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Message from the Provost

Welcome to The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

We understand that pursuing graduate studies is a major decision not to be taken lightly. Whether you are considering a research or a coursework programme, you will want to have as much information as possible to make an informed choice. I hope that you will find the following pages helpful to your deliberation.

CUHK is a comprehensive research-led university with a mission of advancing the global frontier of knowledge for the betterment of humanity. It is home to a talented team of international scholars and scientists, globally recognised for their cutting-edge research in a rich array of disciplines. Interdisciplinary collaboration on both education and research is a hallmark of the University. Innovation is fully integrated into the learning experience and research environment. Strong links with institutions of higher learning worldwide, and especially in China, 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. 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. In this environment, every member of the CUHK community can flourish as an individual. The pressing global challenges we face – climate change, health, 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 translational 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.

Prof. Alan K.L. CHAN
Provost
J.S. Lee Professor of Chinese Culture

Welcome to the CUHK Graduate School.

With more than 50 years’ experience since its establishment, the Graduate School now offers over 210 postgraduate programmes awarding more than 6,000 postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates each year. The wide spectrum of postgraduate programmes we offer contributes to CUHK’s mission as a world-class research-oriented comprehensive university.

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 well-equipped learning resources and state-of-the-art housing facilities on a green campus provide the perfect backdrop for young scholars to immerse themselves in a culturally diverse and intellectually stimulating environment.

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

While your Faculty supervisors will guide you through your academic endeavours, our colleagues in the Graduate School will always be here to support your needs.

I warmly invite you to explore the wealth of information on the Graduate School provided in this booklet.

Prof. Anthony T.C. CHAN
Dean of the Graduate School
Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professor of Clinical Oncology
About CUHK

43th
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)

No.1
Global Partnerships in
40+
Countries/Regions

1,700+
Full-time Teaching Staff

30,000+
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students

330+
Research Institutes and Centres

HK$930M
(US$120M)
External Research Funding 2019

7,320
Research Output in 2019*
(* Excluding patents)

200,000+
Alumni

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

As at December 2019
CUHK boasts an array of over 330 research institutes and research centres specialising in interdisciplinary research of the highest quality. The University has established a number of joint research units in partnership with external academic institutions to pool resources for the advancement of knowledge in various subject areas.

Strategic Research Areas at CUHK

CUHK aims to become a centre of excellence for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with a global impact, seeking to make significant contributions to society by translating research findings into practical applications. Our current research strengths lie in the following four major research areas, incorporating 16 cross-cutting themes:

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

Areas of Excellence

The University Grants Committee (UGC) provides preferential funding to enable local tertiary institutions to conduct cutting-edge research. Of 24 such projects, the following 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

Research Institutes & Centres

CUHK has established the following five State Key Laboratories to 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)
Established in 1966, the Graduate School is the first of its kind in Hong Kong. Since then, CUHK has aimed to cultivate higher degree graduates to 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. Our current enrolment of postgraduate students exceeds 13,000 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 research degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) to Taught Doctoral degrees, Taught Master’s degrees, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate.

Postgraduate Studies at CUHK

- 210+ Postgraduate Programmes Offered by 58 Graduate Divisions
- 70%+ Non-local Research Postgraduate Students
- Annual Intake 7,000+ Postgraduate Students
- 6 Postgraduate Halls
- 13,000+ Postgraduate Students from 50+ Countries/Regions
- 1,500+ On-campus Hostel Places

As at December 2019
Explore the Unexplored

by Mr. Ming JU
Faculty of Arts

A number of universities in Hong Kong offer postgraduate programmes in arts and humanities. Why should the programmes offered by the CUHK Faculty of Arts be your right choice?

The Faculty of Arts has always been pivotal to CUHK’s commitment to integrating Chinese and Western traditions, to bilingual education and innovative research. We believe 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.

CUHK is ranked 39th in the QS World University Rankings for Arts and Humanities in 2020. We provide training in the largest number of academic disciplines in the humanities in Hong Kong. Our 14 Graduate Divisions, currently offering over 40 postgraduate programmes, are well-positioned to engage diverse and passionate faculty and students who are dedicated to upholding our finely-honed traditions of learning, teaching and research.

Research Excellence

The Faculty of Arts regularly receives funding from the UGC in support of research of high academic merit.

A multidisciplinary project led by Professor Patrick C.M. Wong, “Using Advanced Neuroimaging to Predict Language and Cognitive Outcomes in Pre-Term Infants”, is supported by the 2019-20 Research Grants Council’s (RGC) Collaborative Research Fund. The findings will help parents and educators plan for personalised early interventions for pre-term infants at risk of developing language and cognitive problems.

In 2010, Professor David Faure’s 7-year collaborative project entitled “The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society”, was the first humanities project funded under the UGC’s Areas of Excellence Scheme.

In addition to the Research Institute for the Humanities and four research centres directly supervised by the Faculty of Arts, there are many research centres at the departmental level that support and promote a broad range of research projects.

"As a teacher of ethnomusicology, I help research postgraduate students to uncover music’s significance across cultures, drawing on my scholarship in the field. Together, we engage with music critically, analytically and discursively to explore the complexity of our society. Witnessing my students’ achievements as scholars and teachers is immensely satisfying."

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

"CUHK’s PhD programme in Philosophy far exceeded my expectations – and my expectations were high. The professors, staff, and students are exceptionally talented and passionate about philosophy. They are also generous, friendly, and supportive, and together they have a philosophical range and depth that surpass any department in the world."

Dr. Robert Anthony CARLEO III from USA
PhD Graduate in Philosophy
(HKPFS awardee)
Faculty of Business Administration

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 affords 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 drives meaningful change in the ever-evolving world of business in Asia and beyond.

Dr. John LAI
Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Studies)
Director of MSc in Management Programme

It is important to engage students meaningfully to unleash their potential. I emphasise the four ‘C’s – critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration. Our job doesn’t stop when students graduate. My fellow faculty members and I believe that when students come back and share their stories, they have successfully put their learning into practice.

Roopali ARORA from India
Graduate of MSc in Finance

The well-structured curriculum allows students to focus on particular finance topics and plan their careers accordingly, with the help of a powerful alumni network. Interactive sessions with renowned industry practitioners expanded my network beyond CUHK. In this melting pot of Eastern and Western cultures, I made friends more quickly than ever before.

Research Impact

At CUHK Business School, research produces insights leading to impact. The 11 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 to allow our students to experience different cultures and ways of doing business first hand.

Students benefit from our extensive international network of 80 prestigious business schools. We offer dual MBA degree programmes with HEC Paris, the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, and the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin. We also offer joint postgraduate teaching programmes with China’s Tsinghua University and Shanghai National Accounting Institute.

Corporate Partnerships

CUHK Business School has a long history of strategic partnerships with companies in Hong Kong and Greater China, from start-ups to established enterprises. Our partnership initiatives include collaborative research, curriculum development, as well as business practicum projects and career opportunities for students. Currently, our corporate collaborators include AIA Hong Kong, Citibank Hong Kong, Ernst & Young, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Hyatt, IBM, Jones Lang LaSalle, New World Development, ZhongAn International, and more.
There is no best approach to graduate supervision, as every student has unique skills, experiences and needs. I take a learner-centred, humanistic approach to graduate supervision, seeking to acknowledge every student’s uniqueness and bring out the best in each of them.

I cannot think of an experience more fulfilling than graduate supervision, which enables me to build strong, lasting relationships with my students and, most importantly, leave a legacy for the next generation of researchers.

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme allows me to move from Thailand to Hong Kong to study under world-class faculty whose research had long excited me. CUHK’s supportive environment and excellent research facilities have helped me to pursue my research interests and become an independent researcher at an international level.
Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering was founded by the late Professor Sir Charles K. KAO, 2009 Nobel Laureate in Physics. Today, the Faculty is one of the world’s top engineering schools, boasting outstanding faculty, state-of-the-art research facilities and a high-impact research output.

The Faculty comprises six academic departments. With over 80 laboratories and diverse interdisciplinary activities, we offer an incomparably vibrant research environment.

Our professoriate is world-class, with 110 faculty members recruited from universities worldwide. Engineering students also benefit from the mentorship of international visiting researchers and exchange opportunities in overseas laboratories.

Research Excellence

The Faculty pursues research with potential for significant social impact. Our core areas of excellence include:

- Artificial Intelligence and Applications
- Robotics
- Big Data and Data Analytics
- Data Networks, Telecommunications and Photonics
- Environment and Sustainability
- Translational Biomedicine
International Collaboration

The Faculty collaborates actively with many leading universities and industry partners. Examples include joint projects with Boeing, Google, Microsoft, Huawei, and many others. In 2019, the Faculty and SenseTime Group Ltd. agreed to extend its collaborative efforts to research on advancing and applying AI technology.

Our Overseas Research Attachment Programme enables PhD students to work closely with top scholars at world-class universities overseas. Our PhD students were well received in research laboratories at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, University of Cambridge, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of California, Santa Barbara, etc.

Research Impact

CUHK built Hong Kong’s first Internet infrastructure and continues to route more than 80% of the city’s Internet traffic. Our professors are pioneers in artificial intelligence and network coding, representing major breakthroughs in information science. Contributions include new coding technologies for wireless transmissions, new optical fibre communications technologies and advanced silicon photonic chips.

In 2015, based on our cutting-edge theoretical work and our invention of hardware, Thomson Reuters named CUHK one of the 10 research institutions in the world with the greatest impact on telecommunications. We were the only Asian institution on the list.

Apart from pursuing basic and applied research, our researchers have successfully transformed research to meet new international standards and developed spin-off companies. One of Hong Kong’s highest-valued start-ups, SenseTime (market value US$1.6 billion), was launched by CUHK engineers.

Prof. Qi DOU (PhD, CUHK)
Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

CUHK’s awesome educational environment and culture help students to explore their personal potential and achieve self-development. The excellent intellectual community, warm student-faculty ties, outstanding facilities and fabulous campus offer the perfect atmosphere for energetic young students. The inspiring everyday life at CUHK has made me more confident, resourceful, courageous and virtuous.

“Research is no different from other arenas of competition, such as sport or chess. Good science is never easy. Wisdom is needed to choose the important problems to work on, along with hard work and persistence. Some scientists seem to be lucky enough to achieve many breakthroughs. But remember Pasteur, who said, ‘luck favours the prepared mind’.”

Prof. Hon Ki TSANG
Associate Dean (Research)
Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering

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International Collaboration
CUHK LAW’s teaching and research excellence is evidenced by collaborations with top institutions in the world. For example, CUHK LAW and The Dickson Poon School of Law of King’s College London forged an exciting partnership to offer a Dual LLB-JD Degree Programme. 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. These two degrees represent the first step towards qualifying in the UK and in Hong Kong thus opening up global career options in law and related fields.

Studying law at CUHK gave me a different perspective on how to approach the study and practice of law. The LLM in International Economic Law is a very good programme; it is not only about theory but also includes practice tips on activities such as drafting contracts.

Kehinde OLAOYE from Nigeria
PhD Student in Laws

Alfred ACHA from USA
Graduate of LLM in International Economic Law

Studying at CUHK LAW is very rewarding as I receive excellent supervision and support from my advisors. CUHK provides unmatched opportunities for legal research, global exchange and scholarship. It is at the heart of a vibrant arbitration community, maintains close links with Hong Kong’s legal community and is home to pioneering legal researchers.

Established in 2004, the CUHK Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW) is a highly international faculty with academic staff drawn from over 20 different jurisdictions. In the last Research Assessment Exercise conducted by the UGC in 2014, CUHK LAW was recognised as Hong Kong’s best research law faculty. In the 2018 Times Higher Education World University Rankings (Law Subject), CUHK LAW received the highest score in terms of “International Outlook”, making it the most international law school worldwide.

CUHK LAW offers the Bachelor of Laws, the Juris Doctor and the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws programmes as well as four specialised Master of Laws programmes, and two research postgraduate programmes. Keeping pace with rapid globalisation, CUHK LAW has admitted students from over 40 countries and regions, building a highly diverse student and alumni community. Taking advantage of a very international and inter-cultural environment, CUHK LAW offers world-class legal education and conducts cutting-edge research in law.
The CUHK Faculty of Medicine (CU Medicine) was founded in 1981 to meet the needs of society by providing professional training and knowledge to students needed to become caring and competent medical practitioners. CU Medicine has been ranked amongst the world’s top 50 medical schools in the QS World University Rankings and Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

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 inter-disciplinary research excellence and collaborates with worldwide centres of excellence and industrial partners. We establish strategic partnerships and global alliances with top overseas universities with complementary strengths to deepen our collaboration on education and research.

We conduct research in areas of primary concern to Asia and Hong Kong, including projects on cancers prevalent in the region, metabolic diseases, and 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 more than 20 years of experience of researching the epidemiology of diabetes in Asia, we have made substantial contributions to the prevention and treatment of diabetes and its complications.
Research Impact

CU Medicine has always been committed to making a difference to 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 researcher has been widely adopted in over 90 countries and is used by over 7 million pregnant women annually. CU Medicine also pioneers some of the world’s most advanced surgical technologies and techniques, such as robotics and minimally invasive surgery.

International Collaboration

Our collaborative activities include joint research projects, joint symposia and academic and student exchange programmes. Some of our partner institutions include Erasmus MC, LMU Munich, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, University of Oxford, University of Toronto and more.

After graduating from CUHK in 2010, I continued to carry out research in gastric cancer. Through the connection from the Department and the Faculty, I have established international collaborations with the Jackson Laboratory and Seoul National University. Up to now I have published more than 70 papers, got three projects funded by the RGC’s General Research Fund and joined Molecular Cancer as Associate Editor. I am confident that my work will benefit more patients.

Prof. Wei KANG (PhD, CUHK)
Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology

I am honoured to lead an international team striving to uncover the root causes of liver cancer. Our ground-breaking findings have been translated into immunotherapies by international pharmaceutical companies and consortia. I received the Most Promising Young Researcher Award from the Hong Kong Government, and have trained numerous capable research students from different countries.

Prof. Alfred CHENG
Assistant Dean (Research)
Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences
Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science at CUHK has six major teaching units (Chemistry, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and Earth System Science Programme). The Faculty has over 150 teaching staff offering more than 20 postgraduate programmes.

World-renowned Scientific Leaders
Our faculty and alumni are committed to the pursuit of academic and professional excellence, obtaining prestigious academic and professional positions and awards:

- **Nobel Laureate**: Prof. Chen Ning YANG
  Distinguished Professor-at-Large of Physics

- **Fields Medal Winner**: Prof. Shing Tung YAU
  Distinguished Visiting Professor-at-Large of Mathematics

- 4 Members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

- 1 Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering

- 2 Members of The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences

Research Achievements

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Research Excellence

The Faculty of Science receives numerous competitive research grants from local, Mainland, and overseas commissions.

Areas of Excellence (AoE) projects

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

State Key Laboratories

- State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry (Partnership)

Local major research grants (2014-2020)

- 11 RGC Collaborative Research Fund
- 20 Health and Medical Research Fund
- 9 Innovation and Technology Fund

130+ publications by faculty in A+ journals, including Science and Nature (2015-2020)

Research Impact

Creating impact from research beyond academia is valued in our Faculty. Some of them are showcased below.

Prof. Hon Ming LAM (Life Sciences) has decoded wild and cultivated soybean genomes and has applied the scientific knowledge to develop new stress-tolerant soybeans, for distribution to small farmers in Northwest China. Growing these new soybeans also help replenish soil fertility and reduce the use of fertilisers.

Prof. Jianfang WANG (Physics) has developed novel methods for synthesising noble metal nanocrystals with high purities. This patented technology has been commercialised, reaching thousands of customers worldwide and has been applied to monitor the quality of foods, drugs and explosives, etc.

Prof. Jimmy YU (Chemistry) has developed patented technology of fabricating mesoporous Titanium Dioxide thin films. This technology has been exploited by a French company to launch air purification systems, reaching over 3,500 clients, and has been recently transferred to a local company to develop self-sanitising coating.

Students from my lab receive numerous awards for their research outputs and establish successful careers in academia and in industry upon graduation. I encourage postgraduate students to find and decide on research projects by themselves while I would provide my suggestions and comments more on the feasibility and scientific merit.
The CUHK Faculty of Social Science aspires to enlighten and inspire our society through innovative and rigorous social science education and research. We strive to seed and grow an integrated science for the betterment of personal and collective well-being.

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

Interdisciplinary Research

The Faculty’s intellectual diversity provides rich soil for high-impact interdisciplinary research. Consider four of the Faculty’s thriving research clusters: youth studies, migration studies, the Chinese economy and sustainable future cities, each brings together researchers from different disciplines to pursue ambitious research goals.

In collaboration with National Cheng Kung University, the Joint Centre for Positive Social Science focuses research by raising new questions and inspires novel answers in the following areas:

- Successful ageing across cultures
- Psychological well-being
- Innovation and creativity in Asia
- Community rejuvenation
- Gender equality

The Faculty has a history of and an unwavering commitment to nurturing aspiring young scholars into global thought leaders. We challenge our research graduates to excel, and fund the interdisciplinary research initiated by them. As thought leadership grows with multilateral learning, we offer our students a borderless, synergetic intellectual environment. Nurturing exceptional graduates helps us incubate big ideas and talents in the social sciences.

Prof. Catherine McBRIDE  
Choh-Ming Li Professor of Psychology

I love being a professor at CUHK. My PhD students have gone on to teach at some of the top institutions worldwide, edit international journals, and, most importantly, conduct top-class, impactful research. Cross-cultural psychology is thriving at CUHK, a vibrant, supportive community of learners engaged in groundbreaking research.

David EDMONDS from New Zealand  
PhD Student in Sociology  
(HKPFS awardee)

Studying in the culturally vibrant city of Hong Kong is a unique experience. At CUHK, I am lucky to be a part of an intellectually stimulating and supportive research community, supervised by cutting-edge researchers. The funding, exchange, and research collaboration opportunities are unparalleled.
Scholarship and Financial Assistance

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

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.

During the student’s normative study period

About

Postgraduate Studentships

Postgraduate Studentships

• For full-time research postgraduate students
• Annual studentship for 2020-21: HK$216,300 (~US$27,300)
• Payable during the normative study period

Postgraduate Scholarships

Research Postgraduate Studies

Postgraduate Scholarships

Reaching Out Award, Research Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities and other funding schemes are available to support full-time MPhil and PhD students to conduct overseas academic activities.

Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate Students

Since 2018-19, the UGC has offered a tuition waiver to all full-time local 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 subsidy for local students to pursue designated taught postgraduate programmes. The awardees pay a minimum tuition fee of HK$42,100 for the programme. The difference is subsidised by the Scheme, with a cap of HK$120,000 per student, for the whole 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 Award, etc.


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.
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, from the artistic to the athletic.

Accommodation

Six on-campus Postgraduate Halls offer over 1,500 hostel places (single occupancy and shared rooms) to students enrolled in full-time research postgraduate programmes or full-time UGC-funded taught postgraduate programmes at affordable rates.

Visit [www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk) for more information.

Facilities and Resources

CUHK is committed to providing students with a rich learning environment. Its range of facilities includes the following, to name just a few:

- Centre for Learning Enhancement And Research
- English Language Teaching Unit
- Yale-China Chinese Language Centre
- Libraries
- Museums and Galleries
- University Health Service
- Sports Facilities
- Bookstore
- Restaurants and Cafes
- Banks, Supermarket, and Hair Salon
About Admissions

General Requirements

For PhD, Doctor of Music 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 of 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

• Achieved scores in one of the following English language tests*;

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• 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.

Programme-specific Admissions Requirements

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

Student Visa

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