

RESEARCH AT CUHK

CUHK strives to be a world-class university recognized as a centre of excellence for developing cutting-edge research and emerging interdisciplinary strengths that have global impact and make significant contributions to society. CUHK offers a wide range of research postgraduate programmes in different subject areas. CUHK encourages all academic staff to undertake consultancy and collaborative projects with the industry. Research activities at CUHK address core issues of global innovation, they integrate staff research with teaching, and they range from upstream research to midstream development.

Research Excellence

CUHK is committed to research excellence. Our academic staff members are research-active and benchmark their research against the highest international standards. CUHK has had four faculty members who are Nobel Laureates: late Professor Sir Charles Kao, Nobel Laureate in Physics who was also one of the University's former Vice-Chancellors; Professor Yang Chen Ning, Nobel Laureate in Physics; Professor Robert Mundell and late Professor Sir James Mirrlees, both Nobel Laureates in Economics.

Four Major Research Areas

The CUHK Strategic Plan 2016 identified four major areas for strategic research and substantial resources are being devoted to these areas. The four major areas are:

- China Studies
- Translational Biomedicine
- Information and Automation Technology
- Environment and Sustainability

STUDENTSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & ACCOMMODATION

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) in 2009, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's universities. HKPFS is a prestigious scheme which provides a monthly stipend of HK\$25,800 (approx. US\$3,300) and a conference travel allowance of HK\$12,900 (approx. US\$1,655) per year to awardees for a maximum period of three years.

Those who are seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in Hong Kong universities funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC), irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience and ethnic background, are eligible to apply. Applicants should demonstrate outstanding qualities in terms of academic excellence, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, as well as leadership abilities.

Starting from the 2019-20 intake, the CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship offers HKPFS awardees a tuition fee waiver for their whole normative study period. For awardees with a normative study period of four years, CUHK will offer the studentship and conference travel allowance at the same level for the fourth year. It also provides an award of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,570) for lodging in the first year of study to HKPFS awardees. The on-campus hostel fee will be waived in the first year of study. CUHK guarantees on-campus accommodation during the normative study period to HKPFS awardees who submit timely applications.

In lieu of the CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship, a tuition waiver will be provided to local HKPFS awardees during their normative study period under the Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate Students administered by UGC.

HKPFS application deadline: 2 December 2019

Postgraduate Studentships/Scholarships

CUHK offers Postgraduate Studentships (PGS) for up to 2 years to all full-time MPhil students and for up to 4 years to all full-time PhD students. The PGS for 2019-20 is HK\$17,330 (approx. US\$2,220) per month.

A number of scholarships and funding schemes are available to support full-time MPhil and PhD students to conduct overseas academic activities such as presenting papers at international conferences, conducting field trips and engaging in data collection projects.

Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate Students

Starting from the 2018-19 academic year, the Government has been granting a tuition waiver to all current and newly admitted local full-time research postgraduate (RPG) students enrolled in UGC-funded RPG programmes for their entire normative study period.

Accommodation

CUHK's Postgraduate Halls (PGH) offer over 1,500 hostel places on-campus to full-time research students at a very affordable rate. Please visit the PGH website at www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk for more information.



STUDY OPTIONS

Our research postgraduate programmes consist of coursework and research components. Students need to submit a written research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation.

DEGREE	STUDY MODE	NORMATIVE PERIOD	MAXIMUM PERIOD
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Music (DMus)			
(i) For students with a research master's degree*	Full-time	36 months	84 months
	Part-time	48 months	96 months
(ii) For students without a research master's degree*	Full-time	48 months	84 months
	Part-time	64 months	96 months
Doctor of Philosophy (MPhil-PhD articulated programmes)			
(i) For students with a research master's degree*	Full-time	36 months	72 months
	Part-time	48 months	84 months
(ii) For students without a research master's degree*	Full-time	48 months	84 months
	Part-time	64 months	100 months
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)			
	Full-time	2 years	4 years
	Part-time	3 years	5 years
Master of Music (MMus)			
	Full-time	1 year	3 years
	Part-time	2 years	4 years
Master of Fine Arts (MFA)			
	Full-time	2 years	4 years

The annual tuition fee for all research postgraduate programmes, regardless of the mode of study, is HK\$42,100[^] for the 2020-21 academic year.

* The University reserves absolute discretion to decide whether the degree possessed by a student is a research master's degree or not, such decision is to be communicated through the admission notification.

[^] Subject to review.



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The information provided below is for reference only. Please refer to the admissions website for details.

General Admissions Requirements

- (a) For Master's and MPhil-PhD articulated programmes:
 - A bachelor's degree from a recognized university, normally with honours not lower than second class; or
 - A bachelor's degree from an honours programme of a recognized university, normally with an average grade of not lower than "B".
- (b) For Doctor of Music and non-articulated PhD programmes:
 - A master's degree from a recognized university.

English Language Requirements for Admission

- (a) A degree from a university in Hong Kong or a degree programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or
- (b) Scores in the following English Language tests[#]:
 - TOEFL: 550 (paper-based)/79 (internet-based);
 - IELTS (Academic): 6.5;
 - GMAT: Band 21 (Verbal); or
- (c) A pass grade in English in one of the following examinations: HKALE (AS Level), HKHLE, CUHK Matriculation Examination, GCE A-Level/AS-Level; or
- (d) Level 4 or above in the English Language subject of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination; or
- (e) A recognized professional qualification, provided that the examination was conducted in English.

Programme-specific Admissions Requirements (if any)

[#] TOEFL and IELTS are considered valid for 2 years from the test date. GMAT is considered valid for 5 years from the test date. Some programmes may have a higher score requirement. Please refer to the relevant programme website for details.