

Heriot-Watt University Dubai Admission of Child - Under 18 Terms and Conditions

Heriot Watt University recognises its moral and social responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of their students.

It is important to note and appreciate University is an adult environment, as such the university reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance or to withdraw a student from a programme of study if it becomes evident that despite the University putting in place stringent safeguarding checks the child's presence in an adult environment poses significant risks to their safety, academic progress, and/or the well-being of others in the university community.

If a child is accepted onto a programme at Heriot-Watt University's Dubai campus, the acceptance and enrolment shall be dependent on the University obtaining specific warranties from the Child's parent/guardian, Parent(s) or Guardian(s) must adhere to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. I hereby confirm I am the parent/guardian of the student in guestion.
- 2. I provide written consent for my child to enroll at Heriot Watt University's Dubai campus, acknowledging that the university is primarily an adult learning environment.
- 3. I fully understand that I, as parent/guardian, retain primary responsibility for my child's wellbeing and welfare, including ensuring that my child attends classes, abides by all university regulations, and is supported during their studies.
- 4. The university does not act in *loco parentis* in relation to students who are under the age of 18. (Unlike schools and colleges, the law does not require universities to act in loco parentis whilst your child is studying with us. This means that the University will not act in any parental capacity towards your child.)
- 5. I agree to maintain regular communication with the university's Wellbeing and Programme teams to address any concerns regarding my child's welfare and academic progress throughout the programme.
- 6. I hereby warrant to provide up-to-date contact details for myself and an additional emergency contact person who can be reached at any time. I confirm I will communicate with the University as soon as there is a change in the contact information for my child.
- 7. I acknowledge that a risk assessment will be conducted prior to my child's admission, and I agree to cooperate with this process.
- 8. I understand that, based on the risk assessment, the university may impose specific conditions or support measures for the safety and well-being of the child. I accept and adhere to these conditions being imposed for the benefit of my child.
- 9. In the event a support plan is required, I agree to its terms, including any mandatory check-ins or additional safeguarding provisions that may be enforced. I understand that failure to comply with the support plan may result in the child being withdrawn from the programme.
- 10. As the parent/guardian, I understand I am responsible for ensuring that appropriate transport and accommodation arrangements are in place for my child while they are attending university. This includes ensuring that the child has a safe and reliable means of travel to and from campus and suitable living arrangements if residing away from home. I consent to providing this information to the University if requested.



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- 11. I acknowledge that my child must comply with the university's code of conduct and disciplinary regulations. The university reserves the right to take action, including suspension or expulsion, if the student breaches any policies or behaves in a manner that poses a risk to themselves or others.
- 12. I acknowledge that my child will not be permitted to join or participate in any Student Council clubs and societies until they turn 16 years old.
- 13. I warrant I am responsible for ensuring that my child's health needs are met, including providing details of any medical conditions, medications, or allergies. I hereby consent for the university to contact emergency services, if required.
- 14. If my child has any known medical conditions, details of this shall be provided to the University to ensure appropriate medical care is taken.
- 15. I, as parent/guardian of the child acknowledge that as per UAE law my child is legally considered a child. I understand that the university environment, whilst supportive, is designed for adult learners.
- 16. I acknowledge and understand the additional responsibilities both the university and myself as parent/guardian bear as a result of the child's age in University.



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