

RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE (RPG) STUDIES @HKU SCIENCE

Pursuing research eminence
at Asia's World City

Enrolment

Enrolment options @HKU

General Admissions
Requirements

Programmes at HKU

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) &
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Study mode	Tuition fees (per annum)
Full-time (non-local)	HK\$42,100

*subject to revision

Degree		Study period	
MPhil		Full-time	2 years
PhD	3-year PhD*	Full-time	3 years
	4-year PhD [#]	Full-time	4 years

*Those who already hold a research Master's degree (e.g. MPhil) will only be considered for admission to a 3-year PhD programme.

[#]Applicants who have a good Bachelor's degree with honours and/or a taught Master's degree will be considered for admission to a 4-year PhD programme.

General Admissions Requirements



MPhil:

- a Bachelor's degree with honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

PhD:

- a Bachelor's degree with honours and a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; *or*
- a Bachelor's degree with first class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.



applicants with qualifications other than an honours degree are considered on their individual merits



applicants who apply with a qualification from a university or a comparable institution whose teaching medium is not English are required to fulfill additional language requirements



Funding Your RPg Studies @ HKU

Types of Scholarships
Available

01 HKU Presidential PhD Scholar Programme (HKU-PS)

03 Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)



02 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF)

established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council



04 Tuition Waiver Scheme (for local RPg students)

established by the Hong Kong Government

More information can be found at: <https://gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/prospective-students/scholarship-funding-and-fees>

01 HKU Presidential PhD Scholar Programme (HKU-PS)

- Is the **most prestigious scholarship** at HKU
- Awarded to the brightest full-time PhD candidates
- Provides financial, academic and training support (e.g. individualised advising, research lab rotation, teaching training, etc.)

PhD applicants with very strong qualifications in academic and/or research achievements will be considered and separate applications are NOT required.

02 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF)

- Awarded to outstanding new full-time PhD students, irrespective of country of origin, work experience and ethnic background
- ~300 HKPFs granted each academic year
- Postgraduate Scholarship at HK\$26,600 per month
- Conference & Research-related Travel Allowance at HK\$13,300 per year

Apply online at:
<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/apply.html>



Each HKU Presidential PhD Scholar receives:

HKU Presidential PhD Scholar Programme (HKU-PS)

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF)*

**The package for recipients of HKPF will be automatically upgraded to an HKU-PS one.*



Cash Award to support research & living expenses

HK\$40,000 in Year 1; HK\$20,000/year for the remaining normative study period

Conference & Research-related Travel Allowance

of HK\$13,300/year



Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

of HK\$26,600/month

Waiver of Tuition fees

for the whole normative study period
(i.e. HK\$42,100/year)



Guaranteed Accommodation in Year 1

Hall place guaranteed in Year 1, with possibility of renewal in Year 2

Additional support from HKU Science

The Faculty's Doctoral Entrance Award of HK\$15,000 in Year 1



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Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

- For full-time MPhil & PhD students
- Value: HK\$18,030 OR HK\$18,520* per month

*for PhD students whose probationary candidature has been confirmed

To apply,



check the “Postgraduate Scholarship” box in your application

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Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local RPg students

- For current & new local RPg students enrolled into a full-time UGC-funded programme at a local institution
- Covers the tuition fees

For more information, click [here](#).

Eligible students do NOT need to apply for this Scheme.

More about RPg @ HKU

Joint PhD Programme
Joint Educational Placement for PhD
Accommodation

Joint PhD Programme

King's College London

Students admitted to the joint PhD programme will:

- Be registered as full-time students & enjoy the full range of facilities at both universities
- Be guided by Faculty members at both universities
- Normally split their study period equally between both universities (with the last 6 months at the home university)
- Be conferred a PhD degree jointly awarded by HKU & KCL

King's College London



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LONDON

Joint Educational Placement for PhD

1. University of Toronto
2. Sapienza Università di Roma and McMaster University
3. Northeastern University

Students admitted to the joint education placement programme will:

- Have the same access to facilities at both institutions
- Be co-supervised by Faculty members of both institutions
- Pay tuition fees and apply for scholarships to the home/lead institution
- Spend 6-24 months at the host institution (pending both supervisors' approval)
- Be conferred a degree awarded by the home/lead institution

Northeastern University



University of Toronto



Sapienza Università di Roma



Accommodation

- Guaranteed hall placement in Year 1 (for full-time non-local RPg students)

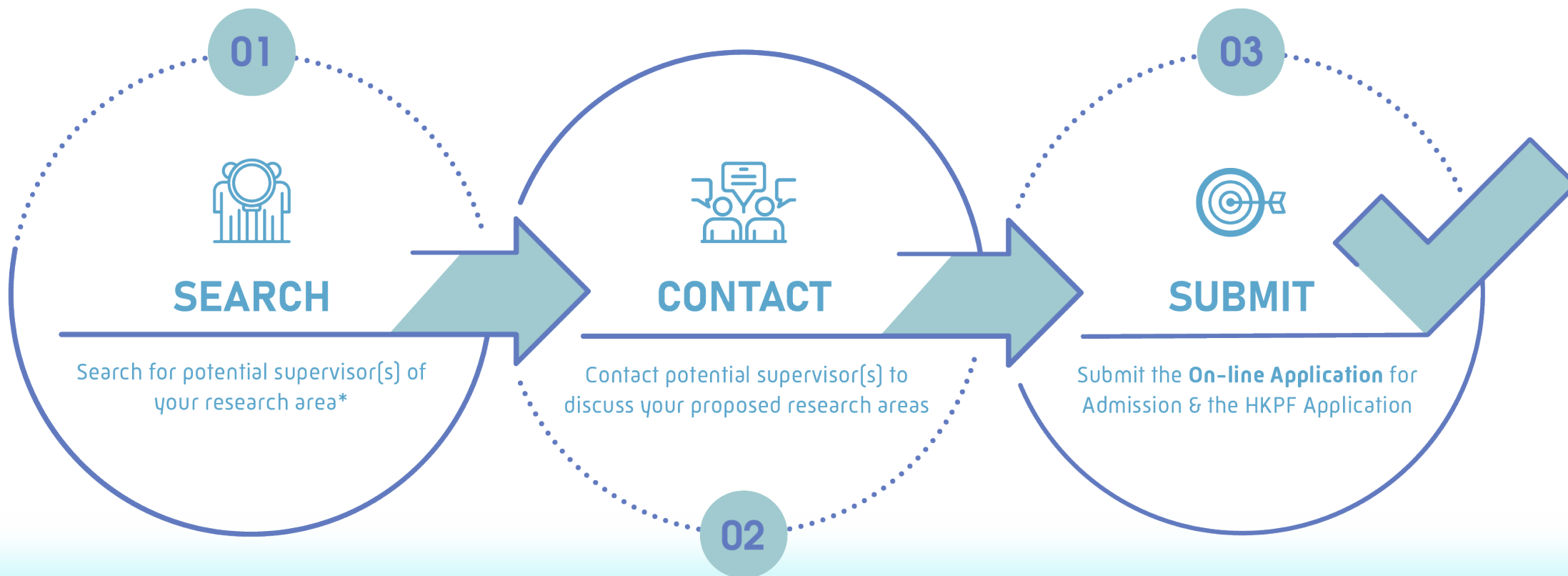


How to Apply?

Application Process

Application Dates

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*For details of major research areas, contact persons and postgraduate admissions advisors in each Department and/or the Faculty, please visit: <https://www.scifac.hku.hk/rpg/pg-admissions-advisors>

Application Dates – HKPF & HKU-PS

Start date:



Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme*

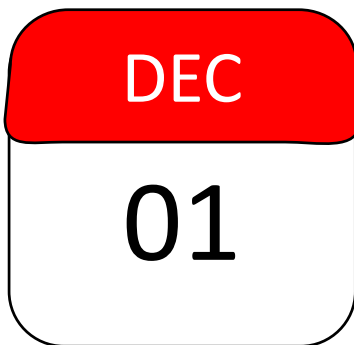
Initial Application to RGC:

#September 1 HKT 12:00 nn (GMT +8 hours) to **December 1 HKT 12:00 (GMT +8 hours)** each year

Full Application to HKU:

#September 1 – **December 1 HKT 23:59 (GMT +8 hours)** each year

Deadline:



HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship (HKU-PS)*

Candidates who are nominated by HKPF Scheme will be considered for HKU-PS. Separate application for HKU-PS is not required.

Please see above for the application deadline for HKPF.

* Please check the 'Important Dates for Application' Section on the Admissions website page for the exact dates for your academic year.

Application Dates – All Applicants

DEC

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Main Round

December 1 each year
Application deadline for MPhil & PhD

1st Clearing Round

April 30 each year
Application deadline for MPhil & PhD

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AUG

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2nd Clearing Round

August 31 each year
Application deadline for MPhil & PhD

Please check the 'Important Dates for Application' Section on the Admissions website page for the exact dates for your academic year.