Research & Postgraduate Education @ The University of Hong Kong

Graduate School, HKU

2018
The University of Hong Kong

Founded in 1911

one of the oldest in Asia
providing British-style education

oldest in Hong Kong
English as a lingua franca @ HKU
A Comprehensive International University

10 Faculties
Architecture, Arts, Business & Economics, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, & Social Sciences
An international community @ HKU

- ~60% professoriate staff from overseas countries
  ~40% professoriate staff from Hong Kong & China

- Highest % of non-local RPg students amongst local universities
  > 10,000 international students (UGs, TPgs & RPgs)

- Academic links with > 400 universities abroad
Student Enrolment@ HKU

UG, TPg and RPg: ~29K

R Pg students: ~3K (~10%)
25th in the World

The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2019
Research Postgraduate Education @ HKU
# MPhil and PhD Studies @ HKU

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*Students with research Masters will register for 3-y PhD programme*
## Suggested Steps:

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* For details of major research areas, contact persons and postgraduate admissions advisors in each Department and/or Faculty, please visit: [http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/web/apply/guide1819/6-1.html](http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/web/apply/guide1819/6-1.html).
**MPhil and PhD Studies in HKU**

**Major Admission Requirement**

**MPhil**
Bachelor’s degree with honours**

**PhD**
Bachelor’s degree (1st Class Hons)
or GPA > 3.6/4.0 or 3.6/4.3 or 85/100 marks,

Bachelor’s degree (Hons)** + Taught Master’s degree,
Bachelor’s degree (Hons)** + MPhil

**GPA > 3.0/4.0 or 3.0/4.3 or 80/100 marks**

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Targets in RPG education @ HKU

• promote internationalization
• nurture innovation
• encourage interdisciplinary research

to create IMPACT
Joint Programmes

• Joint PhD (KCL)
• Joint Educational Placement for PhD (U of T)
• HKU-SUSTech Joint Education Programme

KCL
from 2010-11

U of T
from 2012

SUSTech
from 2016
Graduate School, HKU provides

- Best practices for supervisors
- Mandatory supervisor training
- Curriculum reform for RPgs
- International experience (1 international or Mainland experience; 50% by 2019; 100% by 2022)
- Workshops (e.g. Interdisciplinarity; Big Data; Writing Boot Camp; Research Skills & Development)
Funding RPg Education @ HKU

Research Studies at One of the Top Universities in the World
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG 2019-20

Fellowships and Scholarships Available
- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme
  US$30,760 (HK$240,000) per year

New Studentships Scheme for Local Students

University Postgraduate Fellowships
Background

The HKPF was established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) in 2009

Eligibility

Available for selected full-time PhD candidates with outstanding academic performance and research ability / potential
Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)

- HKPF is worth **US$38,610/yr**\(^*\) plus conference & research-related travel allowance of **US$1,610/yr**\(^*\)

- HKPF awardees guaranteed a hall place in Yr 1

- Yr 1 tuition fee waived for HKPF awardees
  (2018-19 intake)

- HKPF awardees to LKS Faculty of Medicine entitled to the Faculty’s Doctoral Entrance Award of **HK$40,000 (~US$5,100)** in Yr 1

\(^*\)Revised rates are subject to RGC approval
Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)

Online Application (September each year)

Initial Application to RGC: [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd)

**Closing Date: December 1, 2018 noon (for 2019-20)**

*Exact date to be announced by the RGC*

Full Application to HKU: [www.gradsch.hku.hk](http://www.gradsch.hku.hk)

**Closing Date: December 1, 2018 (for 2019-20)**

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University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)

UPF supported by donors to HKU

HKU Foundation
Lee Shau Kee Scholarship Fund
Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation
Philip K.H. Wong Foundation

UPF is worth **US$8,970**
on-top of the Postgraduate Scholarship
*(PGS is not less than US$2,090/month for 2018-19)*

HKPF applications to HKU are **automatically**
considered for UPF
**Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)**

For every qualified full-time candidate

Not less than **US$25,120#** per year

(100 hours of services /year)

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<th>PGS in USD/VND per year#</th>
<th>MPhil</th>
<th>PhD</th>
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<td>Before confirmation of candidature</td>
<td>US$25,120</td>
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<td>After confirmation of candidature</td>
<td>US$25,120</td>
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MPhil and PhD Studies in HKU

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<th>Study Mode</th>
<th>Tuition fee (per year)</th>
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<td>Full-time</td>
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Conference/Travel Support

MPhil - conference support once or travel support once

PhD - conference support twice or conference support once and travel support once
Scholarships and Other Awards

Scholarships

- HKSAR Government Scholarships
- Doris Zimmern HKU-Cambridge Hughes Hall Scholarships

Awards for Outstanding Theses

- Li Ka Shing Prizes
- Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student Awards

PLUS scholarships, awards and prizes set up at Department and Faculty levels

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New Studentships Scheme for Local Students

- Non-means-tested scholarships
- Tuition fees for the normative study period of UGC-funded RPg programmes (2-year MPhil, 3-year & 4-year PhD)
- Eligible students: with the right of abode or right to land in Hong Kong, or One-way Permits to enter Hong Kong
- All disciplines of study
Times Higher Education’s ranking of The World’s Most International Universities 2017

HKU ranks 3rd in the World

HKU ranks first in Asia on ‘most international’ universities list

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<th>Score for international staff, students and co-authors (international pillar)</th>
<th>Score for international reputation</th>
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<td>99.4</td>
<td>88.0</td>
<td>96.5</td>
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Connected Across the Globe

9,718 international students on campus (as of October 2016)

3,733 outbound HKU students in 2015–16

30,740 alumni living outside Hong Kong

2,284 active research collaborations (to the year ending November 30, 2015)
• Faculty of Dentistry --- Top Dental School
• In 6 subjects --- HKU in top 10

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<th>Specific Subjects</th>
<th>World Rankings</th>
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<td>Education</td>
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<td>Architecture/Built Environment</td>
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<td>Linguistics</td>
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<td>Social Policy and Administration</td>
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• In 37 subjects --- HKU in top 100

<em>the highest amongst local universities</em>
Hong Kong ranked 12\textsuperscript{th} in the World

The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Best Students Cities 2018


- university rankings
- student mix
- desirability
- employer activity
- affordability
- student view
Research Assessment Exercise 2014: Highest % and highest absolute number of world leading (4*) and internationally excellent (3*) research outputs, external peer-reviewed grants & esteem measures under the Health Science Panel

ISI Essential Science Indicators: 53 researchers listed as Top 1% Scientists in the World and 256 Highly Cited Papers

Strategic Research Areas: Cancer, Healthy Ageing, Infection & Immunology, Public Health, Reproduction & Development, Biomedical Engineering & Nanotechnology, Drug, Food, Genomics, Integrative Biology, Neuroscience, Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine
Application
Application Deadlines

Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)*

- Initial Application to RGC: December 1, 2018 noon*
- Full Application to HKU: December 1, 2018

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Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)

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<th>Main Round</th>
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Online Application:
www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/prospective-students/how-to-apply

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Application

Supporting Documents

- Research Statement or Research Proposal
- Transcript
- Certificate of degree qualification
- Two recommendation letters
- TOEFL or IELTS test report (for applicants from institutions outside HK where the language of instruction and examination is not entirely in English)
- GMAT/GRE score report – taken within 5 years
  No minimum GMAT/GRE score requirement
  (for admission to Faculty of Business & Economics)
- Research plan and Vision statement (for HKPF and UPF)
- Detailed requirements at www.gradsch.hku.hk
# Application

## TOEFL / IELTS Test Report

- **TOEFL** (taken within 2 years)

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<th>Paper-Based</th>
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<td>Arts*</td>
<td>≥ 80 + Writing Score ≥ 25</td>
<td>≥ 550 + TWE Score ≥ 4</td>
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<td>Others^</td>
<td>≥ 80</td>
<td>≥ 550</td>
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*Except the School of Chinese and Centre of Buddhist Studies
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## TOEFL / IELTS Test Report

**IELTS** (taken within 2 years)

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<th>Subtest</th>
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#Including Centre of Buddhist Studies
Thank you for your attention

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Videos featuring some of our students awarded with Hong Kong PhD Fellowships