CUHK HKPFS Information Webinar
for 2023-2024 Admissions
Introduction of CUHK & HKPFS

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About the Speaker

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CUHK Rankings

38th in the world

QS World University Rankings 2023

7th in Asia

Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2022

1st in Hong Kong

2021 The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)
Faculties at CUHK

1. Faculty of Arts
2. Faculty of Business Administration
3. Faculty of Education
4. Faculty of Engineering
5. Faculty of Law
6. Faculty of Medicine
7. Faculty of Science
8. Faculty of Social Science
9. Inter-Faculty *(for interdisciplinary programmes)*
4 Strategic Areas of Research

CUHK is a comprehensive research university recognized for its excellence in multiple aspects both regionally and globally.

To maximize impact and benefit to society, CUHK has identified the following four research foci for strategic research investments:

- China: Tradition and Modernity
- Innovative Biomedicine
- Information and Automation Technology
- Environment and Sustainability
Research Achievements

The University has an array of ~300 research institutes and research centres specializing in interdisciplinary research at the highest quality:

- 39 Research Institutes
- 5 State Key Laboratories
- 63 Joint Research Units
Research Achievements

The University Grants Committee has provided preferential funding to local tertiary institutions to conduct research in selected Areas of Excellence (AoE). Out of a total of 28 such projects, 11 are led by CUHK researchers.

On-going AoE projects:

- Aging, Skeletal Degeneration and Regeneration
- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions
- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Centre for Medical Engineering of Molecular and Biological Probes
- Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function
## Distinguished Research Scholars

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Distribution of Postgraduate Students

Our postgraduate students come from over 50 different countries/regions from all over the world including:

- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Russia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe

*Figures as of 30 June 2022*
Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) in 2009, 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.

Website:

www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs
Eligibility

Candidates who are seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in Hong Kong universities funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC), irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience and ethnic background, are eligible to apply.

Timeline

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2022

Step 1
Submit an initial application via the RGC website

Step 2
Obtain an HKPFS Reference Number

Step 3
Submit an online application to CUHK that quotes the “HKPFS Reference Number”

Sep – Dec 2022

Step 4
Attend interview, if shortlisted

Mar – Apr 2023

Step 5
RGC announces HKPFS results
Selection Criteria

The HKPFS Selection Panels will select awardees based on the following factors with candidates’ academic excellence being most important:

- Academic excellence
- Research ability and/or potential
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Leadership abilities
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

The Award

• Provides a monthly stipend of HK$27,100 (~US$3,475) and a conference travel allowance of HK$13,600 (~US$1,740) per year for a maximum period of three years.
CUHK Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarship Scheme

- **Tuition Fee Waiver**
  for the whole normative study period

- **1st Year Hostel Fee Waiver**
  and Guaranteed On-campus Accommodation*^

- **Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance**
  Up to HK$84,400* (~US$10,800)

- **Lodging Award**
  Up to HK$100,000*# (US$12,800)

- **Stipend**
  Up to HK$1.3 Million* (~US$166,700)

**Totalling**

up to HK$ 1.69 Million (~US$217,000)

financial assistance during the normative study period.

* During the student’s normative study period.

^ HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications in a timely manner.

# An award of HK$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK$20,000 in subsequent years during the normative study period.
Postgraduate Studentship (PGS)

• Available to full-time Research Master’s (MPhil) and Research Doctoral (PhD) students within their normative study period.

• Subject to revision by the University from time to time.

• For the academic year 2022-23, the monthly PGS is
  • MPhil/PhD (Pre-candidacy): HK$18,025 (~US$2,310)
  • PhD (Post-candidacy): HK$18,525 (~US$2,375)

• PGS holders are required to assist the respective Graduate Divisions on certain duties relating to research or teaching.
Other Scholarships & Funding Support

• More scholarships and funding schemes are available for postgraduate students, including:
  – Research Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities (for all RPgs)
  – Belt and Road Scholarship
  – Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence
  – PhD Student Exchange Programme
  – The Reaching Out Award
  – Young Scholars Thesis Award
  – Ernst Mach Grant for PhD Students and Post-Docs

• Some self-financed taught postgraduate programmes also offer scholarships to eligible students.

• For more information, please visit the [Graduate School](#) and [Office of Admissions and Financial Aid](#) website.
General Admissions Requirements

For PhD and Taught Doctoral Programmes

• A master’s degree from a recognised university

For MPhil–PhD and Master of Philosophy Programmes

• A bachelor’s degree from a recognised university, with Second Class honours or above; or

• A bachelor’s degree from an honours programme from a recognised university, with an average grade of “B” or above
English Language Requirements for Admission

• A degree from a university in Hong Kong\(^1\) or a degree of which the medium of instruction was English; or

• Achieved scores in the following English Language tests\(^2\) as indicated:
  • TOEFL: 550 (paper-based)/ 79 (internet-based); or
  • IELTS (Academic): 6.5; or
  • GMAT: Band 21 (Verbal)

Notes:

1. This is based on the understanding that English is the medium of instruction of degree programmes offered by universities in Hong Kong.

2. TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT score is considered valid for five years from the test date.
Application Timeline and Procedures

For more information, please refer to the Graduate School admissions website:

https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs

Application Deadline

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PG Prospectus & HKPFS Leaflet

For more information, please refer to the following PG Prospectus and HKPFS leaflet:

**PG Prospectus**
[Download Link]

**HKPFS Leaflet**
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