General Information on Student Residence Application
(For full-time UGC-funded undergraduates)

You should read carefully and thoroughly the information below before submitting the Student Residence application. You should contact the Student Accommodation Section if any enquiries or clarifications are needed. Failure to comply with the Student Residence application procedures and to provide correct and complete information may lead to disqualification of Student Residence application or delay in the process of the Student Residence application.

Special Attention for 2026/27 Student Residence Application

You are requested to pay attention to and take into consideration of the following notes and make sure that you understand and agree with them before you submit your student residence application. No refund or any forms of compensation will be considered arising from such situations and arrangements below:

1. The Student Residence Halls is undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works in 2026, during which scaffolding will be erected to cover part of the South Tower of the Student Residence Halls. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.

2. The BU Fiesta, located on the Ground Floor of Student Residence Halls, will be closed until the end of 2026. For other available catering options on campus, please refer to Campus Map for Catering Outlets.

3. The School of Continuing Education Tower and the School of Chinese Medicine Building are undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works in 2026/27, during which scaffolding will be erected to cover the two towers. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.

4. The construction of special schools at Renfrew Road is underway from 7 am to 7 pm from Mondays to Saturdays, except Sundays and public holidays. During the construction period, nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be expected. Residents are advised to close windows of their rooms to alleviate nuisances as appropriate. Your continued understanding and patience will be greatly appreciated.

5. Residents who check out late from the Student Residence after their designated latest check-out date will be recorded **16 demerit points and disqualified for future student residence applications with immediate effect until graduation**. A **late check-out penalty of $600** will be charged per day after 12 noon/ 3 pm of each late check-out day until the check-out procedures are completed.

6. Students with special circumstances can apply for late check-out 2 weeks before the mass check-out. The late check-out application result will be released 3 days before the mass check-out date. An **approved late check-out administrative fee of $200 per night** shall apply to all approved cases. A student can request for late check-out for **no more than 3 nights**.

7. **Visitation in the Student Residence Halls will be suspended** on the Mass Check-out Date and the following 5 days.

By completing and submitting the Student Residence application, you acknowledge that:

1. you have read, understood, and agreed the terms and conditions of the Student Residence application contained herein;
2. you agree to abide by the relevant rules of Student Residences including the Terms and Conditions, Rules and Residents' Code of the Student Residence Halls and Village CARE, and any other rules that the University may prescribe and issue from time to time which it deems necessary for the management of Student Residences;
3. the rules referred to in 2 above may include safety and health measures aimed at protecting the University's community and all users of Student Residence services and their residents.

1. Eligibility for the Student Residence

A. Housing Policy

University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded full-time local undergraduate students will have the opportunity to experience one year of hostel life in University accommodation during their studies at the University. Please click HERE for Housing Policy.

B. Student Status

Students must possess a student status of "**Normal Study**" as defined by the Academic Registry during the stay in the University Accommodation. You may check your student status in BUniPort > Profile > Personal Particulars & Study Record. Students who cease to be classified as "Normal Study" (e.g. taking an internship, suspension of study or leave of absence) will no longer be eligible for University Accommodation and will be required to check out of the Student Residence.

C. GPA Requirements for Residential Year 2026-27

Students who obtained **a semester GPA below 1.67** in the immediate past semester:

a) For students who have checked in, they will be asked to check out from the Student Residence.
b) For students who have not yet checked in, their student residence offer will be revoked.
c) Students with special circumstances may appeal on the decision by submitting a written appeal stating the justifications to the respective Resident Masters/College Masters.

D. Extra marks for GPA

Student Residence applicants with the following semester GPA in their immediate past semester will be awarded extra admission marks:

Semester GPA of 2.20 – 2.49, extra 2 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 2.50 – 2.99, extra 4 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 3.00 – 3.39, extra 7 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 3.40 – 4.00, extra 10 marks will be awarded

2. Student Residence and Residential Education

(Village CARE) Theme based Residential Education –Vision & Mission



The Village CARE comprises 4 Residential Colleges with the vision to offer the best learning experience for students in a residential setting, delivering transdisciplinary academic excellence in a caring, creative, and global culture.

Requirements for Residents in Residential Colleges

(1) Residents are required to attend at least one High Table Dinner each semester.
(2) Each College will organize activities aligned with its theme, and residents are required to participate.
(3) Residents' involvement, performance and attendance in College activities will be taken into consideration and affect their applications as returning students to the Student Residence in the future.

The College Themes are:

College	Theme
College 1	Community Services Leadership
Lo Siu Tong College	Arts and Culture
College 3	Sportsmanship and Wellness
College 4	Purpose-driven Innovative Business and Entrepreneurial Mindset

Village CARE Residential Education

As part of the Residential Education programme of Village CARE, you are encouraged to enroll for the credit-bearing courses recommended by the College Masters and College Fellows. Successful applicants Village CARE will receive the course information of their College in due course.

Upon completion of their living learning experiences at Village CARE, students will:

- Demonstrate intrapersonal awareness, personal wellness & interpersonal lifestyle indicative of whole person development;

- Actively pursue academic learning, both in depth and breadth, showing a capacity for independent lifelong learning;
- Actively and responsibly engage in the community – from Village CARE to the community, both local and global;
- Solve problems creatively and with critical thinking; and
- Be effective leaders and members in transdisciplinary and culturally diversified teams.

(Student Residence Halls) Whole Person Education – Living-learning Community



The Student Residence Halls is composed of the North and South Towers with 4 Halls. They provide a total of 1,770 places for full-time UGC-funded undergraduate students.

The University believes in holistic education. Hall life forms an integral part of it. Through the daily interaction with people, we believe you will learn to develop your independent thinking, critical mind and social consciousness. Hall is not merely a place to live in, but also a living-learning environment where you would develop different kinds of life skills, hobbies and aspirations.

Halls		**Hall Motto**	
C.N. YANG Hall	楊振寧堂:	Hall with a Heart	修身養性，心及天下
Y.P. CAI Hall	蔡元培堂:	Grow in Excellence	邁向卓越
S.R. ZHOU Hall	周樹人堂:	Aide Sans Frontieres	跨越界限，關懷社稷
C.L. SOONG Hall	宋慶齡堂:	Living, Learning, Giving	學海人生，奉獻精神

3. Residential Period for Semester 2, 2026/27

Successful Student Residence applicants for Semester 2, 2026/7 are to be offered Student Residence places from **8 Jan – 19 May 2027 (Freshmen) / 20 May 2027 (All students except Freshmen)**, both nights inclusive. *Students are to check out by 12noon or 3pm on 20 or 21 May 2027 subject to further arrangements by the management office, which would be announced no later than one month before the check-out date.*

4. Application Result Announcement

Event	Time/ Date	Channel
Submit online Student Residence application	4 (12 noon) – 13 November 2026 (HK Time)	HERE
Application Result announcement*^	1 Dec 2026 (6pm)	
Room Assignment announcement	5 Jan 2027 (6pm)	

** Successful Student Residence applicants will be deemed to have stayed in the Student Residence during the offer period and the marks for Year of Residence, if any, will not be given in future student residence applications.*

^ Starting from the year of 2021/22, residents' behaviours (e.g. late check-out) that are subject to disciplinary actions or record of demerit points in any Residential Year will be taken into consideration in the approval of the student residence application in the following year. Notwithstanding the announcement of student residence application result for non-local students by early May, in the event of a successful student residence applicant's involvement in any disciplinary cases after the announcement of the student residence application result, the Management of Student Residence reserves the right to withdraw and rescind the student residence offer subject to the decision of the Student Residence Disciplinary Panel on such disciplinary cases.

5. Preference on Student Residence, Room Type and Roommate

*Your indicated Student Residence and room type preferences are for reference purposes only. There is **NO GUARANTEE** of any specific student residence and the actual allocation is subject to our policy and final decision.

1) You need to rank your Student Residence/room type preferences carefully in the application.
2) You may indicate **1 preferred roommate** in the application (for applying 2-person room); **OR**
3) You may indicate **2 preferred roommates (for applying 3-person room only). If** you indicate TWO preferred roommates and your roommate preference is approved, you will be assigned to **Student Residence Halls's 3-person room** (subject to room availability).
4) If you and your preferred roommate(s) are successful in the Student Residence application, you will be grouped together and share the same random number in the Student Residence /room type assignment process. Applicants who do not have preferred roommates will also be given unique random numbers. All applicants will be assigned to their respective preferred Student Residence /room type based on the order of this random number. Please note that random numbers are given regardless of your admission marks.
5) Choices of Student Residence, floors, room types and roommate(s) will be met only as far as practicable, subject to availability.

*Note: Your roommate pairing request will **NOT** be successful (you will be assigned a roommate randomly) if:

a) your preferred roommate(s) does not complete the application;
b) your preferred roommate(s) does not choose you as preferred roommate;
c) your preferred roommate(s) chooses another student(s) to be his/her preferred roommate(s);
d) you entered the same preferred roommate twice; OR
e) another student chooses you or your preferred roommate(s) to be his/her preferred roommate(s)

6. Possibility of Room Relocation

For the sake of efficient utilization of resources and to facilitate timely repairs to the rooms, the Management of Student Residence reserves the right to relocate residents to other rooms within the Student Residence by normally serving the latter at least five days' notice in advance.

7. Room Change

Room assignment is for one residential year. In our residence community, residents are strongly encouraged to resolve their differences or conflicts with their roommates, flatmates or floormates by mutual respect, tolerance and communication. Requests to transfer to another Student Residence are unavailable.

Student Residence Halls

- Room change can only be requested during the specified application period.
- Please approach your respective Student Housing Officer for application, subject to approval of the Management of Student Residence.

Village CARE

- Requests for room changes will be considered only for special medical conditions and must be accompanied by supporting documents.
- Please approach your respective College Tutor for application, subject to approval of the Management of Student Residence.

8. Student Residence Fees and Payment (*Payment Period: 4 - 10 December)

Student Residence Fees for students are to be paid in one installment and are **NOT** transferrable or refundable. Student Residence Fees for 2026/27 2nd Semester are listed below for reference:

Loding Fees for 2026/27 2nd Semester at the **Village CARE**:

Lodging Fees	Local Students (Freshmen)	Local Student (Non-Freshmen)	Non-local Students (Freshmen)	Non-local Students (Non-Freshmen)
2-person room in a 4-person unit	$11,378.4	$11,464.6	$14,256.0	$14,364.0

Lodging Fees for 2026/27 2nd Semester at the **Student Residence Halls**:

Lodging Fees	Local Students (Freshmen)	Local Student (Non-Freshmen)	Non-local Students (Freshmen)	Non-local Students (Non-Freshmen)
2-person room in a 4-person unit	$9,279.6	$9,349.9	$11,629.2	$11,717.3
2-person room in a 5-person unit	$8,817.6	$8,884.4	$11,008.8	$11,092.2
3-person room in a 5-person unit	$6,692.4	$6,743.1	$8,395.2	$8,458.8

** In addition to lodging fees, all residents need to pay Caution Money ($1,000) and other miscellaneous fees as appropriate.*

Details of the Student Residence fees are as follows:

- All Village CARE residents will be charged a $400 Residential Programme Fee per Semester.
- All Student Residence Halls residents will be charged a $200 Residential Programme Fee per Semester.
- Student Residence fees paid are not refundable (except Caution Money) nor transferrable even if the applicant withdraws study from HKBU. Successful applicants must settle the first installment of Student Residence fees during **4 – 10 Dec 2026**. If the payment deadline is lapsed, your application will be cancelled automatically.
- The $1,000 Caution Money is refundable to residents only after completion of the committed lodging period, less any restitution charges for damage or loss of properties and keys and late check-out penalty. For residents checking out during semester break or before the last day of class of the semester, a $100 administrative fee will be deducted from the Caution Money before refund.

9. Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Please click the links below for the List of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges:

- Student Residence Halls
- Village CARE

10. Octopus Card for Air Conditioning and Laundry Service

Student Residence Halls

Residents can top-up the **air conditioner in their rooms** and the **laundry machines on 1/F** by **Octopus Card or via "Student Hostel Payment" at HKBU Mobile App**.

Village CARE

Residents can top-up the **air conditioner, other utility payments in their room and laundry machines on 9/F (for College 1 & College 3), 14/F (for LST College & College 4) or 2/F outside of the ACCM office** by Octopus Card or by e-payment methods (credit card, Alipay) via the HKBU Mobile.

Applicants for Village CARE should note that, in addition to the in-room air-conditioning, other electricity consumption within their bedrooms and units/apartments will be charged based on a user pay principle.

Details of obtaining the Octopus Card is available HERE.

11. Check-in Procedures

The earliest check-in date is **8 Jan 2027** (10am – 5:30pm). No early check-in will be considered since rooms will NOT be available earlier. The check-in arrangement shall be announced in due course.

12. Late Check-out Penalty

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13. Parcels and Mails

The Student Accommodation Section is **not liable for any loss or damage in the mail and parcels delivered** to the Student Residence Halls and Village CARE. Residents are responsible to collect the mail and parcels promptly. For details regarding the arrangement on the collection of mail and parcels, please refer to the webpage of Student Residence Halls and Village CARE.

14. Works within or in proximity to the Student Residence

You are informed and shall acknowledge that the University is almost constantly undertaking works to maintain, enhance and develop its campus and all its facilities, and these works may include but are not limited to construction, renovation, remedial works, repair and maintenance, improvement works or other similar works in whatsoever nature (the Works). These Works may be carried out within or in the proximity of the Student Residence Halls and Village CARE. While the Estates Office will, as far as practicable, take reasonable measures to minimize the inconvenience and disturbance caused by the Works, you should acknowledge that total removal of such inconvenience and disturbance may not be possible, and they shall agree to waive irrevocably any claim for refund of hall fees, or any right to seek compensation for any loss or damage directly or indirectly arisen out of any inconvenience caused to or suffered or sustained by them as a result of the Works.

Your attention is hereby drawn to the following Work(s) during the Residential Year of 2026/27. You shall take this into consideration before submitting the application, accepting the student residence offer and paying the student residence fees:

- **Façade Enhancement Project at Student Residence Halls**
- **Closure of BU Fiesta**
- **Façade Enhancement Project at School of Continuing Education Tower and School of Chinese Medicine Building**
- **Government Project at Renfrew Road – Construction of Special Schools**

15. Arrangement on Special Circumstances

If there are uncontrollable circumstances and the University makes related announcements, like asking students not to come back, delaying the check-in date or evacuation of the Hostels, refund of lodging fees, if justifiable, can be made at most on a pro rata basis. However, the above suggestion of a possibility of refund by no means constitute a guarantee. You should consider this when you decide on lodging fees payment.

You may also note that under very special circumstances, the Management of Student Residence will need to relocate residents to other rooms / floors / residential facilities for various purposes, such as to accommodate urgent repairs and renovations, consolidation in low seasons, quarantine for health protection, etc. You are reminded to consider such possibilities before accepting our offer of residence place.

16. Data Privacy

All personal data collected and retained will be used for processing applications, statistical analysis, management of student residence including the enforcement of all its related rules, promotion of activities and notifications, contacting residents and their parents/guardian in case of emergency and such other purposes permissible under the Privacy Policy Statement and Personal Information Collection Statement of the University. Please click HERE for details. You have the right to access to or correct your personal data kept by the University by logging into the University Cyber Port System (BUniPort) and contacting the relevant Departmental Personal Data Privacy Manager.

17. Enquiry

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