

80 Glorious Years of Home to Science

World-class Rankings

THE By Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018

#1 among the universities in Hong Kong

#4 among the universities in Asia

#40 in the world

QS By Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2018

#1 among the universities in Hong Kong

#5 among the universities in Asia

#25 in the world

QS World University Rankings by subject 2018:

#50 Biological Sciences **#27** Chemistry

#25 Earth & Marine Sciences **#49** Environmental Sciences

#51-100 Materials Science **#28** Mathematics

#51-100 Physics & Astronomy **#28** Statistics & Operational Research

Research Eminence

LEADS 5 AREAS OF EXCELLENCE (AoE) projects to foster international and inter-institutional collaboration

International Environment

- About **40%** academic staff are from overseas
- THE International Student Ranking 2018

#1 in Asia **#22** in the world

Top-ranked Scientists

According to Clarivate Analytics' Essential Science Indicators 2017

14% of our professoriate staff are the world's **Top 1%** scholars

1910s

- Subjects of Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry were offered when the University was founded
- Department of Physics was established in 1914

1950

The first postgraduate student was admitted in Science



Graduals heading for the Congregation

1995

Earth Sciences Unit became Department of Earth Sciences

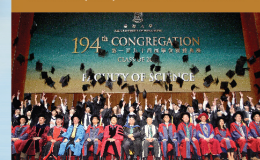
2000



Kadoorie Biological Sciences Building opened

2015

- Worldwide alumni number hit 20,000
- Total number of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) academicians reached 4



1939

Professor Walter BROWN
The first Dean of Science

Founding of Faculty of Science with four departments: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics; Professor Walter BROWN as the first Dean of Science

1958

Department of Biology split into two departments: Botany and Zoology



First batch of graduates under BSc (General) & BSc (Special) degrees

1959

- Three-year pass degree renamed as BSc (General) degree
- Four-year honours degree renamed as BSc (Special) degree

1941



Dr Hsing Tsung HUANG (middle)
Graduation of the first and only Science student: Dr Hsing Tsung HUANG (黃興宗)

1967

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science was established; joined the Faculty of Science in 2004

1942



Professor Rayson HUANG as Vice Chancellor of HKU in 1982

Wartime degrees were conferred to two final year students: Miss Yung-tai LAM (林蓉蓀) and Professor Rayson HUANG (黃麗松)

1990

Swire Marine Laboratory in Cape d' Aguilar opened, later renamed as Swire Institute of Marine Science (SWIMS) in 1994



1946-1947



Northcote Science Building

The Faculty of Science reopened and classes resumed after Second World War

(Image courtesy of the University Archives, The University of Hong Kong)

1994



- Chong Yuet Ming Chemistry and Physics Buildings completed and opened
- Department of Ecology and Biodiversity was established

2007

- Introduction of common admission to 6901 Bachelor of Science (BSc) programme
- Formation of School of Biological Sciences with the merging of the Botany, Ecology & Biodiversity and Zoology departments



2010

A Partner State Key Laboratory was established on Synthetic Chemistry



2012

4-year undergraduate degree curriculum was launched under the education reform in Hong Kong



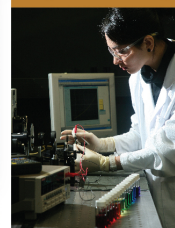
2017

Five-year Plan has been formulated for Faculty's strategic moves, aiming high by targeting academic staff growth of 20% and maximising research performance



6 Research Divisions are set up to maximise research performance, identify and nurture research strengths, and incentivise research activities:

- Chemistry
- Earth and Planetary Science
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Mathematical and Statistical Science
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Physics and Astronomy



2017-2018