Research & Postgraduate Education
@ The University of Hong Kong

Graduate School, HKU
2019
The University of Hong Kong

Founded in 1911

oldest in Hong Kong
one of the oldest in Asia
providing British-style education
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 outside Hong Kong & China

• Highest no. 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: \(~29\)K

R Pg students: \(~3\)K (~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

The University of Hong Kong
MPhil and PhD Studies @ HKU

Suggested Steps:

1. Applicant
   Search potential supervisor(s) of your research areas*

2. Contact potential supervisor(s) to discuss your proposed research areas

3. On-line Application for Admission

* For details of major research areas, contact persons and postgraduate admissions advisors in each Department and/or Faculty, please visit: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/web/apply/guide1920/6-1.html
MPhil and PhD Studies @ HKU

Major Admission Requirement

MPhil - Bachelor’s degree with honours from HKU or qualification of equivalent standard from comparable institution

PhD - Bachelor’s degree (1st class Hons), Bachelor’s degree (Hons) plus taught Master’s degree, Bachelor’s degree (Hons) plus MPhil from HKU or comparable institution
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; Innovation; Big Data; Writing Boot Camp; Dialogues; Careers; Research Skills & Development)
Funding RPg Education @ HKU

Research Studies at One of the Top Universities in the World
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG 2020-21

Financial Support
- Full Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate (RPg) Students
- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme US$39,690 (HK$309,600) per year
- HKU University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)
  At least US$27,870 (HK$217,420) per year
- Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)
  At least US$32,630 (HK$259,920) per year*
* Combined value of UPF and PGS
* Subject to revision

University Postgraduate Fellowships

Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate (RPg) Students

HONG KONG PhD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME
Experience world-class academic programmes and research opportunities in Asia's World City
Background

Established by 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 worth **US$39,690 /y**
  - plus conference & research-related travel allowance of **US$1,650 /y**

- HKPF awardees guaranteed **hall place** in Y1 with possibility of renewal in Y2

- **Y1 tuition fee waived** for HKPF awardees

- HKPF awardees to **LKS Faculty of Medicine** entitled to Faculty’s Doctoral Entrance Award of ~**US$5,100 in Y1**

- **YS and Christabel Lung Postgraduate Scholarship** for outstanding PhD students including HKPF awardees in Faculty of Engineering
Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)

Online Application (September each year)

Initial Application to RGC: www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd

Closing Date: December 1, 2019 noon*

Full Application to HKU: www.gradsch.hku.hk

Closing Date: December 1, 2019*

* Exact dates to be announced
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
  - Hui Pun Hing Endowment Fund

- Total value is **US$8,970** on top of Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)
  
  *(PGS is not less than US$2,130 /month for 2019-20)*

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

Not less than **US$2,130 /month**
(100 hours of services /y)

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<th>MPhil</th>
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## MPhil and PhD Studies in HKU

### Tuition Fee

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<th>Study Mode</th>
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<td>US$5,400</td>
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#Subject to revision
Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate Students

- Non-means-tested tuition waiver
- Tuition fees for the normative study period of full-time UGC-funded RPg programmes (2-year MPhil, 3-year & 4-year PhD)
- All disciplines of study
- Non-local students holding the student visa/entry permit/ IANG visa/ dependent visa are not eligible
Accommodation

FT non-local RPg students registered on/after 1 July, 2019 guaranteed hall place in Y1
The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019

HKU ranks 36th in the World
In 10 subjects, HKU in top 20

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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 y
  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 Deadlines**

**Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)**
- **Initial Application to RGC:** December 1, 2019 noon*
- **Full Application to HKU:** December 1, 2019*
*HKPF applications automatically considered for University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF).
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**Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)**

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**Online Application:**
[www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/prospective-students/how-to-apply](http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/prospective-students/how-to-apply)
Application – TOEFL/IELTS Test (taken within 2 y)

- **TOEFL**

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<td>Others^</td>
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- **IELTS**

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Graduate School Videos

http://www.gradsch.hku.hk About Us Videos

WHY HKU?

HOW TO APPLY?

HOUSING FOR Postgraduate Students
Videos - Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Awardees @ HKU

Videos – Joint Programmes @ HKU

https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/videos/page4
Thank you for your attention

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