POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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CUHK is a comprehensive research-led university with a mission of advancing the frontiers of knowledge for the betterment of humanity. Consistently ranked among the best universities in the world, it is home to a talented team of international scholars and scientists, globally recognised for their cutting-edge research in a wide array of disciplines. Interdisciplinary collaboration in both education and research is a hallmark of the University. Innovation is fully integrated into the learning experience and the research environment. Strong links with institutions of higher learning in mainland China and around the world create opportunities to foster not only knowledge production and scientific breakthroughs but also a deeper understanding between China and the West.

CUHK was established in 1963 and is still growing. In 2023, the University will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. With its beautiful campus and excellent facilities, the University aims to provide not only the support needed for our students to excel in their work but also an environment that is conducive to personal development. Diversity and inclusion are core values of the University.

The COVID-19 pandemic and other pressing global challenges—climate change, demographic shifts, rapid urbanisation, health inequity and deep geopolitical fissures, to name but a few—make it all the more important for universities and societies to focus on nurturing talent and supporting research. CUHK has recognised strengths especially in the areas of innovative biomedicine, information and automation technology, environment and sustainability, and China studies, and is committed to spearheading impactful research that will contribute to sustainable development. We invite you to join us in this effort and become a member of the CUHK community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the CUHK Graduate School.

With more than 50 years’ experience since its establishment, the Graduate School now offers over 220 postgraduate programmes awarding more than 6,000 postgraduate degrees, diplomas, and certificates each year. The wide spectrum of programmes we offer contributes to CUHK’s mission to be a leading comprehensive research university in the world.

Postgraduate students at CUHK come from around the globe and are nurtured by our distinguished academics to become leaders in a world striving for both excellence and sustainability. Our cutting-edge learning resources and state-of-the-art hostel facilities on a green campus provide the perfect backdrop for young scholars to immerse themselves in a culturally diverse and intellectually stimulating environment.

As part of CUHK’s commitment to world-class education and internationalisation, the Graduate School is dedicated to facilitating Faculties in establishing collaborations with prestigious universities/research institutes both overseas and in mainland China. Such collaborations provide students with innovative programme offerings such as dual degrees, joint PhD supervision, research attachment, exchanges, and internships that will well equip them for dynamic and global careers.

In addition to a wide range of student awards and grants, we provide a rich array of scholarships, such as the Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarship Scheme, to attract the world’s best talent to join the CUHK family.

While Faculty supervisors will guide you through your academic endeavours, our colleagues in the Graduate School Office are committed to providing the necessary support and advice for your postgraduate studies.

I warmly invite you to explore the wealth of information on the Graduate School website.

Prof. Alan K.L. CHAN

Provost

J.S. Lee Professor of Chinese Culture

Prof. Anthony M.C. SO

Dean, Graduate School

Professor, Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management
Perfect entry point to mainland China

Asia’s World City

Official Languages: English and Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin)

Internationalisation

Why HONG KONG?

Why CUHK?

38th in the World
QS World University Rankings 2023

7th in Asia
Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2022

1st in Hong Kong
2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities

No. 1
The Largest Campus in Hong Kong (137.3 hectares) with 9,000+ Hostel Places

Approx. 1,700
Full-time Teaching Staff

HK$ 1,245M
External Research Funding 2020–21

Approx. 300
Research Institutes and Centres

30,000+
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students

HK$ 404M
Scholarships and Financial Aid to Students in 2020–21

6,700+
Research Output in 2020–21 (Excluding patents)

7 Libraries with over 2.4 Million Books and 5.1 Million Electronic Books

240,000+
Alumni

Information in 2021, unless otherwise specified
CUHK is a highly esteemed, forward-looking comprehensive research university recognised for its excellence both regionally and globally. Founded in 1963, it is the second oldest university in Hong Kong.

CUHK aims at consolidating its position as a centre of excellence for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with a global impact, seeking to optimize opportunities and make significant contributions to society by translating research findings into practical applications. Our current research strengths lie in the following four major research areas:

- Agng. Skeletal Degeneration and Regeneration
- 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 Organole Biogenesis and Function
- Centre for Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology
- Centre for Research into Circulating Fetal Nucleic Acids
- Chinese Medicine Research and Further Development
- Information Technology
- Institute of Network Coding
- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions
- The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society

The University Grants Committee (UGC) has provided preferential funding to enable local tertiary institutions to conduct cutting-edge research. Out of 28 projects, the following 11 Areas of Excellence projects are led by researchers at CUHK:

- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
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CUHK maintains approximately 300 research institutes and research centres that specialise in interdisciplinary research of the highest quality. The University has established a number of joint research units in partnership with external academic institutions, which allows us to pool resources for the advancement of knowledge in various subject areas.

With the approval of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, CUHK has established the following five State Key Laboratories, which enable the country’s most accomplished scientists and scholars to conduct pioneering research:

- State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Digestive Disease (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Research on Bioactivities and Clinical Applications of Medicinal Plants (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry
- State Key Laboratory of Translational Oncology (CUHK)

CUHK has established six InnoHK Centres covering health, biomedicine, robotics and artificial intelligence. The Centres were established under the Hong Kong Government’s InnoHK initiative and utilise CUHK’s world-class research to generate applications with translational impact on local, national and global scales. Combining expertise from CUHK and leveraging partnerships with prestigious global universities, the Centres position Hong Kong as a global powerhouse of innovation, connecting the world with the rapidly emerging research and innovation ecosystem of the Greater Bay Area.

- Centre for Neuromusculoskeletal Restorative Medicine
- Centre for Novostics
- Microbiota I-Center
- Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence
- Hong Kong Centre for Logistics Robotics
- Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Centre
Established in 1966, CUHK’s Graduate School is the first of its kind in Hong Kong. Since then, CUHK has cultivated higher degree graduates who can serve the increasingly sophisticated needs of society and contribute to the pool of human knowledge through top-quality research. Today, the University is truly multicultural, with faculty and students from across the globe. There are currently over 13,000 postgraduate students, of whom a substantial proportion are non-local.

The Graduate School offers a variety of study options to suit the different needs of students, ranging from the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) to Taught Doctoral degree, Taught Master’s degree, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate.

Postgraduate Studies at CUHK

- 220+ Postgraduate Programmes Offered by 60 Graduate Divisions
- 70%+ Non-local Research Postgraduate Students
- 13,000+ Postgraduate Students from 50 Countries/Regions
- Annual Intake of 7,600+ Postgraduate Students
- 6 Postgraduate Halls
- 1,600+ On-campus Postgraduate Hostel Places

Information in 2021
Explore the Unexplored
Faculty of ARTS

The Faculty of Arts plays a key role in CUHK’s commitment to the integration of Chinese and Western traditions, bilingual education and innovative research.

CUHK is ranked 34th in the QS World University Rankings 2022 for Arts and Humanities. We offer training in the largest number of academic disciplines within the humanities in Hong Kong. Our 14 Graduate Divisions, which currently offer over 40 postgraduate programmes, are well-positioned to engage diverse and passionate faculty members and students who are dedicated to upholding our finely honed traditions of learning, teaching and research.

Our academic staff of close to 300 professors and lecturers help train not only new generations of scholars in different fields, but also imaginative learners and responsible citizens. We believe that the study of languages, cultures, religions, creative arts, history and philosophy fosters a humanistic spirit and enables us to better engage with a diverse global community.

We pursue impactful, innovative scholarship that deepens our understanding of the human experience and responds to the challenges of the contemporary world. We aspire to become one of the most vibrant and inspiring centres of arts and humanities education and research in Asia.

Research Excellence

The academic staff at the Faculty of Arts are well-positioned to undertake cutting-edge interdisciplinary scholarship and collaborations. As humanities scholars, they seek not only to develop new knowledge and ideas but also to become insightful and engaging educators. The Faculty’s emphasis is on original research that strives for imagination and creativity, inspiration and curiosity, as well as reflection and critical thought on issues that explore the fundamental conditions of human existence.

The Faculty regularly receives funding from the Research Grants Council (RGC), which supports research of high academic merit. In addition to individual-led research projects, the Faculty encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary research among departments and faculties in the University and with universities and research institutions in the region and around the world. There are also externally funded collaborative research projects that encompass a broad spectrum of fields in the arts and humanities, such as psychology, biomedicine and life sciences.

Research Impact

The Faculty of Arts is committed to conducting research in the arts and humanities that has a global impact.

In 2021, SignTown, the world’s first multi-sign-language online game based on sign linguistics and AI-technology for sign language recognition, was launched through a project co-directed by Professor Gladys Tang and Professor Felix Sze of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, in collaboration with Google and Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan. SignTown contributes to social inclusion through enhancing public awareness about sign language and the deaf community.

Also in 2021, Professor Siu Kee Ho of the Department of Fine Arts received funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to start a youth craft education programme called ‘Handmade Wellbeing’. This project brings significant cultural and social impacts on society through teaching traditional handicraft and culture to secondary school students and promoting the use of handmade functional wares.

My role as a scholar and teacher of ethnomusicology is to help research postgraduate students to uncover the significance of music in different cultures. Focusing on sound as a production of society, I teach students to engage with music critically, analytically, and discursively as a way to understand the complexity of the world.

Chairperson and Professor, Department of Music
Director of Centre for Chinese Music Studies
Prof. Frederick LAU

As a PhD student in the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, I’ve been able to conduct research while also taking a variety of courses. This ensures breadth of knowledge along with hands-on experience in designing experiments, analysing data and presenting findings at conferences and publishing them in journals.

PhD student in Linguistics (HKPFS awardee)
David Andrew HASLETT

from Canada
Faculty of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The CUHK Business School has blazed a trail for business education since 1963. Leadership and innovation are central to our legacy as Asia’s first business school to offer BBA, MBA and EMBA programmes.

Our rich learning environment provides opportunities to create, share and apply knowledge, equipping graduates to excel in the Asian Century. With its network of more than 40,000 alumni, the largest of its kind in Hong Kong, the School is creating significant changes in the ever-evolving world of business in Asia and beyond.

Research Impact

At CUHK Business School, research produces insights that have a significant impact. The 12 research centres promote knowledge advancement across disciplines. Our work not only supports Hong Kong’s transformation into a knowledge-intensive, innovation-led society but also creates value for China and the world.

International Collaboration

We strategically curate immersive international exchange programmes and internships that allow our students to experience different cultures and ways of doing business first-hand.

Students benefit from our extensive international network of over 280 prestigious partner universities in the US, Europe, Oceania and Asia. We offer dual MBA degree programmes with HEC Paris, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University and McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, and a dual Master’s degree programme with ESCP Europe. We also offer a joint postgraduate teaching programme with the Shanghai National Accounting Institute.

Corporate Partnership

CUHK Business School has a long history of strategic partnerships with companies in Hong Kong and Greater China, from startups to established enterprises. Our partnership initiatives include collaborative research and curriculum development, as well as business practicum projects and career opportunities for students. Our corporate collaborators currently include Bowtie, Citibank, CR Capital Management, Cyberport, DBS Bank, Dus & Bradstreet, Ernst & Young, Hang Seng Bank, Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation, Janclo, Langham Hospitality Group, Microsoft, New World Development, Red Hill Capital, Sun Hung Kai Properties, Towngas, ZA Group and many more.

Research Impact

To solve business problems by harnessing the power of big data, there is an urgent need to understand a set of technologies such as statistical, quantitative and computational methods. We will equip you with the necessary skills to maximise your impact as a data-driven business leader.

Assistant Professor, Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics

Prof. Keehyung KIM

International Collaboration

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MSc Graduate in Information and Technology Management

Deric Stephane TOCHE FOKA from Cameroon

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Faculty of EDUCATION

The CUHK Faculty of Education is a community of scholars, students and staff who are passionate about improving education. The Faculty is highly ranked among education faculties in the world. Our Faculty has been ranked 21st in the world and 4th in Asia in the subject category of Education in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022. We are committed to serving and leading the education community through teaching, research and development and service.

We seek to empower future education leaders with the latest theory and practice to transform education to meet challenges in a rapidly changing society.

Learners in the Faculty are expected to be responsible and ethical agents of change who can innovate tools, resources and pedagogies to improve educational practice and equip schools, organisations and communities to rise above social and educational challenges.

The Faculty of Education has been a leading and productive centre for research and training in Hong Kong since 1965. It has six faculty members who are in the top 2% of educational researchers. In 2021–22, seven projects run by the Faculty were funded by the RGC. Cutting-edge projects, such as Robot for Autism Behavioural Intervention (RABI), Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) in Education, address salient education-related issues in local and international settings.

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Cultivating education researchers for an increasingly volatile and uncertain world is very challenging. It carries great social responsibilities, as the graduates are likely to shape the lives of many learners. It involves careful and responsive guidance to build the candidates’ emerging academic identity and their wisdom to discern what is both doable and worth doing. Despite the challenges, I am glad to have witnessed many young researchers growing into educational leaders.

Associate Dean (Postgraduate Studies)

Prof. Ching Sing CHAI

Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

CUHK has a campus of unmatched beauty. The Faculty of Education has provided me with a welcoming and supportive environment where I can pursue my genuine passion for academic research, communicate and collaborate with leading scholars in my field and build friendships with talented peers from diverse backgrounds.

PhD Student in Education (HKPFS awardee)

Wenxi WU

from China
Faculty of ENGINEERING

The CUHK Faculty of Engineering was founded in 1991 by the late Professor Sir Charles K. Kao, 2009 Nobel Laureate in Physics. After three decades of development, the Faculty has grown into one of the world’s top engineering schools, consisting of six academic departments, 130 outstanding faculty members, 2,400 undergraduate students, 800 research postgraduate students and state-of-the-art research facilities.

The Faculty strives to nurture future leaders in engineering, pursue knowledge at the frontiers of science and technology, and apply advanced technology to meet societal and human needs.

Our faculty members rank among the best research talents in the world. Many of them are elected fellows in their respective research communities including IEEE, ACM, ASME, Optica, IET and SPIE.

With over 80 laboratories and diverse interdisciplinary learning activities, the Faculty provides an inspiring and empowering environment for students to pursue their research interests. Our students receive numerous paper and competition awards under the guidance of their supervisors. We are proud that four of our students have been awarded the prestigious Google PhD Fellowship and Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship in the past five years. Our PhD graduates are recognised as being among the top in the world.

At its inception, the Faculty was highly focused on information and communications technologies. We have now expanded beyond computer science, information engineering and electronic engineering to include biomedical engineering, mechanical and automation engineering, systems engineering and engineering management. We have world-leading excellence in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Mechanical Engineering and Information Technologies and our research has had significant societal impacts. Our research strengths include multimedia signal processing, robotics, big data and data analytics, networks, communications, photonics, optimisation and signal processing, and biomedical engineering.

CUHK’s Computer Science is ranked 10th globally and 1st in Hong Kong in the Best Global Universities Rankings by US News & World Report 2022. Our Computer Science/Information Technology and Electrical & Electronic Engineering are ranked 26th and 66th, respectively, in the QS World University Rankings 2022 by Subject.

Our researchers have advanced the frontiers in research, addressing societal problems in biomedical engineering, energy and sustainability, financial technology, computing, data communications and environmental monitoring. Our research has contributed to the rapid development of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, smart cities, ubiquitous personal health care technologies and the technologies that support the growing digital economy.

The Faculty of Engineering has almost 100% world-leading (4 star) research environments, according to the independent panel of experts commissioned by UGC in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020. We have cutting-edge facilities and ample resources to support research, with an average external research grant funding of about HK$1.3 million per professor per year.

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CUHK built Hong Kong's first internet infrastructure and continues to be the hub of the city's internet traffic. Our professors are pioneers in artificial intelligence and network coding, representing major breakthroughs in information science.

To align with Hong Kong's innovation agenda, CUHK established six InnoHK Centres under the HKSAR's InnoHK initiative, including three led by Engineering faculty members:

• Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence
• Hong Kong Centre for Logistics Robotics
• Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Center

Benefitting from government support through the Innovation and Technology Commission's Innovation and Technology Support Programme and the RGC's Research Impact Fund and strong industry connections, we are able to deliver impactful research to the public.

Beyond basic and applied research, our researchers have successfully transformed research into start-ups and spin-off companies. At present, the Faculty has successfully seeded two unicorns (valued at over US$1 billion) — SenseTime and SmartMore.

The Faculty actively partners with leading universities, research institutions and global technology companies. Examples include joint projects with Boeing, Google, Microsoft, Huawei, Intel, SenseTime and many others.

In 2021, CUHK established the Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence Research Institute to deepen research collaboration in AI applications in engineering, science and medicine. In the same year, the Faculty and Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI) joined hands and launched the Smart City Technology Oriented Practitioner Programme. An array of student internships and research programmes have been offered with Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) with the aim of nurturing the next generation of innovators and researchers.

Joint PhD training achieves a win-win situation for our students and counterparts. Collaborations provide students with research and development (R&D) experience in different research laboratories around the world. Research students receive additional financial support from our Overseas Research Attachment Programme, which has enabled our students to work with top scholars at world-class laboratories in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), UC Santa Barbara, University of Cambridge, Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and other locations around the world.

Research is about solving grand challenges with innovative approaches and unwavering persistence. Never settle for anything less than excellence and don’t be afraid to challenge the status quo. Research is also fun and exciting. Witnessing your inventions become real products that help the world brings joy and a great sense of achievement.

I am honoured to have received the prestigious HKPFS award for my PhD study in the CUHK Faculty of Engineering, where I also obtained my bachelor’s degree. With the substantial financial support provided by HKPFS, I can pursue my research interests in 3D shape analysis and generation. The scheme enables me to participate in international conferences where I can share my research findings with the international research community.
Faculty of LAW

Established in 2004, the CUHK Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW) is a highly international faculty with academic staff from over 20 different jurisdictions. It has been overall leading in Hong Kong in the law domain in the most recent RAE conducted by the UGC in 2014 and 2020. In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018 (Law Subject), CUHK LAW received the highest score in terms of ‘International Outlook’, making it the most international law school in the world.

CUHK LAW offers Bachelor of Laws, Juris Doctor and Postgraduate Certificate in Laws programmes, as well as five specialised Master of Laws programmes and two research postgraduate programmes. The Master of Law (LLM) in Energy and Environmental Law (EL) Programme was launched in 2018–19 as the first programme specifically dedicated to the legal aspects of energy security and sustainability in Hong Kong. From 2022–23, CUHK LAW will also offer a brand-new LLM in Legal History Programme. This LLM — one of the only such programmes globally — is designed to equip students with expertise in both the substance and the methodology of transnational legal history research.

Keeping pace with rapid globalisation, CUHK LAW has admitted students from over 50 countries and regions, creating a highly diverse student and alumni community. Taking advantage of its international and intercultural environment, CUHK LAW offers world-class legal education and conducts cutting-edge research in law.

Research Excellence

CUHK LAW is committed to excellence in both research and teaching. The RAE conducted by the UGC in 2014 recognised CUHK LAW as Hong Kong’s best research law faculty. In the latest RAE 2020, CUHK LAW is again overall leading in Hong Kong in the law domain with 83% of its research activity being rated at 4 star (‘world leading’) and 3 star (‘internationally excellent’). The Eduniversal Best Masters Ranking has also ranked the LLM in Chinese Business Law (CBL) Programme as No. 1 in ‘International Business Law in Far East Asia’ since 2007 and the LLM in Energy and Environmental Law (EL) Programme as the Top 5 in ‘Energy and Natural Resources in Far East Asia’ since 2019. In addition, the LLM in International Economic Law (IEL) Programme has been awarded the Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme by the UGC from 2021–22 to 2022–23 in recognition of the programme’s contribution to the training of legal talents.

In 2020, CUHK LAW established the Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law (CCTL) to provide institutional support and encourage collaborative comparative and transnational law research. CCTL is supported through the following seven cluster groups: the Comparative Constitutional Law Research Forum, the Corporate Law and Governance Cluster, the Environmental, Energy and Climate Law Cluster, the Obligations Law Asia, the Private International Law Group, the Transnational Economic Law and Dispute Settlement Group, and the Transnational Legal History Group.

Research Impact

In the modern world, legal academics endeavour to contribute to society at large, in addition to their contributions to scholarship. Their research aims to have an ‘impact’ beyond academia, defined as contributions, beneficial effects, valuable changes or advantages ‘to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life’. (Framework for RAE 2020, Hong Kong SAR). CUHK LAW places such impacts at the core of its research mission. Research conducted by CUHK LAW academics has contributed towards the improvement of society — particularly the rule of law — in Hong Kong, Greater China and beyond.

International Collaboration

CUHK LAW’s teaching and research excellence is evidenced by collaborations with top global institutions. For example, CUHK LAW forged exciting partnerships to offer Dual LLB-JD Degree Programmes with The Dickson Poon School of Law of King’s College London and the University of Exeter Law School, respectively. Students have the opportunity to study at two world-class law schools and obtain both an undergraduate degree and a postgraduate degree in law in four years. Two of these degrees represent the first step towards qualifying to practise law in the UK and Hong Kong, opening up global career options in law and related fields.

Katharina MUELLER
from Germany

LLM Graduate in International Economic Law

Where better to prepare for working in an international setting than in a city like Hong Kong that is so culturally diverse? The learning environment at CUHK reflects this omnipresent internationality. It was a great experience to be taught by professors from all over the world who could share their experiences practising law in various fields in a variety of countries.

Prof. Anatole BOUTE
Professor, CUHK LAW

To facilitate the urgently needed transition to sustainable energy, a robust legal framework is needed. Training in energy and environmental law has a crucial role to play in equipping lawyers with the expertise needed to help public authorities, the industry and civil society in navigating the complex legal challenges that characterize decarbonisation.
The CUHK Faculty of Medicine (CU Medicine) was founded in 1981 to meet the needs of society by providing the professional training and knowledge required to enable students to become caring and competent medical practitioners. Despite being one of the youngest schools among the global medical elite, CU Medicine has been ranked 29th in the QS World University Rankings 2022 by Subject and 52nd in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022 by Subject.

CU Medicine has five schools and 14 departments, offering nine undergraduate programmes and more than 50 postgraduate programmes. We also provide continuing and professional training for public health and healthcare professionals. A vibrant student life, an engaged alumni network and a spirit of innovation further contribute to the unique learning culture at CU Medicine.

**Research Excellence**

At the cutting edge of innovation, CU Medicine promotes interdisciplinary research excellence and collaborates with global centres of excellence and industrial partners. We strengthen our collaborations in education and research by establishing strategic global partnerships with top overseas universities that have complementary strengths.

We conduct research in areas of primary concern to Asia and Hong Kong, including projects on cancers prevalent in the region, gut microbiota, metabolic diseases and also the world-leading circulating nucleic acids for non-invasive diagnosis.

CU Medicine has a long tradition of cancer research and care in the local community. Our State Key Laboratory of Translational Oncology and State Key Laboratory of Digestive Disease help further CUHK’s scientific achievements, extend the benefits of its research to wider Chinese and Asian communities and expand its role in fostering regional and international collaboration on cancer research.

With over 20 years of experience in researching the epidemiology of diabetes in Asia, we have made substantial contributions to the prevention and treatment of diabetes and its complications.
CU Medicine has always been committed to making a difference in the world by improving people’s health through advancing healthcare, medical education and research. The ultimate goal is to advance human health and alleviate suffering caused by disease.

CU Medicine is at the forefront of new clinical applications in genomics and non-invasive prenatal testing. A non-invasive prenatal diagnostic method developed by our researchers has been widely adopted in over 90 countries and is now used by over seven million pregnant women annually. CU Medicine is also the pioneer of some of the world’s most advanced surgical technologies and techniques, such as robotics and minimally invasive surgery.

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Our scientists are committed to a wide spectrum of research areas, from astronomy and meteorology to medical and scientific advancement. After more than half a century, CUHK Science is now a world-class, research-oriented faculty engaging in the highest levels of research, teaching and learning.

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Members of the Hong Kong Academy of Sciences

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The XPLORER PRIZE (Mathematics and Physics)

Prof. Xinhui LU
Prof. Jianfang WANG
Prof. Po Keung WONG
Prof. Jimmy Chai Mei YU
Highly Cited Researchers by Clarivate

Research Achievements

12 Ministry of Education Higher Education Outstanding Scientific Research Output Awards
9 State Natural Science Awards
12 Croucher Senior Research Fellows
9 RGC Early Career Awards
4 China’s Excellent Young Scientists Fund (Hong Kong and Macau)
Research Excellence

CUHK Science receives numerous competitive research grants from local, mainland China and overseas commissions.

State Key Laboratories

• State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK)
• State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry

Areas of Excellence (AoE) projects

• Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions (2019–2027) (Prof. Ming Chung CHU)
• Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security (2017–2025) (Prof. Hon Ming LAM)
• Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function (2014–2021) (Prof. Liwen JIANG)
• Centre for Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology (2000–2011) (Prof. Samuel Sai Ming SUN)

Research Impact

Research that has an impact beyond academia is valued in our Faculty. Some examples of the cutting-edge impactful research are showcased below.

Chemistry: A spin-off company has commercialised synthetic extracellular vesicles research to enhance drug efficacy for diseased cells.

Earth System Science: Fundamental research in the effects of global warming on extreme precipitation in South China and unusually shallow earthquakes in the Sichuan Basin, China have influenced policymakers’ and industrial operators’ decisions to update regulations and operations.

Life Sciences: Fundamental research in neurodegenerative disorders, the biodiversity of Hong Kong lign aloe and integrated technology-bioinformatics platforms has had practical applications in early diagnosis, conservation policy and the health industry, respectively.

Mathematics: The development of novel mathematical methods has significantly improved the efficiency and accuracy of 3D shape analysis in computer graphics and medical imaging industry.

Physics: The breakthrough discoveries in fundamental physics and periodic hole nanostructures have, respectively, impacted international agencies including Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) and European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and revolutionised the production of green LED.

Statistics: Innovations in risk premium calibration and novel statistical methods have significantly impacted the insurance industry and enabled the development of non-invasive early detection methods for cancers, respectively.

Having moved to Hong Kong from the UK, CUHK has supported me every step of the way and continues to do so through my PhD. I have access to a wide variety of available resources, as well as gaining much knowledge from my supervisor and the professors in the School of Life Sciences.
The CUHK Faculty of Social Science aspires to enlighten and inspire society through innovative and rigorous social science education and research. We strive to sow and nurture an integrated science for the betterment of personal and collective well-being.

The Faculty houses two schools and six departments and has research expertise ranging from architecture, economics, geography and resource management, journalism and communication, government and public administration, psychology, social work and sociology. With such diverse expertise, our Faculty is well-positioned to excel in scholarship, discovery and innovation with significant and far-reaching social impacts.

'Nothing is so practical as a good theory; nothing is so theoretical as a good practical problem.' – Kurt Lewin

We join hands with our knowledge partners to co-learn, co-create and co-develop actionable social knowledge. On the one hand, a good practical problem can inspire new theoretical constructions. On the other hand, a theory’s agility to offer solutions to complex, important practical problems is a selection criterion in the marketplace of ideas — sticky theories are selected for propagation because they afford bold answers to big questions.

Our research areas are illustrated in the following diagram:
The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the RGC, aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong universities.

**Financial Assistance Totalling up to HK$1.69M**

- **Stipend up to HK$1.3M**
- **Tuition Fee Waiver up to HK$168,400**
- **Lodging Award up to HK$100,000**
- **Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance up to HK$84,000**
- **1st Year Hostel Fee Waiver and Guaranteed On-campus Accommodation**

**Postgraduate Studentships**

- For full-time research postgraduate students
- Annual studentship for 2022-23: HK$216,300
- Payable throughout the normative study period

**Postgraduate Scholarships**

- The Reaching Out Award, Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic Activities and other funding schemes are available to support full-time MPhil and PhD students who are conducting academic activities abroad.

**Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate Students**

Since 2018–19, the UGC has offered a tuition waiver to all local full-time students enrolled in UGC-funded research postgraduate programmes for their entire normative study period.

**Taught Postgraduate Studies**

**Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme**

Established by the UGC in 2019, the Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme provides subsidies for local students pursuing designated taught postgraduate programmes. The awardees pay a minimum tuition fee of HK$42,100 for the programme. The difference between this minimum and the programme fees is paid by the Scheme, with a cap of HK$120,000 per student, for the entire programme.

**Other Scholarships and Awards**

More scholarships and funding schemes are available to postgraduate students, including the Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence, PhD Student Exchange Programme, Young Scholars Thesis Award, Belt and Road Scholarship, CUHK Convocation Postgraduate Admission Scholarships. More information can be found on the websites of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Office of Academic Links and the Graduate School.

PhD candidates who are nominated by CUHK to HKPFS but not selected by the RGC will be admitted to the University’s regular PhD programme with postgraduate studentship. They will also receive the **CUHK Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarship of HK$80,000** (payable in three instalments) subject to satisfactory study progress.

* Applicable to students within their normative study period
* 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
* HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications in a timely manner
Student Life at CUHK

CUHK’s diverse facilities and resources are designed to make learning smooth, invigorating and pleasurable. They add extra dimensions to campus life, ranging from artistic to athletic pursuits.

Accommodation
Six on-campus Postgraduate Halls offer over 1,600 affordable hostel places (single occupancy and shared rooms) to students enrolled in full-time research postgraduate programmes or full-time UGC-funded taught postgraduate programmes. Visit www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk for more information.

Facilities and Resources
CUHK is committed to providing students with a rich learning environment. There is a wide range of facilities, including but not limited to the following:
• Centre for Learning Enhancement And Research
• English Language Teaching Unit
• Yale-China Chinese Language Centre
• Libraries
• Museums and Galleries
• University Health Service
• Sports Facilities
• Bookshop
• Restaurants and Cafes
• Banks, Supermarket and Hair Salon
About Admissions

General Requirements
For PhD and Taught Doctoral Programmes:
• A master’s degree from a recognised university

For MPhil–PhD and Master’s 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

For Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:
• A bachelor’s degree from a recognised university

English Language Requirements
• Scores obtained in one of the following English language tests, or
• A degree from a university in Hong Kong or a degree programme with English as the medium of instruction; or
• A recognised professional qualification, provided that the examination was conducted in English.

TOEFL 550 (Paper-based) / 79 (Internet-based)
IELTS (Academic) 6.5
GMAT Band 21 (Verbal)

Programme-specific Admissions Requirements
Some programmes may stipulate additional requirements for admissions. For more information, please refer to the admissions website at www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements.

Student Visas
All non-local students are required to apply for a student visa to study in Hong Kong. For more details, please visit www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/visa.

Application Procedure and Deadlines
Applications must be submitted online. More details about study options, the application procedure and deadlines are available on www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions.