Hong Kong
PhD Fellowship Scheme 2019/20
About HKPFS

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) invites candidates from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, with evidence of academic excellence, research ability and potential, and good communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities to apply for full-time PhD study under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS). HKPFS is established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) with an aim to attract the best and brightest students from all over the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong.

Applicants for admission to HKBU’s PhD programmes via HKPFS will concurrently be considered for our regular postgraduate studentship programme.

Financial Support

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<td>Stipend</td>
<td>HK$25,100 (approx. US$3,200) monthly/ HK$301,200 (approx. US$38,400) annually</td>
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<td>Tuition Waiver/Scholarship*</td>
<td>HK$42,100 (around US$5,400) per year for each of the three years of studies</td>
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<td>Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance</td>
<td>HK$12,600 (approx. US$1,600) per year for a maximum of three years plus the University’s provision of HK$15,000 (approx. US$1,900) for the entire study period</td>
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*Subject to satisfactory academic progress
Why HKBU?

Founded in 1956, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) is widely recognised for its distinctive education and quality research. HKBU prepares young people with the innovative impulse and creative thinking that the 21st century demands, and balances academic excellence with the whole person development.

The University has set out a 10-year strategic plan to take us to new heights as a research-led liberal art institution of global significance. The University’s success is built upon its caring, creative and global culture. We endeavour to deliver the best student experience and promote research excellence by offering research-enriched and creative curricula where diverse communities of learners work in world-class facilities and engage openly.

HKBU Research Strategy

Aspiring to be a leading, research-led, liberal arts University in Asia, Hong Kong Baptist University is committed to conducting world-leading investigations that extends the frontiers of knowledge, tackle global challenges and benefit the community at home and abroad.

Encompassing HKBU’s research strengths, the University has formed institutional research clusters in three key areas to underpin interdisciplinary research and theme-based research, for promoting research excellence and knowledge/technology transfer:

- **Creative Media/Practice**
  - Film, graphics, literary arts, music, visual/media arts

- **Health, and Drug Discovery**
  - Chinese medicine, chemistry, microbiology, ageing, physical education

- **Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence**
  - In applications such as data-journalism, data-healthcare and data-literature
Fields of Study

**Faculty of Arts**
‘Strong in classical Chinese, cultural studies, literary creativity, music performance, religious studies, and translation studies.’
- Chinese Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Humanities and Creative Writing
- Music
- Religion and Philosophy
- Translation Programme

**School of Communication**
‘One of the leading Communication Schools in the region.’
- Academy of Film
- Communication Studies
- Journalism

**Faculty of Science**
‘Awarded the prestigious status of Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China.’
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

**School of Business**
‘Amongst less than 1% of the world’s business schools to have earned triple international accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.’
- Accountancy and Law
- Economics
- Finance and Decision Sciences
- Management
- Marketing

**School of Chinese Medicine**
‘The first school of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong and renowned for its excellence in teaching, research and clinical services.’
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chinese Medicine
- Translational Medicine
- Pharmacy in Chinese Medicines

**Faculty of Social Sciences**
‘Leading the development of global social sciences for Hong Kong.’
- Education Studies
- Geography
- Government and International Studies
- History
- Sport and Physical Education
- Sociology
- Social Work

**Academy of Visual Arts**
‘The first academy of its kind in Hong Kong.’
- Studio-based and Applied Research
- Theoretical and Community Research
Prof Eva MAN, Director of Academy of Film and Chair Professor, Department of Humanities & Creative Writing
Supervisor of awardees in Communication and Humanities & Creative Writing

My HKPFS supervisees include young scholars from India, Malaysia, Mainland China and Hong Kong. They come from different cultures, speak English with lively accents and are so much motivated in their studies. We enjoy our discussions and various kinds of cross over together in Hong Kong and other conference places like Melbourne of Australia, creating fond sharing and memories. HKPFS supervision is such a beneficial experience to me, I have learned a lot from my supervisees whose researches are very advanced with updated references and whose views are so diverse and exciting. We explore our common academic interests via dialogues and graduate seminars which fill our cups of curiosity with real gratification.

Prof Michael NG, Head and Chair Professor, Department of Mathematics
Supervisor of awardees in Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics has a distinguished record in research. We are proud to be one of the most active mathematical and statistical research departments in Hong Kong. The research activities of the faculty members range across the wide spectrum of applied and computational mathematics and statistics, including biostatistics, graph theory, high-dimensional statistical analysis, imaging sciences, inverse problems, numerical analysis, scientific computing and statistics. In addition to outstanding academic staff members, we provide postgraduate students with solid and innovative curriculum. With implementation of new PhD curriculum, the Department is going to offer more applied mathematics and statistics courses, and research opportunities outside Hong Kong. We warmly welcome any interested individuals to contact us for further information about PhD programme.

Prof Xu HUANG, Head and Professor, Department of Management
Supervisor of awardees in Management

The PhD programme of the School of Business aims at producing world-class social scientists. In the last two years, we have attracted very talented students through HKPFS. I am now supervising three of them in the Department of Management. They come from three different countries, Nigeria, France, and China. We try to create a world-class research environment for these students. They have opportunities to meet with and get insights from world-class scholars who visit our department on a monthly basis. We support them to register to PhD classes in various institutions in Hong Kong, Europe, and the US. All three students received additional financial support from our department, allowing them to attend unlimited number of international conferences. More importantly, we make sure that they could produce very high quality scientific papers independently in the first year of their study through close supervision and getting them involved in key research programme in the department.

Abraham OVERBEEK from the Netherlands
2017/18 HKPFS Awardee in Humanities and Creative Writing

Starting a PhD with the HKPFS fellowship at HKBU has been a fantastic step in my career and personal life. I chose Hong Kong as the perfect place to study Asian cinemas, since there are many other scholars here working in the same field. With the support of Hong Kong Baptist University and from HKPFS, I’ve had the opportunity to go overseas and exchange knowledge with other young scholars in my first year already, which has been a great experience. Especially for someone working on topics that are relevant within Asia, Hong Kong is a great location to encounter different perspectives and to enrich one’s academic life.

Erica Ka-yan POON from Hong Kong
2014/15 HKPFS Awardee in Film Studies

I am grateful to my supervisor and professors at HKBU for providing me with advice throughout my academic journey. The interdisciplinary and culturally diverse research environment of HKBU has made my PhD life fruitful and rewarding. The HKPFS has encouraged me to go worldwide to present my works at international conferences in USA, Canada, UK and Japan. I am also grateful for the opportunity to be a visiting research student in Tokyo. The materials that I collected during my research stay in Japan have contributed significantly to the analysis of my dissertation on the relationship between Japanese and Hong Kong cinema during the Cold War.
Why HKBU?

**Academic Qualification Requirements**

Applicants should possess:
- a master’s degree from a recognised university or comparable institution; or
- a bachelor’s degree with first class honours from a recognised university or comparable institution

**Language Proficiency Requirements**

An applicant seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English is required to obtain a minimum score in the
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) at 550 (Paper-based Test)/79 (Internet-based Test); or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) at 6.5

How to apply?

1. **Initial application to RGC**
   - 1 September - 1 December 2018 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)
   - Make an initial application through the Online Application System at the RGC’s website
   - Obtain an HKPFS reference number

2. **Full application to HKBU**
   - 1 September - 1 December 2018 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)
   - Find out admission requirements and fields of study on offer
   - Submit a full online application to HKBU (please quote the HKPFS reference number obtained from RGC)

3. **Result Announcement**
   - Late March 2019
   - The result will be announced at the RGC’s website, and individual awardee will receive an email notification direct from RGC

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