



Arranging Overseas Research Learning Experience

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Overview

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Research Learning Experience (OA)**

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Part I: Requirements of Overseas Attachment/ Research Learning Experience (OA)

OA Requirement

- In the 4-year PhD programme, students are required to undertake **overseas attachment/research learning experience (OA)** for 1-6 months.
- The OA shall normally take place **after the confirmation of candidature** and not fall within the last 6 months* of the students' normal study period.

**It applies to physical exchange. During the pandemic, flexibility is given to allow virtual OA be conducted during the students' normal study period.*

Purposes of OA

- To provide research postgraduate students, through attachment to a non-local comparable institution or research organisation, with enriched research learning opportunities and **enhance their overall research training**.
- To acquire new research skills, technology or knowledge **not available locally**.

Types of Overseas Research Learning Experience

- 1-6 months, an **accumulative mode** to add up all the recognised overseas research activities, for example:
 - Engagement in a research project conducted in an overseas country
 - Fieldwork and data collection with overseas collaborator(s)
 - Attending workshops or conferences overseas
 - Attending international research summer or winter schools
 - Research internship overseas
 - Visiting fellowship at an overseas university
 - Other types of research training overseas

Funding Support

Supported item	Max. Supported Amount
A. International Conference/Seminar	PhD students under the 4-year PhD Programme : Max. HK\$20,000* (Multiple claims are allowed if there is an available balance)
B. <u>Overseas Attachment</u>	
C. Other Research-related Activities (Field Trip, Study Tour, etc.)	
D. Thesis Editing Fee	Max. HK\$6,000 (one-off)
E. Incentives for Oral Presentation at International Conferences	HK\$3,000 (one-off)

- If the student is receiving a studentship, he/she shall be eligible to continue to receive the studentship during the period of OA.

**The cap for accommodation has been increased from 25% of the airfare to HK\$10,000.*

Application Procedures

- Discuss the proposed attachment arrangement with supervisor(s)
- Submit “*Application for Study Leave (Overseas Learning Experience)*” via *BUniPort* together with supporting documents:
 - (1) invitation/ proof of acceptance from the partner institution
 - (2) your research plan with details on purpose of the study and the research work to be undertaken.
- Fill-out the form “*Application for Fulfilment of Graduation Requirement*” after completing OA*

**Please observe the Faculty specific reporting requirements if any.*

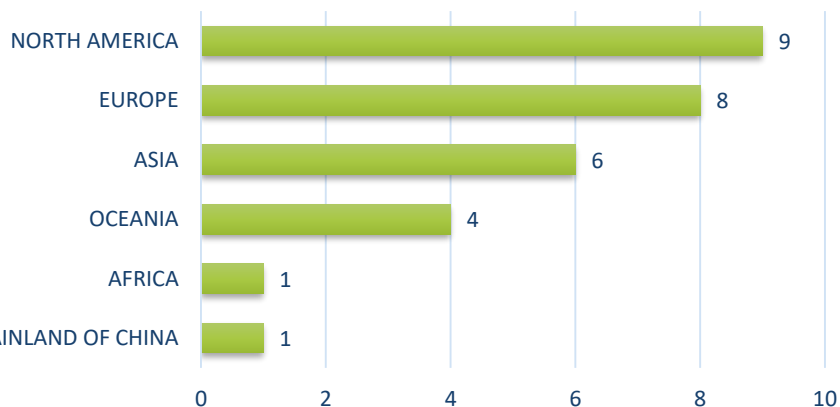
Part II: Measures that the University have taken in response to the pandemic

- In view of the pandemic, VPRD has specially approved that virtual OA is acceptable for fulfilling OA graduation requirement.
- To relax the cap for accommodation of research student expenses.

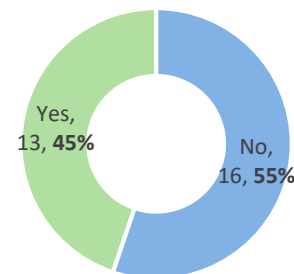
Part III: Statistics on OA

Geographic Location of the Approved Overseas Research Learning Experience

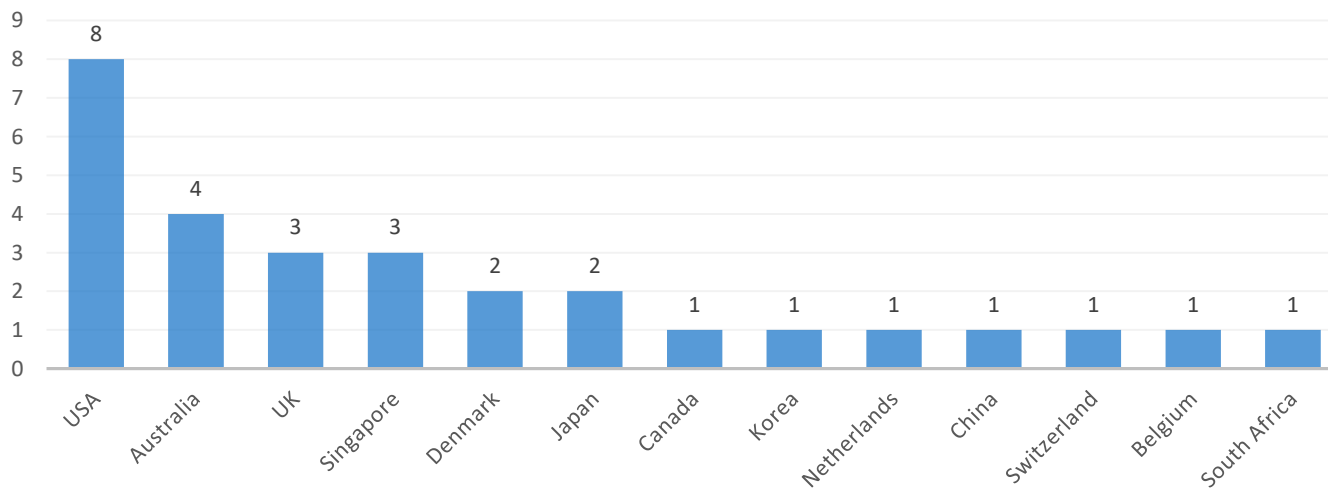
Area of the Institution - Approved Overseas Learning Experience



Was the Overseas Research Learning Experience conducted virtually?



Location of the Institution - Approved Overseas Learning Experience



Hosting Institutions of the Approved Overseas Research Learning Experience

Institution
University of Amsterdam
Centre for Frontier AI Research, A*STAR
Durham University Business School
Georgia State University
Ghent University, Belgium
McGill University
Nanyang Technological University Singapore
National University of Singapore
Stony Brook University
Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China
University of Copenhagen.
University of Cambridge
The Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD) a think tanks associated with the University of South Africa (UNISA)
The University of Southern California
The University of Sydney
Waseda University
Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology
University of Copenhagen
University of Melbourne
University of Oxford
University of Technology Sydney
University of Tennessee
ZHdK Zurich, ICST

Frequently Asked Questions for Overseas Attachments/ Research Learning Experience