

Admission to the Collaborative (Split Site) PhD Programs of Southern University of Science and Technology 2020

About SUSTech Collaborative PhD Programs

- Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) collaborates with world-leading universities on Collaborative PhD Programs in the research areas of all academic departments.
- Normal program model is 2+2, students spend two years in partner university and two years in SUSTech, under the supervision of two supervisors. Upon the successful completion of the program, students will be awarded a PhD degree from the partner university.

Program Arrangement

Program	Quota	Model	Special Request
The University of Queensland	10	2+2	
The University of Leeds	10	1+3	
University of	5	2+2	

Warwick			
University of Surrey	5	2+2	
The University of HongKong	36	2+2	
The HongKong University of Science and Technology	20	2+2	
HongKong Baptist University	10	2+2	
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	20	2+2, or 1.5+1.5	
City University of Hong Kong	20	2+2	
University of British Columbia	20	2+2	Only for student with Master' s degree to apply
National University of Singapore	25	2+2	Limited to NUS Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering, and School of Computing

Free University Berlin	5	2+2	Limited to FUB Department of Biology, Chemistry and Pharmacy , only for student with Master' s degree to apply
University of Technology Sydney	7	1+3	Limited to SUSTech Department of Computer Science
University of Technology Sydney	10	2+2	Limited to SUSTech Department of Biomedical Engineering
Université de technologie de Troyes	5	1.5+2	Limited to SUSTech Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, only for student with Master' s degree to apply
University of Copenhagen	5	1+2	Limited to SUSTech School of Environmental Sciences, and UCPH Faculty of Science, only for student with Master' s degree to apply

The above arrangements are agreed between SUSTech the partner universities. Changing the study arrangement must be approved by both universities in advance.

SUSTech PhD Fellowships

- SUSTech offers the PhD Fellowship to full-time Collaborative PhD students with excellent research potential. The Fellowship provides stipend for up to four years study period (depending on program model):
- During the study period in the partner university, SUSTech will provide stipend according to the stipend rate of the partner university. Students in “1+3” model programs will be provided stipend at partner university rate for one year and at SUSTech rate for up to three years;
- During the study period in SUSTech, student will be provided a basic annual stipend from RMB 60,000 to 80,000, plus a performance-based award of RMB20,000 to 40,000 per year for up to 50% of the Fellowship holders. The performance-based award will be evaluated by SUSTech departments and Graduate School.
- For more details regarding the PhD Fellowship, please consult the Program Coordinator.

Criteria for PhD Fellowships

- Applicants should have graduated from a leading university in a country/region, and have demonstrated outstanding potential for research excellence.

Minimum GPA requirements:

- For Master level applicants: both Bachelor and Master GPA should be 3.0 or above;
- For Bachelor level applicants: GPA should be 3.0 or above in general, and not lower than 3.6 for applying to HKU program, and not lower than 3.4 for applying to HKBU program.

Minimum English language requirements:

Program	Minimum English Requirements
Free University Berlin	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0
University of British Columbia	TOEFL-iBT: 92-100; IELTS: Overall score: 6.5-7 Check UBC website for specific requirements
The University of Queensland	TOEFL-iBT: 87, TOEFL-pBT: 570, writing 21, others 19 IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0
The University of Leeds	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0 TOEFL-iBT: 87; L21, R20, S21, W22
University of Warwick	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0 TOEFL-iBT: 92; L21, R22, S23, W21
University of Surrey	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0 TOEFL-iBT: 92 and all sub-score: 20

National University of Singapore	TOEFL-iBT: 85, TOEFL-pBT: 580, writing 22 IELTS: Overall score: 6.0
The University of HongKong	TOEFL-iBT: 80, TOEFL-pBT: 550 IELTS: Overall score: 6.0 and All sub-score: 5.5
The HongKong University of Science and Technology	TOEFL-iBT: 80, TOEFL-pBT: 550 IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5
HongKong Baptist University	TOEFL-iBT: 79, TOEFL-pBT: 550; Writing 19, others 18 IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	TOEFL-iBT: 80, TOEFL-pBT: 550 IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5
City University of Hong Kong	TOEFL-iBT: 80, TOEFL-pBT: 550 IELTS: Overall score: 6.5
University of Technology Sydney	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5, writing 6.0 TOEFL-iBT: 79-83, writing 21
Université de technologie de Troyes	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0
University of	IELTS: Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 6.0

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- All English test score reports should be valid by October 1, 2020.
- If the English language requirement in any particular subject of any partner university is higher than the above requirement, applicants must meet the higher requirement. Please also check the language requirements on the website of the partner university.

Tuition and Accommodation Fees

- During the study period in the partner university, tuition fee are provided by SUSTech except for programs in Hong Kong and Canada. Students in these programs will pay the tuition fee to partner universities by themselves.
- During the study period in SUSTech, students will be charged SUSTech Tuition fee at RMB10,000 per year and accommodation fee at RMB 1,300 per year for the graduate student dormitories. Accommodation while study abroad, visa, transportation and all other fees are borne by students themselves.

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- The fees listed above are for reference and are subjected to adjustment from time to time.

How to Apply

1. Application deadline:

November 1, 2019. Please email the application documents to SUSTech departmental contacts listed below before 18:00PM.

Subject of email: Application for SUSTech Collaborative PhD Program 2020 – SUSTech Department – Name

It is strongly recommend that applicant should contact SUSTech supervisors before submit the application. Applicants do not need to apply to the partner university until required by SUSTech.

2. Application Documents (PDF version):

(1) Application Form (Please download the “Application form-SUSTech PhD”

from <http://gs.sustech.edu.cn/zhaoshengQ&A>)

- (2) Resume or CV in English.
- (3) Personal statement, in English, which should include study and work experience, reasons for application and study proposal.
- (4) Research proposal, in English.
- (5) Two letters of recommendation (should be sent to department contacts by the referral) .
- (6) Degree certificates and academic transcripts, which must be original documents or notarized copies. If applicants are university students, they shall also provide an official pre-graduation certificate/letter showing their student status and stating the expected graduation date. For all documents in languages other than Chinese or English, notarized copies of translations in Chinese or English need to be provided.
Photocopies of language proficiency certificates.
- (7) A photocopy of ID/passport.
- (8) Other documents that prove academic abilities.

Departments may require hard copies of the above documents.
Application materials will NOT be returned regardless of the result of application.

Evaluation and Admission

Applications will be considered on the basis of the documents provided by the applicants. An interview and/or additional tests may be needed. Students who pass SUSTech selection will be notified to apply to the partner university around January 2020. The final admission result will be announced by SUSTech or the partner university and offer letters will be issued by partner universities around April 2020.

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