MPhil/PhD Programmes At CUHK

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Why should you choose CUHK?

CUHK provides the following support to help you realise your research goals:

- World-Class Academic Excellence
- Unrivalled Research Facilities & Resources
- Comprehensive Study Options
- International Student Community
- Scholarship
- Well-equipped Campus
1. World-Class Academic Excellence

47th in the World
QS World University Rankings 2024

6th in Asia
Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023

1st in Hong Kong
US News & World Report Best Global Universities in Asia 2022-2023
# Distinguished Research Scholars

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<tr>
<th>Honour / Award / Fellowship</th>
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<td>Nobel Laureate</td>
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<td>Fields Medalist</td>
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<td>Wolf Prize Laureate in Mathematics</td>
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<td>Winner of Turing Award</td>
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<td>Nature Biotechnology – Top 20 Translational Researchers</td>
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<td>Clarivate Analytics - Highly Cited Researchers 2022</td>
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<td>IEEE Fellows</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences</td>
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<td>Foreign Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences</td>
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<td>Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering</td>
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<td>Research.com’s 2022 Best Female Scientists</td>
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Creating Boundless Impact through Research Excellence

CUHK researchers have been making significant research contributions on local, national and international levels with profound impact:

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<td>Prof. Philip Chiu</td>
<td>Professor of Surgery</td>
<td>Surgical Robotics</td>
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<td>Prof. Yun-hui Liu</td>
<td>Choh-Ming Li Professor of Mechanical and Automation Engineering</td>
<td>Logistics Robotics</td>
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<td>Prof. Dennis Lo</td>
<td>Professor of Chemical Pathology</td>
<td>Molecular Diagnostics</td>
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<td>Prof. Francis Chan</td>
<td>Dean of Medicine, Choh-Ming Li Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics</td>
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<td>Prof. Mei-po Kwan</td>
<td>Choh-Ming Li Professor of Geography and Resource Management</td>
<td>Geographical Information Science</td>
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<td>Prof. Hon-ming Lam</td>
<td>Choh-Ming Li Professor of Life Sciences</td>
<td>Sustainable Agriculture</td>
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<td>Prof. Gladys Tang</td>
<td>Professor of Linguistics</td>
<td>Sign Language and Deaf Studies</td>
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<td>Prof. Siew-chien Ng</td>
<td>Croucher Professor in Medical Sciences, Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics</td>
<td>Human Microbiome</td>
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2. Unrivalled Research Facilities and Resources

CUHK offers cutting-edge research facilities and resources to promote interdisciplinary research which delivers significant social and economic value to Hong Kong and beyond:

- 5 State Key Laboratories
- 300+ Research Centres & Institutes
- HK$1.66 Billion External Research Funding*

*Total amount of external research funding 2021-2022
Four Strategic Areas of Research

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

- We currently have four research foci, which are of critical importance to the flourishing of humanity in the 21st century:
3. Comprehensive Study Options

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)*

Offering around **100**

PhD, MPhil and MPhil-PhD Programmes

Figures as of 2023-24 academic year
4. International Student Community

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  
- Finland  
- France  
- Germany  
- Ghana  
- India  
- Indonesia  
- Iran  
- Italy  
- Japan  
- Kazakhstan  
- Kyrgyzstan  
- Malaysia  
- Nepal  
- New Zealand  
- Nigeria  
- Pakistan  
- Philippines  
- Russia  
- Singapore  
- South Korea  
- Taiwan  
- Thailand  
- United Kingdom  
- United States  
- Vietnam

* Figures as of 30 September 2023
5. Scholarship & Financial Support

Postgraduate Studentship (PGS)

- Available to full-time Research Master’s (MPhil) and Research Doctoral (PhD) students within their normative study period.
- For the academic year 2023-24, the monthly PGS is:
  - MPhil/PhD (Pre-candidacy): HK$18,360 (~US$2,354)
  - PhD (Post-candidacy): HK$18,870 (~US$2,419)

Other scholarships and funding schemes, e.g.

- CUHK Research Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities (for all RPgs)
- CUHK Convocation Postgraduate Admission Scholarships
- PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award

For more information, please visit the information at the Graduate School and Office of Admissions and Financial Aid website.
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

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
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

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. Submit an initial application via the RGC website
2. Obtain an HKPFS Reference Number
3. Submit an online application to CUHK that quotes the "HKPFS Reference Number"
4. Attend interview, if shortlisted
5. RGC announces HKPFS results
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Selection
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
CUHK Vice-Chancellor’s HKPFS Scholarship

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

- **Stipend**
  Up to HK$1.32 Million* (approx. US$169,840)

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

- **Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance**
  Up to HK$85,200* (approx. US$10,923)

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

**Totalling**

up to HK$ 1.72 Million (~US$221,000)
financial assistance during the normative study period

* During the student’s normative study period.
^ HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications and complete registration procedures 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.
6. Well-equipped Campus Facilities

CUHK offers a wide range of facilities and resources to support your research and learning:

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<td>• Research Support</td>
<td>• 7 Libraries</td>
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<td>• Research Funding</td>
<td>• 2.5 Million+ Books &amp; Top Journals</td>
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<td>• Promoting Industry-University Collaborations</td>
<td>• 5.4 Million + Electronic Books</td>
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<td>• Self Learning Tools</td>
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Vibrant Campus Life
General Admission Requirements
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Taught Doctoral and PhD programmes
• A master’s degree from a recognised university

Master’s and MPhil-PhD articulated programmes
• A bachelor’s degree from a recognised university, normally with honours not lower than second class; or
• A bachelor’s degree from an honours programme of a recognised university, normally with an average grade of not lower than ‘B’

Postgraduate diploma programmes
• A bachelor’s degree from a recognised university
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 any of the following English Language tests\(^2\) as indicated:

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<td>TOEFL</td>
<td>550 (paper-based)/ 79 (internet-based)</td>
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<td>IELTS (Academic)</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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<td>GMAT</td>
<td>Band 21 (Verbal)</td>
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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

Please refer to the Graduate School admissions website for more information on individual programmes and application procedures:

http://cuhk.hk/cugs
PG Prospectus & HKPFS Leaflet

For more information, please refer to the following PG Prospectus and HKPFS leaflet:
Realise your Research Goal at CUHK

Email enquiry: pgadmit@cuhk.edu.hk

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