Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2021-22
The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong universities. The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) now invites HKPFS applications for 2021-22.

**HKPFS Package at CUHK**

- **Financial assistance totalling up to HK$1.6 Million* (~US$205,000)**
- **Stipend**
  - of HK$319,200* (~US$40,900) per year
- **Tuition Fee Waiver**
  - Max. up to HK$168,400* (~US$21,600)
- **Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance**
  - Max. up to HK$83,200* (~US$10,700)
- **Lodging Award**
  - Max. up to HK$100,000* (~US$12,800)
- **Hostel Fee Waiver and Guaranteed On-campus Accommodation**

PhD candidates who are nominated by CUHK to HKPFS but are not being selected by the RGC will be admitted to the regular PhD programme of the University. They will receive the **CUHK Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarship of HK$80,000 (~US$10,300)** subject to satisfactory study progress.

* During the student’s normative study period
# An award of HK$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK$20,000 in the subsequent years within the normative study period
^ HKPFS awardees who submit timely hall applications
**Why CUHK?**

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

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.

**About CUHK**

- **43rd** in the World (QS World University Rankings 2021)
- **8th** in Asia (Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2020)
- **No.1** in Hong Kong
  Reuters Asia Pacific’s Most Innovative Universities (2016–2019)

- **1,700+** Full-time Teaching Staff
- **13,000+** Postgraduate Students
- **70%+** Non-local Research Postgraduate Students

- Postgraduate Students Coming from **50+** Countries/Regions
- **200,000+** Alumni
- **1,500+** On-campus Hostel Places

As at December 2019
Strategic Research Areas

CUHK aims at becoming a centre of excellence for cutting-edge research and emerging interdisciplinary strengths that have global impact and make significant contributions to the society by translating research findings into practical applications. Riding on our current research strengths are four major research areas with 16 cross-cutting themes:

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

Areas of Excellence

The University Grants Committee (UGC) of Hong Kong has provided preferential funding to local tertiary institutions to conduct cutting-edge research. Of 24 such projects, nine Areas of Excellence projects are led by researchers at CUHK:

- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Centre for Organelle 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
What Our Students Say

Thi Hong Quy NGUYEN from Vietnam
PhD Student in Chinese Language and Literature (HKPFS awardee)

Studying and doing research at CUHK has been one of the best experiences of my life, giving me the invaluable opportunity to expand my knowledge and enhance my research capabilities. The professors and students I have met are all very serious about research and teaching.

Felix WIEBRECHT from Germany
PhD Student in Government and Public Administration (HKPFS awardee)

Pursuing a PhD at CUHK is a great experience. Positioned on Hong Kong’s most beautiful campus, the University provides a multicultural, interactive, and resource-rich learning environment. The world-class faculty and international scholarly network have helped me grow as a researcher and teacher and have prepared me well for a future career.

Hugo CHAN from Hong Kong
PhD Student in Mechanical and Automation Engineering (HKPFS awardee)

The countless opportunities provided by CUHK inspired my passion for engineering and developed my interest in research. Seminars by renowned academics and CUHK’s world-class setting provide numerous opportunities for global collaboration. I believe that I will continue to grow tremendously at CUHK.

Dr. Qun WANG from China
PhD Graduate in Nursing (HKPFS awardee)

I am an associate professor in Shenzhen University. During my PhD studies at CUHK, I received the New Researcher Award and the CUHK Golden Jubilee Postgraduate Scholarship. In recent years, I have participated in research projects examining nursing resources in hospitals and the community, nutritional interventions and HIV/AIDS education programmes in Northwest China, music intervention for community-dwelling elders, etc.
Requirements

In addition to meeting CUHK’s admissions requirements and English language requirements for admissions, HKPFS applicants should have outstanding credentials in terms of

1. Academic excellence;
2. Research ability and potential;
3. Communication and interpersonal skills; and
4. Leadership abilities

Website: [gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements](gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements)

Application Procedure and Timeline

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