FAQs of 2019 Tencent Rhino-Bird Elite Training Program

- **Who can apply for the program? How to make an application?**

  The program accepts applications from full-time undergraduates (junior and senior), master students, and doctoral students, including master and doctoral students of 2019-20 school year. You can visit Tencent UR to submit application materials online after discussions with your tutors , who need to provide a recommendation form for you (see application material templates).

- **What materials should be uploaded online as appendixes of the application form?**

  The appendixes must include at least the application form, the scanned copy of the tutor recommendation form, and the applicant's CV. Any representative papers, patents or project statement materials are also welcomed.

- **What's the number of students enrolled for each subject? What are the admission standards?**

  The enrollment is still to be determined, depending on the total number of applicants and their overall competence. Eligible applications will be provided anonymously to experts for review. Then, the highest ranking applicants can enter the interview phase. Finally, the best performing applicants in both the phases of the evaluation of submitted materials and the interview will be enrolled.

- **Can I update my application materials after they are uploaded?**

  After the materials are submitted, you can update them before the deadline for application (at 24:00 on January 28, 2019). After you log in to the Tencent UR site with the same account and enter the application page, you can find the **Modify** button.

- **How can I receive notifications from the project team at different phases?**

  After the materials are submitted, you will receive text message and email notice. You will also be notified via a phone call, text message or emails if any supplementary materials are required during the review process. The results will be announced not only through text messages and emails, but also on our website and WeChat official account.

- **Does the Elite Program provide funding for scientific research?**

  During your research visit to Tencent, Tencent will offer the research allowances and allowance for transportation between your university and Tencent's office (for one round trip only). After the joint training, scholarships will be awarded to the best-performing students based on the evaluation of the project team.

- **Is it a must for the enrolled students to come to Tencent for research?**

  This joint training program requires a period of research visit (at least three months without interruption) to Tencent to understand the actual needs of the industry. You may discuss with your tutors to determine whether you will pay one visit of several months or make several visits in one year.

- **What is the difference between the Elite Training Program and Tencent summer internship program?**

  The Elite Training Program is a school-enterprise joint talent training program. Enrolled students will be jointly guided and trained by leading technical teams from various industries and tutors from universities. During the training period, students will visit Tencent and conduct research for more than three months to verify academic theories, accelerate the application transformation of achievements, and broaden their research visions based on real industry subjects and massive data. At the same time, the project team will introduce customized courses such

as communication skills, business analysis, and innovative thinking, and organize regular online and offline exchanges to improve students' comprehensive competitiveness. Moreover, the enrolled students will enjoy online access to the "Elite Group", an online real-name community, finding research partners with common goals, and obtaining industry information and resources.

- **If I cannot participate in the research to Tencent until the end of this year or the first half of next year, can I make an application?**
  You can submit your application and indicate the time when you can make the visit in the application form. The project team will communicate with you and your tutors in the corresponding joint training program before the enrollment list is determined.

- **Can students from Mainland China apply for a subject of which the training is carried out in Hong Kong?**
  Eligible students from the mainland can apply for a subject of which the training is carried out in Hong Kong. However, as visits to Hong Kong branches involve work visas and other issues, the project team will communicate with you and your tutors before determining the final list. And adjust based on the final visa processing.

- **What should I do if I have to drop out of the program for personal reasons?**
  Before finally deciding the enrollment, the project team will communicate with you and your tutors by phone to confirm the objective of the joint training, visit period and your availability throughout the process. In principle, you cannot quit the program during the joint training period. However, if you have to quit for personal reasons, you must submit a formal application signed by your tutors of your school and joint training mentors to the project team for archiving.