RESEARCH
POSTGRADUATE (RPG) STUDIES
@HKU SCIENCE

Pursuing research eminence at Asia's World City
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## Programmes at HKU

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

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*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
HKU Presidential PhD Scholar Programme (HKU-PS)

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF)

established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council

Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

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
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.)

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

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

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

Each HKU Presidential PhD Scholar receives:

- **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
03 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.

04 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
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
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
Accommodation

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

Application Process
Application Dates
Application Process

01 SEARCH
Search for potential supervisor(s) of your research area*

02 CONTACT
Contact potential supervisor(s) to discuss your proposed research areas

03 SUBMIT
Submit the On-line Application for Admission & the HKPF Application

*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:

- **SEPT 01**

Deadline:

- **DEC 01**

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

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

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