

## All applicants shall fulfil the English Language Proficiency Requirements prescribed below:

(a) possess a pass grade in English in one of the following examinations<sup>1</sup>:

- Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (AS Level);
- Hong Kong Higher Level Examination;
- CUHK Matriculation Examination;
- General Certificate of Education A-Level / AS-Level;

or

(b) achieve Level 4 or above in the English Language subject of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination<sup>1</sup>;

or

(c) have a degree from a university in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country;

or

(d) achieve the scores as specified below in the following tests<sup>2</sup>:

- TOEFL<sup>3, 4</sup>: 550 (Paper-based) / 79 (Internet-based);
- GMAT: Band 21 (verbal);
- IELTS<sup>3, 5</sup>: 6.5 (Academic);

or

(e) have obtained a recognized professional qualification awarded in Hong Kong or an English speaking country<sup>1</sup>.

Applicants who do not fulfill the above English language Proficiency Requirements may be admitted in exceptional circumstances upon convincing justification.

1 Certified true copies of the score reports/certificates are required. The certified true copies must be issued by the official organization or relevant test organization. The University may require applicants to provide the original documents for verification.

2 Original score reports/certificates are required.

3 Applicants for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) are required to submit score reports of TOEFL / IELTS. GMAT results are not accepted.

4 TOEFL results are considered valid for two years from the test date. Only original valid official TOEFL score reports sent directly by the test organization to the University will be accepted. Original examinee's score reports will not be accepted. The University's institution code is 0812. Please be reminded that some test organizations do not accept applications for score reports after a specified validity period.

5 IELTS results are considered valid for two years from the test date. Only original official IELTS score reports sent directly by the test organization to the University will be accepted. Please use the contact information of the Graduate Division(s) concerned to complete Question 22 of the IELTS Application Form. Please be reminded that some test organizations do not accept applications for score reports after a specified validity period.

Each Graduate Division may set further requirements, including a subject test, a language test or full-time working experience, and may also waive such additional requirements in particular cases. Please refer to the programme information for details.

Those who expect to obtain a Bachelor's degree in the current academic year may also apply for admission.

Applicants with degrees awarded by overseas universities by distance learning or by completing a curriculum of short duration may be required to provide an assessment report from the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualification (HKCAAVQ) to confirm the level of qualification obtained.

## Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS):

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) 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 provides a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (approximately US\$2,565) and a conference travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approximately US\$1,280) per year for the awardees for a maximum period of three years. More than 230 PhD Fellowships will be awarded for the 2016/17 academic year. The application deadline is 1 December 2016. Please refer to RGC's website ([www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd)) for further details of the Scheme.

Applicants applying for admission to full-time PhD programmes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme are required to comply with the admission requirements of the Graduate School. Applicants who are not selected for the Fellowship Scheme will be considered as normal applicants and if admitted, be offered a regular postgraduate studentship by the University during their normative period of studies.