



HONG KONG

PhD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

Experience world-class academic programmes and research opportunities in Asia's World City

Established in 2009 by the Research Grants Council (RGC), the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's universities.

The Fellowship Scheme will provide a competitive annual stipend and conference and research-related travel allowance per year up to three years.

Initial application is accepted from September to December.



For details, please visit
www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd

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Welcome from the Chairman, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

The Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong University Grants Committee (UGC) is committed to promoting world-class research in Hong Kong. Through our PhD Fellowships, Hong Kong's outstanding universities offer research opportunities in a broad range of PhD programmes, with generous stipends and excellent support for the best and brightest students in the world. On behalf of the RGC, I proudly present you the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2019/20.

Established by the RGC in 2009, the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme has brought about one thousand seven hundred top students from eighty countries/regions to Hong Kong to undertake PhD studies in our world-class research universities in fields ranging from humanities, business and social sciences, to engineering, medical and physical sciences. Following the success in the first nine rounds, we are looking for talented people who wish to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong, and aspire to be research elites of the time to take part in the Tenth Round, study awards of which will commence in the 2019/20 academic year.

Hong Kong, long an international business and finance centre, draws talent from all corners of the globe. Our research universities have strong dynamism and drive, with international faculty and students excelling in the forefront of research. Our Fellowship programme unites cultural diversity and a rich research environment.

Hong Kong's universities are extending the boundaries of various fields including sciences, engineering, humanities, arts, social sciences, medicine, biotechnology, business, and specialisations such as textile design, supply chain and manufacturing.

Our universities host some of Asia's – and the world's – best facilities and programmes, from our world-class business management programmes to pioneering research in areas such as avian influenza, China studies, telecommunications, liver transplantation, Chinese medicine, plant and agricultural biotechnology and environmental studies. With English as the medium of instruction and research universities steeped in international collaboration, research and career opportunities abound.

I encourage you to learn more about Asia's World City and the opportunities our universities present. A culturally rich, cosmopolitan city set amidst the sea and mountains, nestled against China and its rich heritage, Hong Kong and its research universities offer the world's best and brightest students an ideal place to study, live and work.

I look forward to welcoming you to Hong Kong.



Professor Benjamin Wah
Chairman, Research Grants Council
Hong Kong, China

Who can apply

Candidates seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in the eight UGC-funded universities, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience, and ethnic background are welcomed to apply.

About the award

The Fellowship will provide a competitive annual stipend of HK\$301,200 (approximately US\$38,600) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$12,600 (approximately US\$1,600) per year for each awardee for a period up to three years. 250 PhD Fellowships will be awarded in the 2019/20 academic year¹.

How are awardees selected

Shortlisted applicants, subject to their proposed areas of studies, will be reviewed by one of the following two Selection Panels:

- Sciences, Medicine, Engineering and Technology
- Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies.

While candidates' academic excellence is the primary consideration, the Selection Panels will take into account factors such as the candidates' research ability and potential, communication and interpersonal skills as well as leadership abilities.

How to apply

Eligible candidates should make their **initial application** to the RGC through the online system at <https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/InitApplication.jsp> to obtain an **HKPFS Reference Number** before submitting full applications to their selected universities.

¹ Universities in Hong Kong normally start their academic year in September.



INTRODUCTION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a bilingual (Chinese and English) and multicultural institution of higher learning founded in 1963. As a first-class comprehensive research university with both a local and an international outlook, we aim at cultivating higher degree graduates to serve the increasingly sophisticated needs of the society and making contributions to the pool of human knowledge through top quality research. Our current enrolment of postgraduate students exceeds 12,600 and includes a substantial portion of non-local students from around the world.

The University's stunning campus commands panoramic views of the Tolo Harbour and the mountain ranges nearby. With a size of 137.3 hectare it is the largest university campus in Hong Kong. Nestled in the mountains greenery our University buildings feature an innovative mix of Chinese and Western architectural styles.

MORE ABOUT CUHK

- ✓ No. 51 in QS World University Rankings® 2015/16
- ✓ No. 8 in QS Asian University Rankings 2016
- ✓ No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 20 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Engineering – Electrical and Electronic)
- ✓ **No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 21 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Social Policy & Administration)**
- ✓ No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 22 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Nursing)
- ✓ No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 26 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Communication and Media Studies)
- ✓ No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 27 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Mathematics)
- ✓ No. 1 in Hong Kong and No. 37 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Pharmacy & Pharmacology)
- ✓ No. 26 in Global MBA Ranking by the Financial Times 2016
- ✓ No. 50 worldwide in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 (Law)

RESEARCH AT CUHK

CUHK strives to be a world-class university recognized as a centre of excellence for developing cutting-edge research and emerging interdisciplinary strengths that have global impact and make significant contributions to society.

CUHK offers a wide range of research programmes in different subject areas. CUHK encourages all academic staff to undertake consultancy and collaborative projects with the industry. Research activities at CUHK address core issues of global innovation, they integrate staff research with teaching, and they range from upstream research to midstream development.

Four Major Research Areas

The CUHK Strategic Plan 2016 identified four major areas for strategic research and substantial resources are being devoted to these areas. The four major areas are:

- China Studies
- Translational Biomedicine
- Information and Automation Technology
- Environment and Sustainability

Research Excellence

CUHK is committed to research excellence. Our academic staff members are research-active and benchmark their research against international standards. CUHK has four faculty members who are Nobel Laureates: Professor Sir Charles Kao, Nobel Laureate in Physics who is also one of the University's former Vice-Chancellors, Professor Yang Chen Ning, Nobel Laureate in Physics, Professor Sir James Mirrlees and Professor Robert Mundell, both Nobel Laureates in Economics.

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The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council in 2009, aims at attracting the best and brightest students from all over the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong. The Fellowship comes with a monthly stipend of HK\$25,000 (approx. US\$3,218) and a conference travel allowance of HK\$12,600 (approx. US\$1,615) per year for a maximum period of three years. More than 200 Fellowships will be awarded each year. Top students with demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding research potential are encouraged to seek admission to a CUHK PhD programme through the prestigious HKPFS Scheme. Please visit the following website for further details: www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/dmissions/scholarships-fees/hkpfs.

Postgraduate Studentships / Scholarships

Postgraduate studentships are offered to all students admitted to full-time research postgraduate programmes (incl. MPhil, PhD). The postgraduate studentship for 2018-19 is HK\$16,660 (approx. US\$2,136) per month. A number of exchange scholarships is available for students to conduct overseas academic activities such as presenting papers at international conferences, to conduct field trips and data collection projects.

Accommodation

The Postgraduate Hall (PGH) consists of six buildings offering about 1,100 hostel places on-campus for non-local research postgraduate students at very affordable rates. Please visit the PGH website at www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk for up-to-date information.

Initial application deadline

1 December 2018 at 12:00 noon Hong Kong Time (GMT +8 hours)

Enquiries

For enquiries on the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, please write to hkpf@ugc.edu.hk. For enquiries on admission requirements, eligibility criteria for research programmes, application methods and deadlines, regulations and policy of individual universities, please contact the relevant universities direct.

Further information

For further information, please visit the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme website at <http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd>.



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The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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After completing an initial application, applicants should submit full applications for their selected PhD programmes to the proposed universities (quoting their **HKPFS Reference Number**) before the deadlines of individual universities. As deadlines for submission of full applications to universities may immediately follow that for initial application, candidates should consult the relevant universities regarding the application deadlines to ensure that they have sufficient time to submit full applications.

Other useful information

Research Grants Council,
Hong Kong
<http://www.rgc.edu.hk>

About Hong Kong
<http://www.brandhk.gov.hk>

Hong Kong Higher Education
<http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk>

Postgraduate Studies in Hong Kong
<http://www.grad.edu.hk>

Immigration Policy on Study and Guidebook
for Entry for Study in Hong Kong
<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/study.html>