

Future Design School at Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen

2026 Graduate Program Prospectus for International Students

I. University Overview

(I) Institutional Strength

Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), a prominent member of China's esteemed C9 League of universities, is widely recognized as the "Cradle of Engineers." In the 2025-2026 US News World University Rankings in Engineering, HIT achieved a global ranking of third, with its programs in Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Electrical & Electronic Engineering ranked among the top 10 worldwide. Additionally, HIT consistently ranks among the leading Chinese universities across various major global ranking systems, establishing it as an ideal destination for students from around the world.

Established in 2002, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen (HITSZ) is one of the three principal campuses of HIT, strategically situated in the core city of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area—Shenzhen. The campus currently hosts a student body exceeding 14,000, including over 2,000 international students, who constitute more than 16% of the total student population, thereby cultivating a dynamic multicultural environment. Notably, over 80% of the full-time faculty members possess international study or work experience, contributing substantial global teaching and research expertise to the institution. The curriculum is meticulously aligned with regional development needs, offering flagship programs such as Computer Science and Technology, Mechanical Design, Manufacturing and Automation, Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Economics. These programs provide international students with a robust academic platform and extensive development opportunities.

Future Design School, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen

Established in 2024 through the integration of Shenzhen International School of Design and related disciplines, Future Design School (FDS) at Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen, is an internationally collaborative institution dedicated to interdisciplinary innovation. Located within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, FDS offers programs in Design disciplines such as Digital Media and Industrial Design, supported by a 110,783 m² campus with advanced academic facilities.

International Faculty: FDS boasts a team of faculty members with international experiences and backgrounds, many of whom have extensive experience in leading global design institutions and industries.

State-of-the-Art Facilities: At FDS, students' creative exploration is powered by an unparalleled experimental ecosystem. As part of the students' learning journey, students will enjoy open access to FDS's four major experimental centers: Materials and Processing, Intelligent Manufacturing and Assembly, Visual and Art, and Data and Perception, which together house over 20 cutting-edge laboratories. This infrastructure provides a dynamic environment for innovation, featuring industry-standard tools such as immersive CAVE systems, high-precision motion capture studios, industrial robotic arms, and advanced digital fabrication workshops. These resources form an integral part of the pedagogy, supporting not only curriculum projects but also personal exploration and ambitious capstone projects. This direct hands-on experience with the latest tools that shape the future of design and media practice empowers the students to build a profound and professional body of work, develop a distinctive personal portfolio, and gain a significant competitive edge in the global creative arena. FDS's teaching philosophy, which connects theory to practice and tools to creation, has yielded remarkable student achievements: FDS's students have swept the world's top three design awards. The team project "Ecure" won both the iF Design Award and the IDEA Design Award, and another work, "Zentrix", received the Red Dot Award: Design Concept.

Global Partnerships: FDS collaborates with top-tier educational institutions in France, Italy, and Hong Kong, integrating art, technology, and engineering to nurture creative leaders equipped to tackle complex societal challenges.

Distinctive Diverse International Exchange Experience: The School maintains close connections with leading global partners, offering students a variety of international exchange opportunities, including thematic workshops and summer programs. Students will have the opportunity to participate in these programs, broadening their global perspectives and engaging with cross-cultural design contexts. To cultivate creative talents with international competitiveness, FDS encourages and supports students to participate in these exchanges and will provide selected participants with financial subsidies according to specific program arrangements.

Focus Areas: With a focus on cross-cultural education, sustainability, and industry collaboration, the school empowers graduates to contribute to fields like digital media, industrial & product design, and innovative industries, aligning with Shenzhen's vision as a global innovation and design hub.

(II) Shenzhen's Location and Development Advantages

Shenzhen, often referred to as "China's Silicon Valley," serves as a pivotal city within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, functioning as a significant hub for both the high-tech industry and financial sectors in China. Its proximity to Hong Kong, a prominent global financial center, facilitates convenient cross-border transportation and access to international resources.

1. **Abundant Industrial Resources:** Shenzhen hosts over 30,000 high-tech enterprises, including globally recognized headquarters such as Huawei, Tencent, DJI, and Ping An. The city boasts a well-developed industrial ecosystem in advanced fields such as artificial intelligence, biomedicine, new energy, and the digital economy, offering international students extensive opportunities for internships, employment, and entrepreneurship.

2. **Strong Economic Vitality:** Shenzhen's GDP consistently ranks among the highest in Chinese cities. Its economic openness and innovative capabilities position it as a national leader, establishing it as a global hotspot for innovation and entrepreneurship.

3. **Favorable Living Environment:** With an average annual temperature of 23 °C, Shenzhen enjoys a pleasant climate. The city is characterized by a strong international atmosphere, where diverse cultures coexist. Well-established international communities and foreign language service facilities cater to the academic and living needs of international students.

(III) Graduate Prospects

1. **High-Quality Education, Widely Recognized:** The University is esteemed for its excellence in talent development. It sustains robust talent pipelines and collaborates with industry leaders. Graduates of the institution are highly sought after due to their strong academic foundation, comprehensive competencies, and practical skills.

2. **Prime Location, Outstanding Opportunities:** Situated in the Greater Bay Area, the University provides unparalleled access to global markets and China's dynamic economy. Leading companies such as Huawei, Tencent, DJI, and Mindray actively recruit its graduates, who are internationally minded and cross-culturally proficient, offering exceptional career opportunities.

3. **A Thriving Ecosystem for Innovation:** The convergence of a mature industrial chain, startup-friendly policies, and a robust global alumni network offers comprehensive support for young entrepreneurs.

For more information, please visit: <http://en.hitsz.edu.cn/index.htm>

II. Graduate Program (English-taught)

Design (Master of Design)
Design (Master of Arts)

Note:

1. Design (Master of Design): Standard duration: 2 years.
2. Design (Master of Arts): Standard duration: 3 years.

III. Eligibility

1. Non-Chinese citizens (Note: Should an applicant be identified by Chinese authorities as possessing Chinese nationality at any stage, their eligibility will be annulled, leading to disqualification or dismissal.)
2. Applicants for master programs should be Bachelor's degree holder and under the age of 35;
3. Must be in good physical and mental health.

IV. Application Period

1. Application Opens: 1st May, 2026
2. Application Deadline: 30th May, 2026

V. Application Materials

1. A copy of the passport information page, which must remain valid for a minimum of two additional years.
2. Bachelor's degree certificate. Prospective graduates may submit a pre-graduation certificate issued by their universities, with the original degree certificate required upon registration.
3. Official academic transcripts of Bachelor's Degree.
4. Evidence of English Proficiency:
 - (1) A minimum score of 80 on the TOEFL, 6.0 (no subtest lower than 5.5) on the IELTS, or 115 on the Duolingo English Test; OR
 - (2) If the applicant's previous degree was instructed in English, a certificate from the institution confirming English as the medium of instruction may be submitted;
 - (3) No certification is required if the applicant's first language is English.
5. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) that comprehensively details educational and practical experiences from junior high school to the date of application submission, ensuring a continuous timeline with no gaps exceeding six months.
6. 2 recommendation letters from professors or associate professors
7. Personal Statement: A 500-800 word statement outlining your academic background, reasons for choosing the Design program, career goals, and how FDS aligns with your aspirations. Include specific examples of past projects, challenges you have overcome, and how you plan to contribute to the FDS community. ; (See Attachment)
8. Portfolio: A collection of 5-10 selected personal creative works showcasing your design skills, technical abilities, and creative thinking.

Content: Digital art, sketches, photography, video projects, or any other relevant creative work.

Format: Please provide a digital portfolio in PDF format (maximum file size: 20MB) in either portrait or landscape orientation.

Description: Include a brief explanation for each piece, detailing the concept, process,

tools used, and the problem-solving approach. If the work is a team project, please specify your individual role and contributions within the team.

Evaluation Criteria: Originality, technical skill, conceptual depth, and relevance to the Design program.

9. Foreigner Physical Examination Form. This form(See Attachment) must be completed within 6 months prior to application and must strictly follow all required items. Forms will be considered invalid if any items are missing, if a personal photo is not attached or is not stamped across the corner, or if they lack the doctor's and hospital's signatures and stamps.

10. A Non-criminal Record, valid within six months.

11. A Bank Statement demonstrating funds of at least 60,000 RMB or the equivalent in an account under the applicant's name or their legal guardian's name.

12. Proof of application fee payment, such as a bank transfer receipt or an online payment screenshot.

13. Documentation of exceptional achievements in academics, sports, arts, public service, etc. (Optional).

Important Notes:

1. All application documents must be submitted in either Chinese or English. Documents in other languages must be accompanied by a translation in Chinese or English. The applicant assumes full responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of the translation.

2. All application documents must be uploaded to the Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen Online Application System.

3. Applicants are advised to carefully review all information and preview their application before final online submission. Once submitted, application materials generally cannot be modified unless the university requests additional documents.

4. Submission of false personal information or application materials will result in disqualification from admission, and the applicant will bear all associated consequences.

5. The university reserves the right to request applicants to submit additional supporting materials as needed. Please note that all submitted documents, whether in electronic or hard copy format, are non-returnable.

VI. Application and Admission Process

(I) Online Application Procedure

1. Access the designated system, complete the required information, and upload necessary documents:

PC: hitsz.at0086.cn/student

Mobile: hitsz.at0086.cn/mobile/student

2. Remit the application fee, verify the accuracy of personal information (ensure a valid personal email address is provided for timely notifications), and confirm the

complete upload of all requisite application materials.

3. Submit the application.

(II) Admission Process

1. Conduct a preliminary review of the applicant's materials.
2. Applicants complete an admission assessment—which may include a written test, an interview, or both—as required by the college or school administering the program. The specific format will be determined and conducted by the respective academic unit.
3. Final decisions on admission and scholarship awards are made by the corresponding college or school.
4. Formal Admission Letters are issued by the university

VII. Fee Structure and Instructions

(I) Fee Structure

Application Fee: 400 RMB or 60 USD. Non-refundable once paid.

Tuition Fee: Design (Master of Design): 60,000 RMB/year.

Design (Master of Arts): 70,000 RMB/year.

Other Fees: Insurance 800 RMB/year, Medical Check-up Fee 500 RMB, Residence Permit Fee 400 RMB/year (pay after enrollment).

(II) Application Fee Payment Guide

WeChat Pay. (Scan the QR code below to pay the application fee)



Note: 1. Enter your name in the "Name" blank.

2. Enter "11111" in the "Student ID" blank.

3. The "Payment Amount" is 400 RMB.

4. Enter "Application Fee" in the "Payment Remarks." If paid by someone else, please include the applicant's name. Please take a screenshot of the successful payment interface.

(QR Code Link:

<https://fs.orangebank.com.cn/govp/pay/index.html#/paymentDetails?departmentId=4400f40d50b8fa768cf390127c7b1bfl>)

(III) Tuition Payment Instructions

1. Tuition Payment: Newly admitted graduate students are obligated to remit the first-year tuition fee (For Design (Master of Design): 30,000 RMB for Major Award and First Award scholarship holders, 36,000 RMB for Second Award scholarship holders, and 39,000 RMB for Third Award scholarship holders. For Design (Master of Arts) 35,000 RMB for Major Award and First Award scholarship holders, 42,000 RMB

for Second Award scholarship holders, and 45,500 RMB for Third Award scholarship holders.), to the university's designated financial account, which is identical to the application fee payment account, within 15 calendar days following the receipt of the Admission Notice. The tuition payment channels and specific information shall be subject to the notification in the admission letter. Tuition fee is non-refundable once paid. Subsequent to the payment, the university will initiate the application for the JW202 Form on behalf of the applicant.

2. Monthly Living Allowance: Should the university scholarship include a monthly living allowance, it will be disbursed on a monthly basis by the university following the student's registration and enrollment.

VIII. Scholarship Policy

FDS Entrance Scholarship		Shenzhen Universiade International Scholarship	Guangdong Government Outstanding International Students Scholarship
Major Award	50% tuition waiver + 1,000 RMB/Month	35,000RMB /Year	20,000RMB /Year
First Award	50% tuition waiver		
Second Award	40% tuition waiver		
Third Award	35% tuition waiver		

Remarks:

1. Provincial and municipal scholarships have limited quotas and may be concurrently awarded with the FDS Entrance Scholarship. The Shenzhen Universiade International Scholarship is applied for offline between April and May each year, while the Guangdong Government Outstanding International Students Scholarship is applied for offline between June and September each year.

2. The application process for the FDS Entrance Scholarship is integrated with the admission application. By submitting the admission application, candidates are automatically considered for the scholarship, requiring no additional actions.

3. The FDS Entrance Scholarship is awarded for the initial academic year. Eligibility and scholarship level for subsequent years will be reassessed based on the student's academic performance and overall conduct in the preceding academic year.

IX. Accommodation Arrangements

First-year master students are eligible to apply for university-provided accommodation, which includes quad or triple rooms. The principles governing the accommodation guarantee are as follows:

1. Bed spaces are allocated on a "centralized opening for reservation, first-come-first-served" basis. Due to limited availability, accommodation cannot be assured for all first-year students.

2. First-year students who successfully secure on-campus accommodation must vacate their rooms before the conclusion of the summer vacation following their initial academic year (subject to the official notification). The university does not guarantee accommodation beyond this period.
3. First-year students who do not obtain a dormitory place, as well as students from the second master's year onwards, may apply through their respective colleges to be placed on a waiting list, subject to room availability.
4. Accommodation fees and utility charges will be determined by the rates announced at the time of dormitory application.

X. Contact

(I) For general Admissions Inquiries

1. Mailing Address: Room 721, Building H, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen(HITSZ), Shenzhen University Town, Shenzhen, China
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3. Phone: +86-755-86716144
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5. Admissions Website: <http://en.hitsz.edu.cn/Admissions.htm>
6. For inquiries: Follow the WeChat Public Account “AI Assitant Consulting QR Code ” “International Student Admission”



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(II) Inquiries about Academic Programs, Courses, and Admission Assessment

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