Fu Lam Road



UNIVERSITY HALL

since 1956

-  Male Undergraduate Hall
-  Twin, triple and quadruple rooms
-  Meal plan included
-  144 Pok Fu Lam Road



SWIRE HALL

since 1980

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited
number of single rooms
-  90 Bonham Road, HKU

SIMON K. Y. LEE HALL

since 1985

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mainly twin rooms, with one
quadruple room
-  Pok Fu Lam Road, HKU



LEE HYSAN HALL

since 1992

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited
number of single rooms
-  6 Sassoon Road



**R.C. LEE HALL**

since 1992

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  6 Sassoon Road

WEI LUN HALL

since 1994

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  6 Sassoon Road

**STARR HALL**

since 2001

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  Jockey Club Student Village I, 91B Pok Fu Lam Road

SUEN CHI SUN HALL

since 2005

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  Jockey Club Student Village II, 109 Pok Fu Lam Road

**LEE SHAU KEE HALL**

since 2005

-  Co-ed Undergraduate Hall
-  Mostly twin rooms, with a limited number of single rooms
-  Jockey Club Student Village II, 109 Pok Fu Lam Road

NON-RESIDENTIAL HALLS

Non-residential halls offer students opportunities to join hall traditions and activities, but **do not provide residential accommodation.**

HORNELL HALL

since 1953

-  Male Undergraduate and Postgraduate Hall
-  1A12, 1/F, Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre, HKU

**LEE CHI HUNG HALL**

since 1995

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Hall
-  G05, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre, HKU



RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Residential Colleges offer an immersive residential-academic experience, combining modern living facilities with innovative educational programming. They support academic and personal growth through close-knit, co-educational communities of undergraduate and postgraduate students.



JOCKEY CLUB STUDENT VILLAGE III

since 2012

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Colleges
-  Shun Hing College, Chi Sun College, Lap-Chee College, New College
-  A mix of single and twin rooms
-  9 Lung Wah Street, Kennedy Town

JOCKEY CLUB STUDENT VILLAGE IV

since 2023

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Colleges
-  Phoenix Yuen College, College 2, Karson Choi College, D. H. Chen College
-  Single rooms
-  4 Police School Road, Wong Chuk Hang



HIGH WEST STUDENT VILLAGE

since 2026

-  Co-ed Undergraduate and Postgraduate Colleges
-  College A, B, C, D
-  Single rooms
-  142 Pok Fu Lam Road



What are the differences between Residential Halls and Residential Colleges?

RESIDENTIAL HALLS

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Rooted in tradition and strong hall spirit, with shared experiences

**COMMUNITY
&
CULTURE**

Offer a culturally and socially diverse living-learning environment

Mainly undergraduates; mix of local and international students

**STUDENT
PROFILE**

Undergraduates and postgraduates; higher proportion of international students

Mostly shared rooms; few single rooms

**ROOM
TYPES**

Mostly single rooms; some shared-room options

Interhall sports, student-led events and activities, and strong bonding

**STUDENT
LIFE**

Service-learning, cultural activities, and community projects



Visit for more



POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCES

Dedicated postgraduate residences are available for postgraduate students, offering a more mature living environment tailored to the needs of advanced scholars. Through these alternative housing options, CEDARS aims to enhance the overall residential experience and support the academic and personal growth of the postgraduate community.



CHING LIN TERRACE RESIDENCE

since 2014

-  Co-ed Postgraduate Residence
-  Single and twin rooms in shared flats
-  10 Ching Lin Terrace, Kennedy Town

MUI FONG HOUSE

since 2022

-  Co-ed Postgraduate Residence
-  Single rooms
-  10 Mui Fong Street, Sai Ying Pun

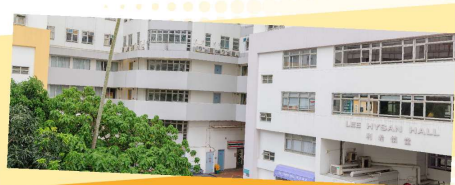


OTHER STUDENT RESIDENCE

CEDARS offers apartments and flats for students seeking an alternative living experience in Hong Kong, with priority given to newly arriving international students.

STUDENT FLATS

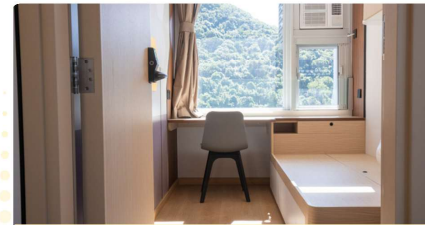
-  Co-ed Undergraduate Residence
-  Twin and triple-shared rooms in shared flats
-  6 Sassoon Road



ROOM TYPES

Room types are generally defined by occupancy, bed configuration, and bathroom setup. Rooms are typically furnished with essential items such as a bed, desk, chair, and storage. In most residences, bathrooms and pantry facilities are shared, and only a limited number of rooms have private bathrooms. Room availability and shared facilities may vary by residence.

OCCUPANCY



Single room



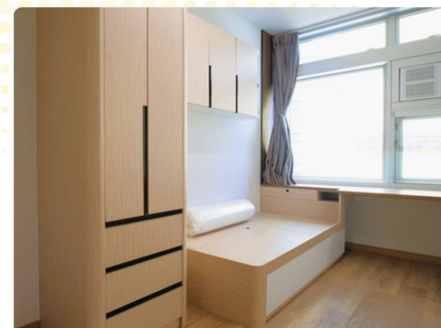
Twin room



Triple room



Quadruple room



Single accessibility room with private bathroom

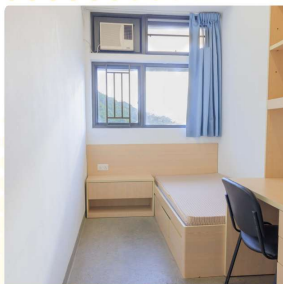


Photos are representative examples; layouts and availability vary by residence.

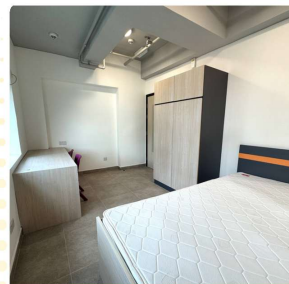
BED CONFIGURATIONS



Loft bed

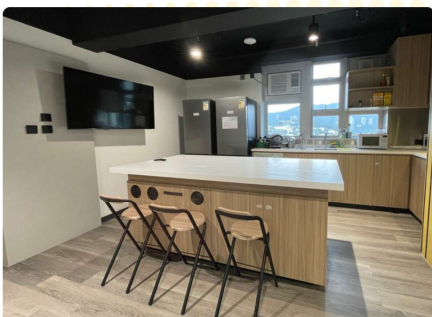


Standard bed



Double bed

SHARED AMENITIES & FACILITIES



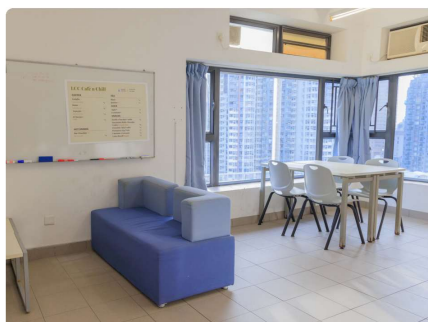
Shared pantry



Bathroom



Laundry

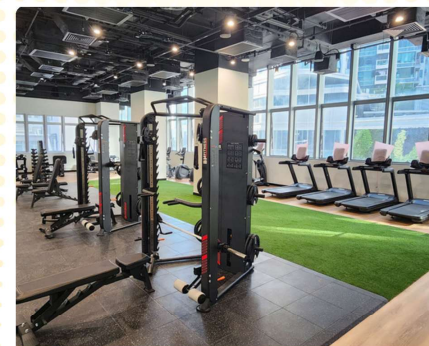


Common room

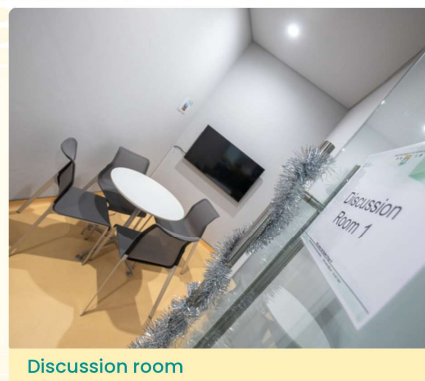
SHARED AMENITIES & FACILITIES



Quiet study area



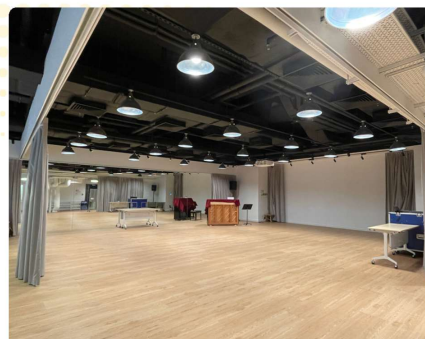
Gym room



Discussion room



Activity room



Multi-purpose room



Music room

Photos are representative examples; layouts and availability vary by residence.

FEES AND CHARGES

Lodging fees vary according to residence and room type. In most residences, students are required to attend High Table Dinners, and the related charges will apply.

Additional fees may be payable upon moving in, including student activity fees, such as entrance fees, annual subscription fees, and floor fees for activities and events.

In-room air-conditioning and laundry are not included in the lodging fee; charges apply only upon use.

For payment information, please refer to P.22.



MEAL PLANS

Meal plans are available and compulsory in some residences. If you live in University Hall, Ricci Hall, or St. John's College, you will need to join your hall's meal plan, which is included as part of your accommodation.

Check rates



Dining Hall

ADMISSION JOURNEY

For new students & non-residents:
New Admission

For current residents:
Readmission

Submit your application online

Attend the admission interview
(if applicable)

Result release

Successful:
Accept or decline offer

Unsuccessful:
Appeal & Look for alternatives

Explore other housing options

For latecomers and failed applications:
Central Clearing House Round

Admission policy



- **Places are limited and not guaranteed.**
- Interview format and assessment criteria vary by residence.
- **For Readmission**, criteria vary by residence and are assessed with reference to need, GPA, merit-based requirements (e.g. attendance at High Table Dinners), disciplinary record, and other hall-specific expectations.
- **If your application is unsuccessful, plan your housing early and explore options on the CEDARS website.**

MOVE-IN CHECKLIST

Before you arrive

- ✓ Confirm your move-in date, time slot, and check-in location
- ✓ You are strongly encouraged to sign up for the orientation and welcoming activities organised by your residence.
- ✓ Check the rules and arrangements for early arrival, if applicable



Documents to bring



- ✓ Residence offer letter
- ✓ A passport-size photo
- ✓ HKU Student ID Card or Notice of Admission
- ✓ For international students: travel document and valid student visa

Packing essentials

- ✓ Bedding and linens
- ✓ Tableware
- ✓ Octopus card (commonly used for laundry and air-conditioning payment systems)
- ✓ Do not bring prohibited items (e.g., unapproved cooking or electrical appliances)



On move-in day

- ✓ Go to the reception and present your identification and proof of residence offer
- ✓ Complete the required check-in procedures
- ✓ Collect your room key and/or access card
- ✓ Upon check-in, complete the room inventory checklist and report any defects or missing items to the General Office.



PAYMENTS

What you will pay

- Lodging fee
- Depending on the residence, other fees payable after move-in may include the High Table Dinner fee, Orientation fee, annual subscription fee, entrance fee, and floor fee.
- In-room air-conditioning and laundry are charged on a pay-per-use basis and are not included in the lodging fee.



When you will be billed

- Debit notes and invoices are issued by the HKU Finance and Enterprises Office (FEO) and posted to your HKU SIS portal.
- They are normally made available in mid-September (due in mid-October) and mid-December (due in mid-January).



How to pay

- Please refer to the payment instructions on your debit note or as provided by your residence.
- Payment methods include bank transfer, bank counter, Alipay or WeChat Pay, depending on your residence and fee type.



Important policies to know

- **All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**
- Residents are responsible for full payment for the committed period, even if they withdraw early.
- Penalties or compensation charges may apply in cases of misconduct or damage.
- Many residences also publish replacement charges for lost keys, access cards, or damaged items.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adhering to the residence rules ensures a positive and harmonious living community for ALL.

Living together

- Respect staff and fellow residents at all times.
- Observe **quiet hours** (typically **11:00 PM to 7:00 AM**, or as specified by your residence).
- Keep shared areas clean and follow the residence guidelines for using communal facilities.



Visitor policy

- Visitors are usually allowed during non-quiet hours and must be properly registered.
- Overnight guests are not permitted.
- Residents are responsible for the conduct of their visitors while on the premises.

Prohibited items & behaviours

- Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited.
- Alcohol may only be consumed with authorisation from the Hall Warden or College Master.
- Unauthorised electrical devices, candles, pets, and illegal substances are prohibited.



Policies, Regulations and Guidelines



If rules are breached

- Prohibited items may be confiscated, and fines or disciplinary action may apply.
- Serious or repeated breaches may result in suspension or termination of residency.
- You are expected to **familiarise yourself with** and abide by the **Regulations** set forth by the University, as well as the **house rules** of your assigned residence.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Fire safety and evacuation

- Familiarise yourself with your escape route and follow all posted instructions.
- Keep corridors and exits clear and unobstructed.
- If the fire alarm sounds, evacuate immediately and proceed to the designated assembly point.
- Never tamper with fire safety equipment.



Cooking & electrical safety

- Use pantries for simple meal preparation and follow all safety and cleanliness guidelines.
- Do not use unauthorised high-power electrical appliances.
- Do not use open flames or any item that may increase fire risk.

Personal safety and security

- Keep your room door locked and do not allow strangers to tailgate into secure areas.
- Do not share or lend your room key or access card. Report lost items immediately.
- Keep your valuables and personal data secure and remain alert to phone and online scams.
- Use well-lit routes at night and observe road safety rules in and around campus and residence areas.



Emergency readiness

- Save important contact numbers, including 999 and your residence emergency contact number.
- Know where the nearest first-aid kit and AED are located.
- Call 999 for ambulance service only in an emergency.
- If a situation feels urgent, act first and report it as soon as possible afterwards.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By accepting your residence offer and checking in, you are required to comply with the terms, conditions, and instructions set out in your offer letter and check-in notes issued by your assigned residence.

Room allocation

- Residents must occupy the room assigned to them by the University or residence.
- Room changes are not permitted** unless prior approval has been granted by the Hall Warden / College Master.

Room maintenance

- Site staff and/or appointed personnel may conduct periodic room inspections, pest control, or maintenance during your stay to ensure that room conditions are properly maintained.

Penalty fees and compensation

- A penalty fee of HK\$300 per case per day, plus the actual cost of any damage, loss, or additional expenses incurred by the site, may be charged for each incident of misconduct.

Refund and withdrawal policy

- All fees and charges are non-refundable and non-transferable.**
- Residents are responsible for full payment for the entire offered period of residence, which is at least one semester.

Use of personal data

- The University is committed to the secure and ethical handling of personal data throughout the residence admission process. In compliance with applicable privacy requirements, students are informed that their personal data may be used by the University for administrative, educational, academic, and research purposes, as well as for other purposes directly related to these functions.

Disclaimer

- This booklet is for general reference to help you understand HKU accommodation options and processes. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the CEDARS Housing website, your HKU email, and your residence office.
- Accommodation places are limited and not guaranteed.

FOLLOW CEDARS

Mind and Wellbeing



Diversity & Inclusion

Financial Aid & Funding



Careers & Employability

International Student Support



Anti-scam Resource Hub

