

LIVING AND STUDYING IN HONG KONG

Pursuing PhD in Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a free and dynamic society where creativity and entrepreneurship converge. Strategically located in the heart of Asia, it is a cosmopolitan city offering global connectivity, security and rich diversity, and is home to a unique network of people who celebrate excellence and quality living.

Hong Kong's education system fosters lifelong learning and independent research, leading to a motivated, highly skilled and entrepreneurial workforce. Hong Kong welcomes an international workforce.

Tertiary institutions in Hong Kong offer special strengths amidst a wide choice of disciplines, developing the city into a regional and international hub for higher education and talent development.

So, what does Hong Kong offer in respect of higher education? What is it like to undertake PhD studies in Hong Kong?

About Hong Kong

There are lots to see and experience in Hong Kong. Here are some interesting resources for you to tour on the web about this fantastic place.

- Fun Facts
- This is Hong Kong!
- Discover Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Factsheets
- Hong Kong Yearbook

HONG KONG PHD FELLOWSHIP

Background

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong in 2009, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong's institutions

Eligibility

Candidates who are seeking admission as new full time PhD students in the following eight institutions, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience and ethnic background, should be eligible to apply.

- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Lingnan University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- The University of Hong Kong

Applicants should demonstrate outstanding qualities of academic performance, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities.

Fellowship Award

The Fellowship provides an annual stipend of HK\$240,000 (approximately US\$30,000) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approximately US\$1,300) per year to each awardee for a period of up to three years. More than 230 PhD Fellowships will be awarded in the 2016/17 academic year*. For awardees who need more than three years to complete their PhD studies, additional support may be provided by the chosen institutions. For details, please contact the institutions concerned directly.

** Institutions in Hong Kong normally start their academic year in September.*

Selection Panel

Shortlisted applications, subject to their areas of studies, will be reviewed by one of the following two Selection Panels comprising experts in the relevant board areas:

- Sciences, Medicine, Engineering and Technology
- Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies

Selection Criteria

While candidates' academic excellence is of primary consideration, the Selection Panels will take into account factors as follows:

- Academic excellence;
- Research ability and potential;
- Communication and interpersonal skills; and
- Leadership abilities

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

How to Apply

Eligible candidates should first make an **Initial Application** online through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme Electronic System (HKPFSES) to obtain an **HKPFS Reference Number** by **1 December 2015 at Hong Kong Time 12:00:00** before submitting applications for PhD admission to their desired institutions.

Applicants may choose up to two programmes/departments at one or two institutions for PhD study under HKPFS 2016/17. They should comply with the admission requirements of their selected institutions and programmes.

As the deadlines for applications to some of the institutions may immediately follow that of the Initial Application, candidates should submit initial applications as early as possible to ensure that they have sufficient time to submit applications to institutions.

Step 1: Submit Initial Application to Research Grants Council

Open for applications: 1 September 2015 at 12:00 noon Hong Kong Time



Explanatory Notes for completing the Initial Application (in PDF format)



HKPFS Electronic System - Initial Application

Step 2: Submit Full Applications to Proposed Institutions

After completing an initial application, applicants should submit full applications for their selected PhD programmes to the proposed institutions quoting their **HKPFS Reference Number** before the institutions' respective deadlines. As regards programme information, requirements for PhD admission, application methods, regulations and policy of individual institutions, please refer to individual **institutions** and PhD programmes for information.

	City University of Hong Kong Application Deadline: 7 December 2015
	Hong Kong Baptist University Application Deadline: 1 December 2015
	Lingnan University Application Deadline: 2 December 2015
	The Chinese University of Hong Kong Application Deadline: 1 December 2015
	The Hong Kong Institute of Education Application Deadline : 4 December 2015
	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Application Deadline: 1 December 2015
	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Application Deadline: 3 December 2015
	The University of Hong Kong Application Deadline: 1 December 2015

For Further Details Please Login the Following Sites

<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/Poster2016-17HKPFS.pdf>

<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/Leaflet2016-17HKPFS.pdf>

<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/livestudyhk.html>

<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>

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

<http://ugc.edu.hk/eng/ugc/faq/q3.htm>

<http://ugc.edu.hk/eng/ugc/index.htm>

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