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# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme at CUHK

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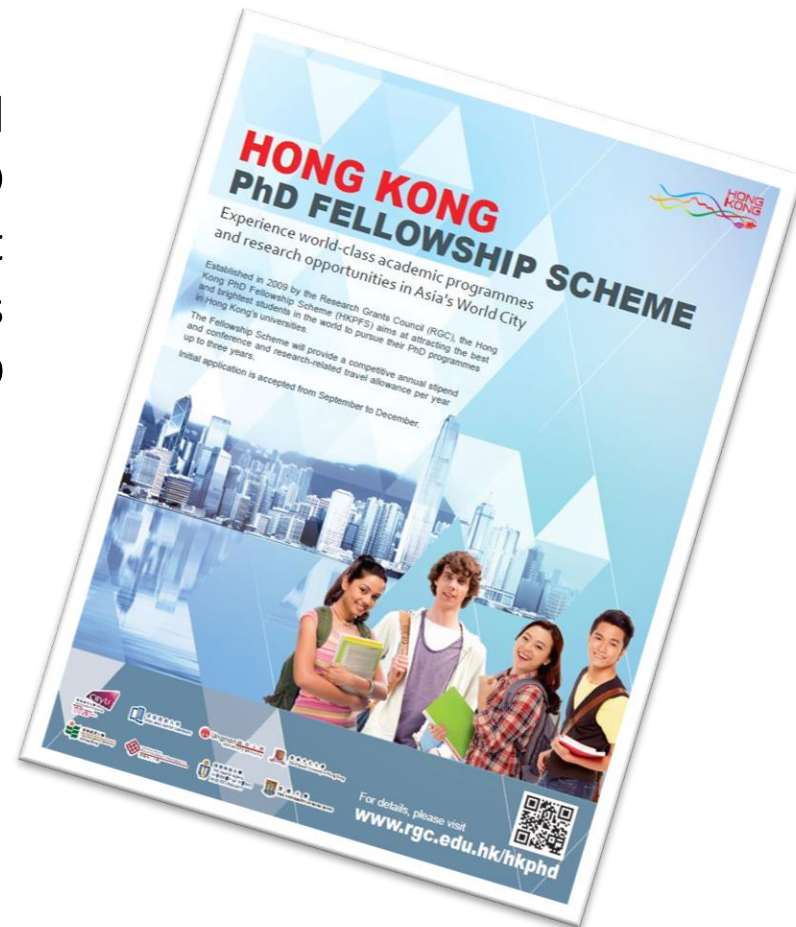
(for the 2022-2023 Intake)

# 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:

<https://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.

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## Selection Criteria

The RGC's 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

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## The Award

- A monthly stipend of HK\$26,900 (~US\$3,450) for a maximum period of three years;
- A conference travel allowance of HK\$13,500 (~US\$1,730) per year for a maximum period of three years.

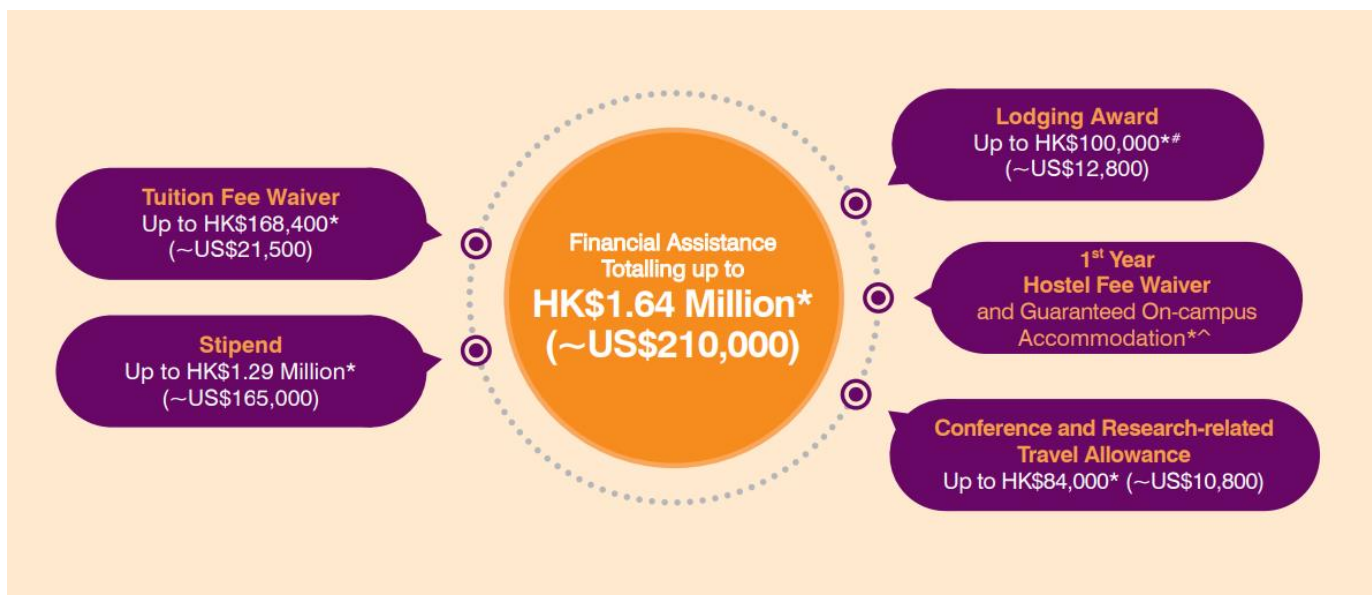
# CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship (for HKPFS awardees)

- A tuition fee waiver for the whole normative study period<sup>#</sup>.
- An award of HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,130) for lodging in the first year of study and HK\$20,000 (~US\$2,560) in the subsequent years within the normative study period.
- The on-campus hostel fee will be waived in the first year of study.
- CUHK guarantees on-campus accommodation during the normative study period to HKPFS awardees who submit timely applications.

*#In lieu of the CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship, a tuition waiver will be provided to local HKPFS awardees within their normative study period under the Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate (RPg) Students administered by the University Grants Committee (UGC).*

# CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship (for HKPFS awardees)

- For awardees with a normative study period of four years, CUHK will offer the stipend and conference travel allowance at the same level for the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- Totaling up to HK\$1.64 Million (~US\$210,000) during the normative study period.



# CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship Scheme

PhD candidates who are **nominated to RGC by CUHK but not selected for HKPFS** will be offered a regular PhD place with the following Scholarship:

- An award of total HK\$80,000 (approx. US\$10,260) in three installments (HK\$40,000 in the first year of attendance and HK\$20,000 each in the second and third years subject to satisfactory study progress); and
- Studentships of HK\$216,300 (approx. US\$27,730) per annum within the normative study period.



## Other Financial Support

- Research Postgraduate students may apply for the ***Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities*** to conduct the following activities:
  - Presenting papers at international conferences
  - Field trip related to thesis research
  - Data collection for thesis research
- Grant amount: HK\$30,000 (~US\$3,850) for a PhD student's whole normative study period.

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## Timeline

	HKPFS	Regular RPg *
Call for Application	1 September 2021	1 September 2021
Application Deadline	RGC Application deadline: <b>12nn, 1 December 2021 (HKT)</b>  CUHK Application deadline: <b>5pm, 1 December 2021 (HKT)</b>	Main Round: 1 December 2021  Clearing Round: 31 March 2022
Interviews	September – December 2021	September 2021 – May 2022
Announcement of HKPFS results by RGC	March/April 2022	N/A

Some programmes may set an earlier deadline. Please visit the admissions webpage at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/>

# General Admissions Requirements

Taught Doctoral, Doctor of Music and Non-articulated PhD programmes:

- A Master's degree from a recognized university.

Master's and MPhil-PhD articulated programmes:

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university, normally with honours not lower than second class; or
- A Bachelor's degree from an honours programme of a recognized university, normally with an average grade of not lower than "B".

## English Language Requirements for Admission

- A degree from a university in Hong Kong<sup>1</sup> or a degree based on a programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or
- Scores in the following English Language tests<sup>2</sup> 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 are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT is considered valid for five years from the test date.*

# Graduate School Website and HKPFS Leaflet

Please refer to the Graduate School admissions website for more information:

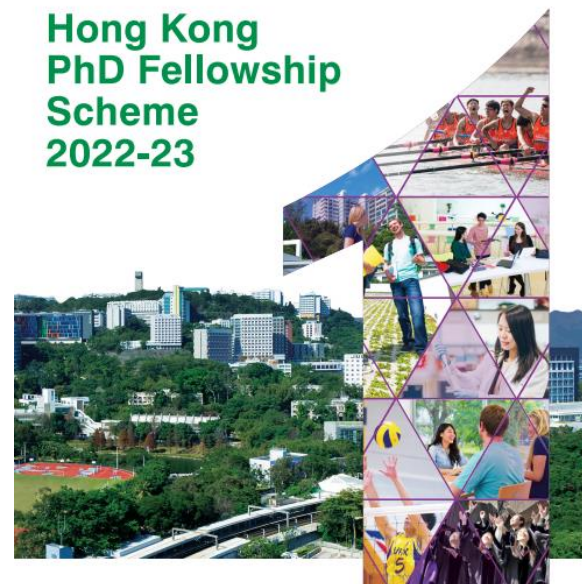
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## HKPFS Leaflet



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# Thank you!

