



Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong



University Student Sponsorship Programme 2026-27 (USSP2627)

APPLICATION FORM

Notes to Applicants:

Please put **(1)** your comprehensive resume, **(2)** a copy of your unofficial transcript into **ONE WORD FILE** (For Year 1 student without transcript, please submit the e-copy of DSE transcript) and return together with **(3)** your completed application form by email to judy,hcj.wan@oceanpark.com.hk no later than **23:59 on September 20, 2026 (Sun)**. Make sure you have submitted all necessary documents listed in this application form. Please use **"USSP2627 Application form submission_(Eng full name)"** as the email's subject.

(I) Personal Particulars

Name (CHI):	Name (ENG):
Nationality:	Student ID:
Major*:	Year of Study^:
Email:	Mobile No.:
University Name:	

^ Only Local Full-time Undergraduate Students are eligible to apply

*Students studying Ecology, Biology, Environmental Science related subject will be considered with priority

(II) Research Project Preference

Please select **3 projects** as your preferences with **"1"** as your **first priority**, **"2"** as your **second priority**, etc. in the boxes provided.

Project Code*		Panda	Cetacean I	Cetacean II	HSC	Terrest I ¹	Dugong
Preference	Dec 20, 2026 – Jan 31, 2027						
	May 10 – Jun 20, 2027						

Please check if you are eligible to apply for the visa of the destination before you fill in the preference.

* You may refer to the Project list of USSP2627 on P4.

¹ Project period would be only start from January 01, 2027.

- (III) Using the project code, please state your most interested project among the whole list, and explain, in no more than 300 words (in English), the reasons behind your preference and the strengths that would help you secure this opportunity.**

Please type your response directly in the space provided. Responses copied from images or submitted in image format will not be accepted.

Project code*: _____

(IV) Please describe, in no more than 200 words (in Chinese), why and how much you want to be one of the USSPers.

Please type your response directly in the space provided in Chinese. Responses copied from images or submitted in image format will not be accepted.

(V) Tell us your vision for wildlife conservation in no more than 100 words

(in Chinese or English).

Please type your response directly in the space provided. Applications containing copied text from images, screenshots, or image submissions will not be accepted.

(VI) RESUME AND TRANSCRIPT: Please prepare and attach your FULL resume including but not limited to the following categories, together with a copy of your unofficial transcript in a word document.

- Academic programme or research experience
- Conservation-related and non-related programme, working experience, volunteer, internship, responsibility
- Exchange or self-planned travel experience
- Responsibility in school societies or in other organizations
- Describe your qualifications, strengths, and any unique talents that may be relevant to the programme (e.g. animal identification, graphic design, photography, videography, public speaking, social media content creation, or data analysis).

Applications will be assessed by **OPCFHK**. The **application form** will account for **60%** of the overall score, while the **resume and unofficial academic transcript** will account for the remaining **40%**.

The **top 60 applicants** will be shortlisted for consideration. However, applicants must also achieve the **minimum passing mark** set by OPCFHK. Applicants who fail to meet the passing mark will **not** be invited to the group interview, even if they are ranked within the top 60 applicants.

IMPORTANT DATES

Attendance at all designated programme activities is mandatory. Participants who are absent from any required event may be disqualified from continuing in the programme.

1. **Application deadline – 23:59 Sep 20, 2026 (Sun)**
2. **Interview – Attendance at the interview is mandatory for admission to the programme.** As interviews may be scheduled on either **October 10 or October 11**, please reserve **both dates** to ensure your availability. Applicants who fail to attend their assigned interview session will not be considered for the programme.
3. **Orientation - Oct 24, 2026 (9:30 - 12:30)**, more programme details will be shared at the orientation.
4. **Please also refer to Appendix 2 for the detailed programme timeline.**

Personal Information Collection Statement

I/We have also read the Personal Information Collection Statement (<http://www.opcf.org.hk/tc/footer/personal-Information-collection>) of Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong ("OPCFHK"), including the information about the use of my/our personal data in direct marketing. I/We understand that I/we have the right to opt-out from such direct marketing by ticking (✓) the box below. If I/we do not tick the box, OPCFHK may use my/our personal data (primarily my/our name and contact details) in direct marketing products, services, activities and other subjects to me/us (primarily consumer products and services offered by OPCFHK or its business associations or partners) as more particularly set out in the Personal Information Collection Statement.



☐ Please do NOT send direct marketing information to me/us.

Applicant's Signature: _____ (No typed signatures please)

Applicant's Name (In Block Letters): _____ **Date:** _____

Please check your email frequently for the important updates and details of the USSP.

In case of any dispute, the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong reserves the right to make the final decision.

Appendix 1 - Project list of USSP2627

USSP Code	Supported Species	Location	Trip period	Quota* (Max)	Student tasks^	Physical demand	Environment	Student requirements
Panda	Giant Panda	Sichuan, China	10/5/2027 - 20/6/2027	4	- Setting up infrared cameras in the wild - Monitoring individual giant pandas - Collecting feces and feeding management - Bamboo sample survey	★★★★	- High altitude (1500 - 2500m) - Field work in dense forest - Limited or no phone signal - Limited and unstable supply of electricity	- Good physical fitness - Mountain climbing experience - Respect the cultural habits/safety suggestions of local people in the scientific research area
Cetacean I	Yangtze Finless Porpoise	China	10/5/2027 - 20/6/2027	4	- Using drone to carry out wildlife survey, include Yangtze Finless Porpoise; - Participate in the on-board cetacean population survey (survey, patrol, feeding, laboratory health research, etc.); - Survey on planting slopes related to herbivores; - Resident questionnaire survey; - Video production	★	May be on boat for long period	Designing and pictures and videos taking is preferred
Cetacean II	Bryde's Whale	Guangxi, China	20/12/2026 - 31/01/2027	4	- Whale baseline survey (including photo identification, acoustic recordings, drone imaging) - Whale-watching public awareness campaign: providing visitors with educational information about Bryde's whales and guidelines for whale watching - Winter camp for students: assisting with activities such as filming	★★	Long time boat trip per day	No seasick
Terrest I	Visayan Spotted Deer, Visayan Warty Pig, Negros Bleeding Heart Pigeon	Philippines	1/1/2027 - 31/01/2027	4	- Camera trap setup - Collecting data from camera trap videos - Tracking animals using telemetry devices - Field surveys - Habitat assessments - Engaging with communities for education and feedback	★★★	- High temperatures and occasional heavy rains - Undulating terrain and uneasy footing - Shared living between 3-6 other people - Gravity fed water from natural springs	Physically fit enough to walk 2-3 km per day in undulating terrain
Dugong	Dugong	Philippines	10/5/2027 - 20/6/2027	4	Learn about annual Simultaneous Dugong Monitoring (SDM): - Land-based Survey - Baited Remote Underwater Video System (BRUVs) - Seagrass Monitoring and Assessment - Community visit	★★	- Part of time time stay in community - Limited freshwater supply in the community - No internet connection / signal in the community	- Need hiking to research sites - Able to swim and comfortable in water - Basic knowledge on fieldwork and community living - No seasick
HSC	Asian Horseshoe crabs	China	10/5/2027 - 20/6/2027	2	- Mudflat survey: horseshoe crab observation, measurements of environmental parameters, substrate and benthic sample collection - Laboratory work - Environmental education activity design and execution - Citizen science surveys or environment activity: mudflat cleanup/marine debris art - Visit local research institutes	★★★★	- Survey time needs to match that of tides 4-hours of work in intertidal area/mudflat - Exposed working environment: strong sun	- Field experience is preferred - Ability to walk on mudflat/intertidal habitats is preferred - Must be a good team player

Remarks: * Quota for each project is limited but would not affect whether students would get into the programme. The assessment is based on the performance of the application and interview only.
 ^ Actual tasks may vary subject to weather and research team's arrangements.



Appendix 2 - USSP2627 Timeline

Date	Activity
Oct 24, 2026 (AM)	Orientation Day
Nov 28, 2026	Field training @ Long Valley Nature Park
Apr 10, 2027	Field training @ Tai Tam
Dec 2026, June 2027	Horseshoe crab population survey*
Dec 20, 2026 – Jan 31, 2027	Winter Cohort
May 10, 2027 – Jun 15, 2027	Summer Cohort
Jan – Apr, 2027	Community Outreach Project
Dec 20, 2026 – Jan 31, 2027 or May 10, 2027 – Jun 29, 2027	Post trip presentation
Sep 11, 2026	Closing Ceremony

* Please participate in at least 1 section of Horseshoe crab population survey