



香港中文大學

CUHK

研究院

Graduate  
School

# CUHK POSTGRADUATE STUDIES 2025-2026



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## Message from the Provost

Welcome to The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

Pursuing graduate studies is a major decision not to be taken lightly. Whether you are considering a research or coursework programme, you will want to have as much information as possible to make an informed choice. I hope you will find the following pages helpful in your deliberations.

CUHK is widely recognised as one of the best universities in the world. As a comprehensive research-led university, CUHK aims to advance knowledge to benefit humanity and achieve excellence purposefully and responsibly. The University is home to a talented team of international scholars and scientists who are well-known globally for their cutting-edge research in a wide array of disciplines. Interdisciplinary collaboration in both education and research is a hallmark of the University. Innovation is fully integrated into the learning experience and the research environment. Strong links with institutions of higher learning in mainland China and around the world create opportunities to foster not only knowledge production and scientific breakthroughs but also a deeper understanding between China and the West.

Established in 1963, CUHK is still growing. With its beautiful campus and excellent facilities, the University aims to provide not only the support needed for our students to excel in their work, but also an environment that is conducive to personal development. Diversity and inclusion are core values of the University. Pressing global challenges, such as climate change, demographic shifts, rapid urbanisation, health inequity and deep geopolitical fissures, to name but a few, make it even more important for universities and societies to focus on nurturing talent and supporting research. CUHK has recognised strengths, especially in the areas of innovative biomedicine, information and automation technology, environment and sustainability, and China studies, and is committed to spearheading impactful research that will contribute to sustainable development. We invite you to join us in this effort and become a member of the CUHK community.

### Prof. Alan CHAN

Provost  
J.S. Lee Professor of Chinese Culture



## Message from the Dean

Welcome to the CUHK Graduate School.

With more than 60 years of teaching experience since its establishment, the Graduate School now offers over 220 postgraduate programmes that award more than 7,000 postgraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates each year. The wide spectrum of programmes we offer contributes to CUHK's mission to be a world-leading comprehensive research university.

Postgraduate students at CUHK come from around the globe and are nurtured by our distinguished academics to become leaders in a world striving for both excellence and sustainability. Our cutting-edge learning resources and state-of-the-art hostel facilities on a green campus provide the perfect backdrop for young scholars to immerse themselves in a culturally diverse and intellectually stimulating environment.

As part of CUHK's commitment to world-class education and internationalisation, the Graduate School is dedicated to facilitating its Faculties in establishing collaborations with prestigious universities and research institutes both overseas and in mainland China. These collaborations provide students with innovative programme offerings such as dual degrees, joint PhD supervision, research attachment, exchanges and internships that will equip them well for their future dynamic and global careers.

In addition to a wide range of student awards and grants, we provide a rich array of scholarships, such as the Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship Scheme, to attract the world's best talent to join the CUHK family.

While Faculty supervisors will guide you through your academic endeavours, our colleagues in the Graduate School Office are committed to providing the necessary support and advice for your postgraduate studies.

I warmly invite you to explore the wealth of information available on our Graduate School website.

### Prof. Anthony SO

Dean, Graduate School  
Professor, Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

# Why Hong Kong?



Regional education hub where you can meet top-notch scholars from all over the world



Abundant resources with immense opportunities



Perfect entry point to mainland China



Asia's World City



English and Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin) are the official languages



Internationalisation

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**in Hong Kong**

U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings 2024-2025

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**in Asia**

Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2024

**36<sup>th</sup>**

**in the World**

QS World University Rankings 2025

# Why CUHK?



**No. 1** The Largest Campus in Hong Kong (138.4 hectares) with **9,500+** Hostel Places



**7,200+** Research Output in 2022-2023 (Excluding Patents)



**1,700+** Full-time Teaching Staff



**281,000+** Alumni



**32,900+** Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students



**HK\$ 441M** Scholarships and Financial Aid to Students in 2022-2023



**HK\$ 1,379M** External Research Funding 2022-2023



**7** Libraries with Over **2.5 Million+** Books and **3.5 Million+** Electronic Books



Approx. **300** Research Institutes and Centres

# World-class Academic Excellence

CUHK's programmes have achieved leading positions in Hong Kong and rank among the top 50 in the world. Many of our scholars are globally renowned experts who have made significant breakthroughs in their respective research areas. Recognised for its dedication to research excellence, CUHK fosters an ideal environment for aspiring students to engage in impactful projects and knowledge exchange.



## Top 30 Worldwide



#3 Education & Educational Research<sup>@</sup>



#3 Gastroenterology & Hepatology<sup>@</sup>



#8 Artificial Intelligence<sup>@</sup>



#8 Nursing<sup>^</sup>



#12 Computer Science<sup>@</sup>



#26 Arts & Humanities<sup>@</sup>



#26 Communication & Media Studies<sup>^</sup>



#28 Medicine<sup>^</sup>



#28 Modern Languages<sup>^</sup>



#29 Sociology<sup>^</sup>

## Other Top 50 Worldwide<sup>^\*@</sup>

(in the alphabetical order of the subject)

Accounting & Finance	Anthropology	Clinical & Health	Clinical Medicine	Condensed Matter Physics
Economics & Econometrics	Endocrinology & Metabolism	Geography	Law	Life Sciences & Medicine
Linguistics	Marketing	Psychology	Sports-related Subjects	Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies

<sup>^</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

<sup>\*</sup> Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2024

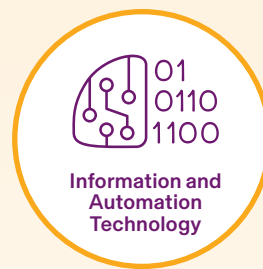
<sup>@</sup> U.S. News & World Report's Subject Rankings 2024-2025

# Unrivalled Research Environment

CUHK was founded in 1963 and is the second-oldest university in Hong Kong. It is a highly esteemed, forward-looking comprehensive research university that is recognised for its excellence both regionally and globally.

## Strategic Research Areas at CUHK

CUHK aims to consolidate its position as a centre of excellence for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with a global impact, and seeks to optimise opportunities and make significant contributions to society by translating research findings into practical applications. We currently have the following four interlinked research foci that are of critical importance to the flourishing of humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:



## Areas of Excellence

The University Grants Committee (UGC) provides preferential funding to local tertiary institutions to conduct cutting-edge research. Out of 35 projects, the following 13 Areas of Excellence projects are led by researchers at CUHK:

- Aging, Skeletal Degeneration and Regeneration
- AI-Powered Surgical Robots
- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Centre for Medical Engineering of Molecular and Biological Probes
- Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function
- Centre for Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology
- Centre for Research into Circulating Fetal Nucleic Acids
- Chinese Medicine Research and Further Development
- Information Technology
- Institute of Network Coding
- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions
- The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society
- Using Data to Transform Diabetes Care and Patient Lives

## Research Institutes and Centres

CUHK boasts approximately 300 research institutes and research centres that specialise in interdisciplinary research of the highest quality. In addition, CUHK has established several joint research units in partnership with external academic institutions, which allows resources to be pooled for the advancement of knowledge in various subject areas.

## State Key Laboratories

With the approval of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, CUHK has established the following five State Key Laboratories, which enable the country's most accomplished scientists and scholars to conduct pioneering research:

- State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Digestive Disease (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Research on Bioactivities and Clinical Applications of Medicinal Plants (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry
- State Key Laboratory of Translational Oncology (CUHK)

## CUHK InnoHK Centres

CUHK has established six InnoHK Centres covering health, biomedicine, robotics and artificial intelligence. These centres were established under the Hong Kong Government's InnoHK initiative with the aim of translating CUHK's world-class research findings into applications with local, national and global impacts. The centres combine expertise from CUHK and leverage partnerships with prestigious global universities to position Hong Kong as a global powerhouse of innovation that connects the world with the burgeoning research and innovation ecosystem of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

### Health@InnoHK

- Centre for Neuromusculoskeletal Restorative Medicine
- Centre for Novostics
- Microbiota I-Center

### AIR@InnoHK

- Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence
- Hong Kong Centre for Logistics Robotics
- Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Centre



The CUHK Graduate School was established in 1966 and was the first of its kind in Hong Kong. Since then, CUHK has cultivated advanced degree graduates who are capable of conducting top-quality research that serves the increasingly sophisticated needs of society and contributes to the pool of human knowledge. There are currently over 15,000 postgraduate students at CUHK, a substantial proportion of whom are non-local. This highlights the multicultural nature of CUHK, with its faculty members and students from various parts of the world.

The CUHK Graduate School offers a variety of study options to suit students' needs, ranging from Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degrees to taught doctoral and master's degrees, and postgraduate diplomas and certificates.

**220+**  
Postgraduate  
Programmes Offered by  
**60 Graduate Divisions**



Over **80%**  
Non-local Research  
Postgraduate Students



**15,000+**  
Postgraduate Students  
from  
**50+ Countries/Regions**



Annual  
Intake of **9,100+**  
Postgraduate  
Students



**6**  
Postgraduate  
Halls



**1,600+**  
On-campus Postgraduate  
Hostel Places



Information as of 2023

## Postgraduate Studies at

# CUHK



# Explore the Unexplored





# Faculty of ARTS

Ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in the 2024 QS World University Rankings for Arts and Humanities, the CUHK Faculty of Arts is one of the most vibrant faculties for humanities education and research in Asia. Embracing interdisciplinary approaches and global connections, the Faculty offers postgraduate training in many academic disciplines, ranging from Anthropology to Translation.

The Faculty has always been central to the University's founding mission of integrating Chinese and Western traditions and advancing bilingual education and humanities research. We believe that the study of languages, cultures, religions, creative arts, history and philosophy helps foster a humanistic spirit and enhances one's ability to engage with a diverse global community. We take pride in being the intellectual home of many world-renowned scholars, especially in the study of Chinese thought and culture. Our excellent faculty and over 40 postgraduate programmes continually support and train new generations of scholars.

## Areas of Excellence

The Faculty has many highly regarded academic departments, such as Chinese Language and Literature, Cultural and Religious Studies, History, Linguistics and Modern Languages, Philosophy and Translation. Among the eight UGC-funded universities in Hong Kong, we support the largest number of research and taught postgraduate programmes.

Our commitment to interdisciplinary studies is reflected in the curriculum of every programme. Many courses are designed to present current research from different disciplines, allowing students to gain a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of a given topic or field than they would otherwise receive. For example, the MA in Intercultural Studies draws on the expertise of faculty members from the departments of Anthropology, History and Translation to explore the complex interactions between cultures.

## Research Impact

One of our core missions is to pursue and produce innovative and impactful scholarship that deepens our understanding of the human experience and responds to the challenges of the contemporary world.

Many research centres of the Faculty support this core mission. In particular, the Research Institute for the Humanities aims to play a leading role in advancing interdisciplinary research and the digital humanities. The Institute actively contributes to the broadening of postgraduate students' intellectual experiences and professional training.

## International Collaboration

The Faculty has established partnerships with many universities around the world, such as The University of Manchester, Peking University, The University of Tokyo, Waseda University and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Programmatic collaboration with these universities provides our students with rich international experiences and opportunities.

We are proud that our faculty members and students come from approximately 30 countries. We will continue to internationalise our student body by seeking every opportunity to enrol as many students from different countries and cultures as possible, as we believe that a diverse and inclusive university community is invaluable.

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### Prof. Leilah Sohrab VEVAINA

Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology



As a scholar and researcher of India, philanthropy and religion, I aim to guide students to engage in the diverse worlds that surround us and formulate rich and relevant research questions. I hope this will enable students to understand and respond to the critical challenges of our time.

### Miao Xiang LIM

From Malaysia



PhD Student in  
Chinese Language and Literature

The rich intellectual atmosphere of CUHK fosters curiosity and academic rigour. In addition, the guidance and mentorship from the faculty members of CUHK and their willingness to engage in academic discussions creates a conducive learning environment.

Interacting with fellow students and faculty members creates a stimulating and collaborative environment where ideas are exchanged, discussions flourish and learning is enriched. The diverse range of research seminars, workshops and conferences provide ample opportunities to explore different perspectives and the latest developments in the field.

Furthermore, the extensive library resources and research facilities at CUHK provide valuable support for my studies and research endeavours.

Faculty of

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Since its establishment in 1963, the CUHK Business School has blazed a trail for business education. Leadership and innovation are central to our legacy as Asia's first business school to offer BBA, MBA and EMBA programmes. Our rich learning environment provides opportunities to create, share and apply knowledge and equips graduates to excel in the Asian century. With its network of more than 40,000 alumni, the largest of its kind in Hong Kong, the CUHK Business School creates significant changes in the ever-evolving business world in Asia and beyond.

## Research Impact

At CUHK Business School, research produces insights with substantial impacts on the business world. Our Faculty members and research centres advance and promote cross-disciplinary knowledge. Moreover, our work not only supports Hong Kong's transformation into a knowledge-intensive, innovation-led society but also creates value for China and the world by fuelling the development of global business.

## International Collaboration

We strategically curate immersive international exchange programmes and internships to allow our students to intimately experience different cultures and ways of doing business. Our students benefit from our extensive international network with prestigious partner universities in the US, Europe, Oceania and Asia. For example, we offer dual MBA degree programmes with HEC Paris, Rotterdam School of Management at Erasmus University and McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, and a dual master's degree programme with ESCP Europe. We also offer a joint postgraduate programme with the Shanghai National Accounting Institute.

## Corporate Partnership

The CUHK Business School has a long history of strategic partnerships with corporate enterprises (from start-ups to established enterprises) in Hong Kong and Greater China. Our partnership initiatives include but are not limited to collaborative research, curriculum enrichment, business consultancy/practicum projects, scholarships, internship/ placement opportunities and experiential learning activities for students.



### Prof. Tony KE

Associate Professor  
Department of Marketing

As a scholar specialising in quantitative marketing, I encourage students to reflect on intriguing observations from our daily lives as consumers and to stay abreast of the latest industry news and trends to uncover significant business challenges. Leveraging the diverse backgrounds of our Faculty members, we examine crucial economic, managerial and societal research questions through interdisciplinary lenses, drawing insights from economics, psychology, statistics and computer science.



### Hiep VU

From Vietnam

MSc Graduate in Business Analytics

I have a keen interest in data analytics and its application to corporate finance and investment banking. At CUHK I have developed a strong aptitude for leveraging the power of data to formulate improved investment ideas.



# Faculty of EDUCATION

The CUHK Faculty of Education is committed to serving and leading the education community through effective teaching, excellent and impactful research, innovation and dedicated services.

The Faculty's vision is to nurture the next generation of competent and passionate educational leaders. We aim to empower learners with both local and global perspectives to allow them to responsibly address future challenges in the evolving field of education and in our rapidly changing society.

The Faculty houses over 100 full-time teaching and research staff in four departments, namely Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration and Policy, Educational Psychology, Sports Science and Physical Education, and a Physical Education Unit. In addition, with its population of approximately 2,400 students, the Faculty offers a wide spectrum of programmes, such as doctoral degrees, master's degrees, postgraduate diplomas in Education and bachelor's degree programmes in various specialisations.



## Areas of Excellence

The Faculty of Education has established itself as a leader at the forefront of education research and training. One of its key missions is to achieve excellence in research. For example, it ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2024. Moreover, 14 professors from the CUHK Faculty of Education were named in the World's Top 2% of Scientists by Stanford University in 2023.

The Faculty is currently advancing research through projects funded by the RGC. These projects cover the research areas of language learner engagement with synchronous computer-mediated and face-to-face communication modes, robot-based interventions for special needs children, ecological dynamics that promote physical literacy and well-being in primary school children, and interprofessional educational programmes.

## Research Impact

The Faculty is a dynamic and productive academic unit that has pioneered educational research and scholarship in Hong Kong. It advances and transfers knowledge on education to researchers, scholars, school leaders and practitioners through conferences and seminars.

Furthermore, through the Centre for University and School Partnership (CUSP), the Faculty has developed an extensive partnership with over 2,000 primary and secondary schools, early childhood organisations and special education schools. With the support and sponsorship from the Government and different educational organisations, the CUSP has completed over 45 development or research projects. Its ongoing projects continue to promote quality and well-rounded developmental education, such as positive education, small class teaching, strong curriculum leadership and development in kindergartens, financial literacy in children and programmes for gifted children in the local community.

## International Collaboration

The Faculty is widely connected to other leading education institutes and hosts many scholars annually to engage in rich academic activities. For example, in the first half of 2023-2024, the Faculty has hosted more than 50 academic visitors from over 30 higher education institutions around the world. These international scholars actively engaged with our teachers and students to exchange knowledge and insights on various research topics through meetings, talks and workshops.

## Research Excellence

In 2023, the Language and Gesture Laboratory of the Faculty was awarded the Smart Living (Smart Healthcare) Award - Certificate of Merit at the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2023 for its AntiBot Pro system. This innovative technology revolutionises autism diagnosis by employing a rapid screening and assessment process, thereby facilitating early intervention and treatment.

### Prof. Florrie NG

Professor  
Department of Educational Psychology

We spur our students to be competent, reflective practitioners who are ready to adapt their teaching to meet the needs of the next generation in this ever-changing world. I will never forget the moment when a student told me that she learned how to think after taking our courses.



### NALIPAY Ma. Jenina Nalipay From The Philippines

PhD Student in Education

With the support from professors who are top scholars in the field, state-of-the-art facilities and an environment that is conducive to learning, CUHK has provided me with a great opportunity to develop my potential as an educator and researcher. I strongly encourage prospective students seeking academic excellence to apply to CUHK.



# Faculty of ENGINEERING

The CUHK Faculty of Engineering has one of the best research environments in the world. In the Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise 2020, most of the Faculty's academic departments attained the highest level (4\*), indicating that they have world-leading research environments. The Faculty's approximately 970 research students have access to many state-of-the-art research facilities including over 80 laboratories, and benefit from diverse interdisciplinary learning activities. Moreover, the Faculty's professors are ranked among the best in the world in their respective fields, and several of them have been elected fellows of international professional societies, such as the IEEE, the ACM, the ASME, Optica, the IET and the SPIE, or recognised as Highly Cited Researchers in their fields.

Furthermore, the Faculty is consistently ranked among the top 100 engineering schools in the world, underscoring its commitment to offering an environment that inspires and empowers students to pursue their research interests.



## Research Excellence

The Faculty's research covers many of the major research areas in Computer Science, Information Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical and Automation Engineering, Systems Engineering and Engineering Management. This research advances the state-of-the-art in multimedia signal processing, robotics, computer vision, NLP, IOT, big data and data analytics, networks, communications, cybersecurity, network coding and its applications, photonics, electronic design automation, optimisation and operations research, biomedical engineering, financial engineering, and logistics and supply chain management.

In addition, the Faculty is ranked in the top 50 worldwide for its research excellence in many areas:

**US News & World Report's Subject Rankings 2024-2025**      **#8** Artificial Intelligence      **#12** Computer Science

**Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2024**      **#38** Computer Science

**ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects**

<b>#20</b> Telecommunication Engineering	<b>#20</b> Biomedical Engineering
<b>#28</b> Computer Science and Engineering	<b>#45</b> Energy Science and Engineering

The Faculty's PhD graduates are recognised as among the best in the world. Some of the Faculty's PhD students have also been awarded the prestigious Google PhD Fellowship or Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship in different years.

## Research Impact

CUHK built Hong Kong's first internet infrastructure and continues to be the hub of the city's internet traffic. The Faculty's professors are pioneers in artificial intelligence and network coding and have made major breakthroughs in the field of information science.

To align with Hong Kong's innovation agenda, CUHK has established six InnoHK Centres under the HKSAR's InnoHK initiative. Three of these are led by the Faculty of Engineering, namely:

- The Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence
- The Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Center
- The Hong Kong Centre for Logistics Robotics

With the generous support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Faculty leads the following five Jockey Club (JC) STEM Labs to drive innovative research:

- The JC STEM Lab of Advanced Wireless Networks for Mission-Critical Automation and Intelligence
- The JC STEM Lab of Intelligent Design Automation
- The JC STEM Lab of AI for Science and Engineering
- The JC STEM Lab of Nature-inspired Precision Medical Engineering
- The JC STEM Lab of Integration of Machine Learning and Symbolic Reasoning

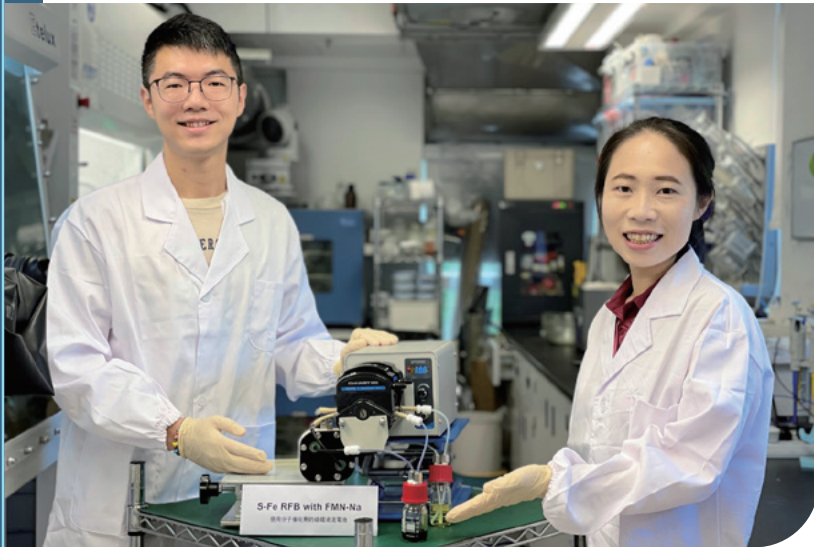
In addition to partnering with industry partners to translate research outcomes into practical applications for industry and the public, the Faculty's researchers have also established start-ups and spin-off companies based on their research findings. At present, the Faculty has successfully seeded three unicorns – SenseTime, SmartMore and Cornerstone Robotics – all of which are valued at over US\$1 billion.

## International Collaboration

The Faculty actively partners with leading universities, research institutions and global technology companies, such as Boeing, Google, Microsoft, Huawei, Intel and SenseTime.

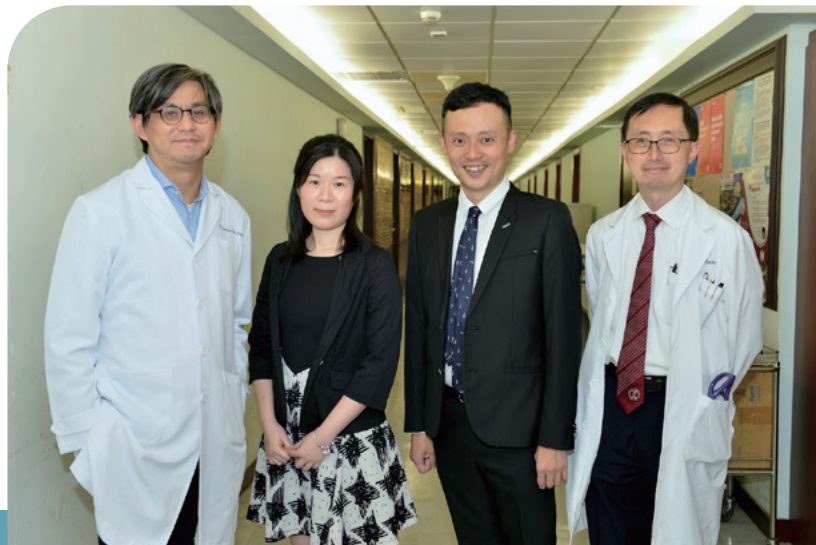
Joint PhD training with overseas and mainland partners helps enrich the research experience and expand the professional networks of the Faculty's students. For example, international collaborations provide students with research and development experience in different research laboratories around the world. Research students receive additional financial support from the Faculty under the Overseas Research Attachment Programme, which has enabled them to work with top scholars in world-class laboratories at institutions such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard University, Yale University, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Stanford University, the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), the University of California, Santa Barbara, the University of Cambridge, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

## Research Excellence



A research team led by Prof. Yi-Chun LU (right) of the Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering has developed a biomimetic molecular catalyst that can energise the flow battery with a fast reaction rate, decreasing the overpotential for more than three times and increasing the charging power by nearly six times

An interdisciplinary research team involving Prof. Jonathan CHOI (second from the right) of the Department of Biomedical Engineering and other renowned Professors from CUHK Medicine has developed a folic-acid-conjugated gold nanoparticle that may underpin a safe and effective treatment for kidney fibrosis



CUHK has received generous support of HK\$49.7 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to establish five Jockey Club (JC) STEM Labs, including "The JC STEM Lab of Intelligent Design Automation" led by Prof. Tsung Yi HO (second from the right) of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and "The JC STEM Lab of Nature-inspired Precision Medical Engineering" led by Prof. Chuanbin MAO (second from the left) of the Department of Biomedical Engineering



From left: Professor Wing-cheong LAU and Professor Sze-yiu CHAU

Two research teams led by Prof. Wing-cheong LAU and Prof. Sze-yiu CHAU of the Department of Information Engineering have recently had a real-world impact by revealing security vulnerabilities in mobile facial recognition software and enterprises' Wi-Fi and virtual private network (VPN) setups



A low-cost, portable, evil twin attack setup invented by the Professors

### Prof. Guoliang XING

Professor  
Department of Information Engineering



The Faculty of Engineering demonstrates exceptional proficiency in teaching and research in a wide range of research areas, from engineering sciences to applied technologies. We collaborate with world-class professors, engage in impactful projects and conduct innovative research. We also provide academic mentoring, professional support and international exchange opportunities for your academic and career success.

### Jiuming WANG

From China



PhD Student in Computer Science  
HKPFS Awardee

CUHK is a gateway to unparalleled research opportunities. As an HKPFS awardee, I have had access to generous funding, expert mentorship and a network that is invaluable for career development. The University also offers a supportive community and various global collaboration opportunities, which have been instrumental in my progress towards becoming a professional researcher.

# Faculty of LAW

Established in 2004, the CUHK Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW) is a highly international faculty with academic staff from around 20 jurisdictions. CUHK LAW has led the law domain in Hong Kong's most recent Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs) conducted by the UGC in 2014 and 2020. Moreover, in the 2018 Times Higher Education World University Rankings (Law), CUHK LAW received the highest score for 'International Outlook' worldwide.

CUHK LAW offers Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Juris Doctor (JD), Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programmes, five specialised Master of Laws (LLM) programmes in Chinese Business Law (CBL), Common Law (LCL), Energy and Environmental Law (LEL), International Economic Law (IEL), and Legal History (LLH), as well as two research postgraduate programmes, namely, the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Laws and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Laws programmes. The LEL Programme was launched in 2018–2019 as the first programme dedicated to the legal aspects of energy security and sustainability in Hong Kong. The brand-new LLH Programme introduced in 2022–2023 is one of only a few such programmes globally and equips students with expertise in the substance and methodology of transnational legal history research. The IEL Programme has been awarded Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programme Fellowships by the UGC from 2021–2022 to 2024–2025 in recognition of the programme's contribution to the training of legal talent. Furthermore, the Eduniversal Best Masters Ranking has considered the CBL Programme to be the best in the 'International Business Law in Far East Asia' category since 2017. The LEL Programme was ranked among the top five in the 'Energy and Natural Resources in Far East Asia' category since 2019.

CUHK LAW has kept pace with rapid globalisation by admitting students from over 60 countries and regions to create a diverse student and alumni community. This international and intercultural environment empowers CUHK LAW to offer world-class legal education and to conduct cutting-edge research in law.

## Research Excellence

CUHK LAW is committed to excellence in both research and teaching.

The UGC's 2014 RAE recognised CUHK LAW as Hong Kong's best law faculty in terms of research. In the 2020 RAE, CUHK LAW was again overall leading in the law domain with 83% of its research activities being rated as 4\* ('world leading') and 3\* ('internationally excellent').

In 2020, CUHK LAW established the Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law (CCTL) to provide institutional support and encourage collaborative comparative and transnational law research. The CCTL is supported through the following eight cluster groups: the Comparative Public Law Research Forum, the Corporate Law and Governance Cluster, the Environmental, Energy and Climate Law Cluster, the Obligations Lab Asia, the Private International Law Group, the Tax Law and Policy Forum, the Transnational Economic Law and Dispute Settlement Group, and the Transnational Legal History Group.

CUHK LAW has also established the Centre for Legal Innovation and Digital Society (CLINDS), formerly known as the Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development (CFRED), to facilitate and encourage cutting-edge and innovative research in law and technology.



## Research Impact

CUHK LAW academics endeavour to contribute to society at large through their scholarship. Specifically, their research aims to have an impact beyond academia, defined as 'contributions, beneficial effects, valuable changes or advantages' to 'the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life' (Framework for RAE 2020, Hong Kong SAR). CUHK LAW places this impact at the core of its research mission. Research conducted by CUHK LAW academics has contributed towards the improvement of society — particularly the rule of law — in Hong Kong, Greater China and beyond. Key impact projects conducted at CUHK LAW are listed at [www.law.cuhk.edu.hk/app/impact](http://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk/app/impact).

## International Collaboration

CUHK LAW's teaching and research excellence is evidenced by its collaborations with other top global institutions. For instance, CUHK LAW has developed dual LLB-LLM and LLB-JD programmes with The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London and a dual LLB-LLM programme with the University of Exeter Law School. Students joining these programmes can study at two world-class law schools and obtain both an undergraduate degree and a postgraduate degree in law in four years. Graduates from these programmes are well placed to gain admission to legal practice in both the UK and Hong Kong SAR, which opens up global career options for them in law and related fields.

### Prof. Christopher ROBERTS

Associate Professor  
CUHK LAW

CUHK LAW has one of the most cutting-edge and diverse law faculties in the world, with expertise in a wide range of jurisdictions and substantive areas of law. Our postgraduate programmes foreground teaching excellence, employing a wide range of interactive methodologies against the backdrop of a supportive learning environment. This ensures that our students can thrive and become leaders in the fast-paced and constantly evolving global legal world.



### Finn KORDES

From Germany

LLM Student in Energy and  
Environmental Law

Thanks to the programme's many dedicated teachers, group projects and field trips, I have increased my understanding of international and Chinese law and made many great friends. This made my LLM one of the most enriching and exciting periods of my life.



# Faculty of MEDICINE

The CUHK's Faculty of Medicine (CU Medicine) was founded in 1981 to provide the professional training and knowledge required to enable students to become caring and competent medical practitioners. Despite being one of the youngest schools among the global medical elite, CU Medicine was ranked first in Asia in the fields of clinical medicine and nursing in the 2023 ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects. Moreover, CU Medicine was ranked 28<sup>th</sup> globally and 1<sup>st</sup> in Hong Kong in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject and 37<sup>th</sup> globally in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University Ranking by Subject.

CU Medicine has 5 schools and 14 departments and offers 9 undergraduate programmes and more than 50 postgraduate programmes. It also provides continuing and professional training for public health and healthcare professionals. The vibrant student life, engaged alumni network and a spirit of innovation at CU Medicine further contribute to its unique learning culture.



For decades, CU Medicine has been a pioneer in the development of robotic surgery in the world

## Research Excellence

At the cutting edge of innovation, CU Medicine promotes interdisciplinary research excellence by collaborating with global centres of excellence and industrial partners. It strengthens the collaborations in education and research by establishing strategic global partnerships with top overseas universities that have complementary strengths.

CU Medicine conducts research in areas of primary concern to Asia and Hong Kong, including projects on cancers prevalent in the region, gut microbiota, metabolic diseases and world-leading circulating nucleic acids for non-invasive diagnoses.

CU Medicine has a long tradition of cancer research and care in the local community. Its State Key Laboratory of Digestive Disease and State Key Laboratory of Translational Oncology help further CUHK's scientific achievements, extend the benefits of its research to Chinese and Asian communities and expand its role in fostering regional and international collaboration on cancer research.

Furthermore, with over 20 years of experience in researching the epidemiology of diabetes in Asia, CU Medicine has made substantial contributions to the prevention and treatment of diabetes and its complications.



CU Medicine has been conducting research on plasma DNA-based tests, which reveals cancer risk, aiding early detection and prevention

## Research Impact

CU Medicine has always been committed to making a difference in the world by improving people's health through advancing healthcare, medical education and research. Its ultimate goal is to advance human health and alleviate suffering caused by disease.

Moreover, CU Medicine is at the forefront of new clinical applications in genomics and non-invasive prenatal testing. A non-invasive prenatal diagnostic method developed by its researchers has been widely adopted in over 100 countries and is now used by over 10 million pregnant women annually. CU Medicine is also the pioneer of some of the world's most advanced surgical technologies and techniques, such as robotics and minimally invasive surgery.

## International Collaborations

Our collaborative activities include joint research projects and symposia, and academic and student exchange programmes. We have formed the Global Alliance of Medical Excellence (GAME) which is a strategic international network of medical schools founded by nine institutions from nine countries or regions. GAME enables member institutions to establish strategic, cross-disciplinary and impactful collaborations in research and education, and reinforces global networks of research excellence in complementary fields and disciplines.



### Prof. Yun Kwok WING

Choh-Ming Li Professor of Psychiatry



CU Medicine is renowned for its long-standing commitment to offering cutting-edge postgraduate education across various health issues including mental, neurodevelopmental, neurodegenerative, and sleep disorders. Our multiple research centres are hubs of innovation that conduct pioneering multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional research. We delve deep into the intricacies of epidemiology, aetiology and mechanisms of mental, sleep and neurodegeneration problems, and develop intervention strategies for these problems. Our high-impact translational programmes are not only based on theoretical constructs but also contain real-world applications that have substantial benefits for patients and society.

### Dr. Dejina THAPA

From Nepal



PhD Graduate in Nursing

Embarking on my postgraduate journey has been transformative. The programme has not only sharpened my research skills but also enhanced my intellectual growth, personal development and leadership capabilities. The Faculty's commitment to excellence, coupled with the ample hands-on experiences and research opportunities it offers, has laid a solid foundation for my future endeavours.



# Faculty of SCIENCE

The Faculty of Science at CUHK (CUHK Science) was founded in 1963 and comprises six major teaching units: Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics. Currently, the Faculty has over 160 teaching staff and offers more than 20 postgraduate programmes.

The Faculty's scientists are committed to research in a wide spectrum of areas, from astronomy and meteorology to medical and scientific advancement. With more than half a century of development, CUHK Science is now a world-class, research-oriented Faculty, which attests to the fine levels of research, teaching and learning.



## World-renowned Scientific Leaders



### Prof. Chen Ning YANG

Nobel Laureate  
Distinguished Professor-at-Large of Physics



### Prof. Henry Nai Ching WONG

Prof. Zuowei XIE  
Members of the Hong Kong Academy of Sciences



### Prof. Shing Tung YAU

Fields Medal Winner  
Wolf Prize Laureate  
Distinguished Professor-at-Large of Mathematics



### Prof. Yilin WU

The XPLOER PRIZE  
(Mathematics and Physics)



### Prof. Thomas Chung Wai MAK

### Prof. Henry Nai Ching WONG

### Prof. Chi WU

### Prof. Keqing XIA

### Prof. Zuowei XIE

### Prof. Chen Ning YANG

Members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences



### Prof. Bangti JIN

### Prof. Xinhui LU

### Prof. Jianfang WANG

### Prof. Po Keung WONG

### Prof. Jimmy Chai Mei YU

Highly Cited Researchers by Clarivate



### Prof. Samuel Sai Ming SUN

Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering



### Prof. Ying WANG

MIT Technology Review Innovators  
Under 35 Asia Pacific 2022 Honouree

## Research Achievements

**17** Ministry of Education  
Higher Education Outstanding Scientific  
Research Output Awards

**9** State Natural Science Awards

**14** Croucher Senior Research Fellows

**3** Croucher Tak Wah Mak Innovation Awards  
(formerly known as 'Croucher Innovation Awards')

**8** China's Excellent Young Scientists Fund  
(Hong Kong and Macau)

**9** Research Grants Council (RGC)  
Early Career Awards

**5** RGC Research/Senior Research Fellows

**2** New Cornerstone Investigators



By using novel genomic sequencing technology and molecular markers, scientists at the State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK) generated genetic identities for two local heirloom rice varieties, *Fa Yiu Tsai* and *See Mew*, which allow the authenticity of the varieties to be identified.

## Research Excellence

The Faculty of Science is regularly awarded competitive research-grant funding by local, mainland Chinese and overseas bodies.

### State Key Laboratories

- State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK)
- State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry (Partnership)



State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry (Partnership) project team

### Areas of Excellence (AoE) projects

- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High-Energy Particle Collisions (2019-2027) (Project co-ordinator: Prof. Ming Chung CHU)
- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security (2017-2025) (Project co-ordinator: Prof. Hon Ming LAM)
- Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function (2014-2021) (Project co-ordinator: Prof. Liwen JIANG)
- Centre for Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology (2000-2011) (Project co-ordinator: Prof. Samuel Sai Ming SUN)

## Research Impact

Creating research impact beyond academia is at the core of CUHK Science. Some examples of the cutting-edge, impactful research are showcased below:



### Chemistry

Research on new materials and cancer marker detection has had positive impacts on the economy via product commercialisation through spin-out companies.



### Mathematics

The development of novel mathematical methods for pavement analysis has enhanced road safety. AI-driven imaging and signal processing have enhanced image recognition and computer vision technologies in industrial applications.



### Earth and Environmental Sciences

Research on the effects of global warming on extreme precipitation in South China and the origins of unusually shallow earthquakes in the Sichuan Basin, China have helped policymakers and industrial operators update the related regulations and operations.



### Physics

Breakthrough discoveries in astrophysics, cosmology and particle physics have created significant impacts on local science education. Moreover, advancements in nanomaterials research have also had positive influences on the development of ultrahigh-sensitive and selective sensors.



### Life Sciences

The underpinning research in neurodegenerative disorders, molecular nutrition and genomics, biodiversity, stress-tolerant soybeans, and molecular authentication of Chinese medicinal material generate impacts in the economy, human health, education and the public understanding of science, enhancing smallholder farmers' living and promoting industrial standard, respectively.



### Statistics

A deep learning algorithm has been commercialised for use in improving professional standards in risk management. In addition, new data analytics approaches developed for FinTech and InsurTech have been found useful by commercial partners.

### Prof. Sijie CHEN

Vice-Chancellor Associate Professor  
School of Life Sciences

Love, appreciation and curiosity – these elements are of great importance in the study of science. Join us at CUHK to embrace the beauty of science, explore its mysteries, and pursue your passion. Our researchers illuminate unique facets of the scientific world, making valuable contributions to the ever-evolving realm of knowledge.



### Henry Charles James THOMAS

From the United Kingdom

PhD Student in Environmental Science  
HKPFS Awardee

As a student specialising in marine biogeochemistry, it is invaluable to have access to the fascinating and beautiful natural environment of Hong Kong. I am grateful to the School of Life Sciences for providing me with plenty of support for my studies and ample opportunities for further research.



# Faculty of SOCIAL SCIENCE

The CUHK Faculty of Social Science is committed to innovative education and research that enlightens society and increases our understanding of our complex world.

The Faculty houses three schools and five departments, with research expertise ranging from Architecture, Economics, Geography and Resource Management, Governance and Policy Science, Journalism and Communication, Psychology, Social Work and Sociology. With such a diversity of expertise, the Faculty strives to excel in scholarship, discovery and innovation with significant and far-reaching social impacts.

Learners in the Faculty benefit from the intellectual and cultural diversity offered by the schools, departments and interdisciplinary approaches. They are empowered to become active and engaged global thought leaders who are capable of solving social problems.

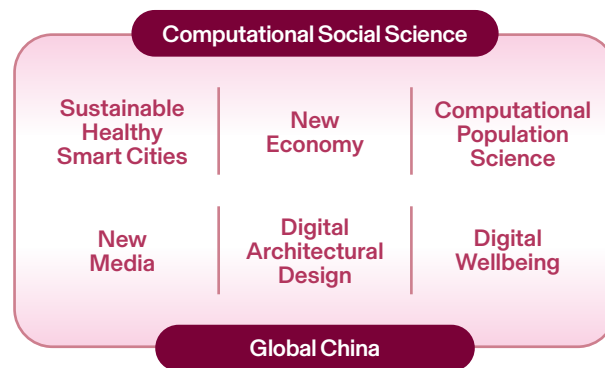
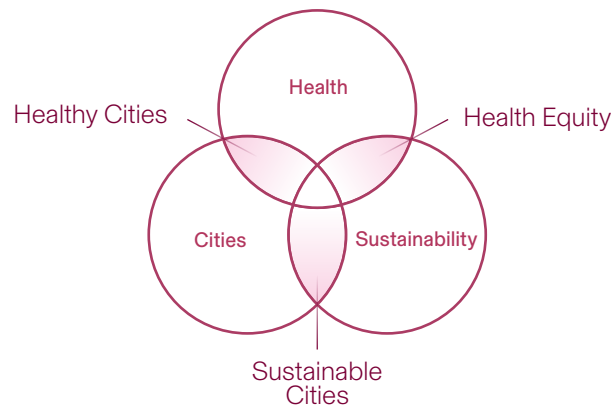


## Research Excellence

'Nothing is so practical as a good theory; nothing is so theoretical as a good practical problem.' – Kurt Lewin

On the one hand, a good practical problem can inspire new theoretical constructions. On the other hand, a theory's agility to offer solutions to complex, important practical problems is a selection criterion in the marketplace of ideas – sticky theories are selected for propagation because they afford bold answers to big questions. We join hands with our knowledge partners to co-learn, co-create and co-develop actionable social knowledge.

Our research areas are illustrated in the following diagrams:



### Prof. Carlos LO

Professor  
School of Governance and Policy Science



Supervising PhD students is always an inspiring endeavour involving dialectical intellectual interactions in an unending quest for epistemological advancement. Unleashing the full potential of students to develop strong research sensitivities is both challenging and rewarding. Witnessing their eventual emergence as young scholars with a promising academic career is highly fulfilling.

### Dominic AMSTUTZ

From Switzerland



PhD Student in Sociology  
HKPFS Awardee

I am grateful that I can devote myself to the study of society at CUHK. The beautiful campus and my supportive supervisors have created an inspiring environment for my studies. The assistance of the HKPFS has given me access to a wealth of opportunities to contribute to the field of sociology and further my academic growth.

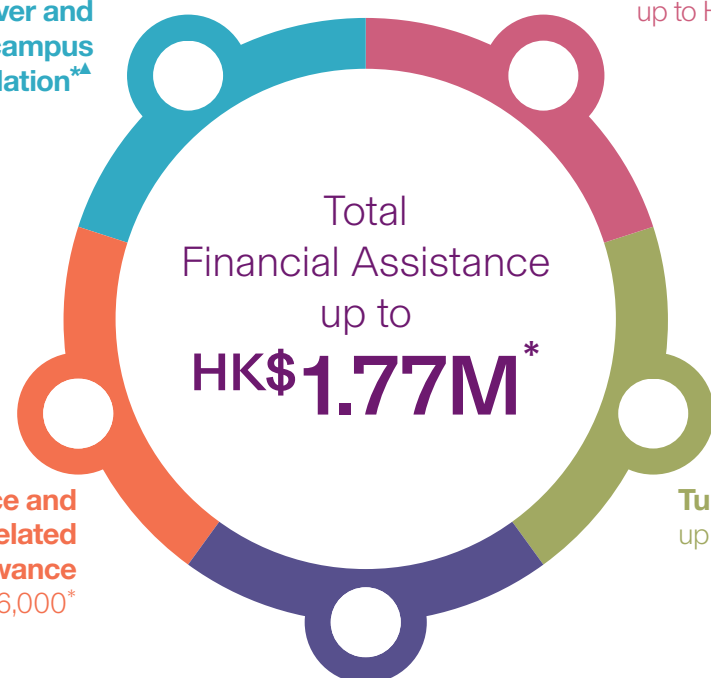
# Scholarship and Financial Assistance

## Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

The HKPFS was established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) and aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies at Hong Kong universities.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Accommodation Fee Waiver and Guaranteed On-campus Accommodation<sup>\*▲</sup>**

**Stipend up to HK\$1.34M\***



**Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance up to HK\$86,000\***

**Tuition Fee Waiver up to HK\$190,500\***

**Lodging Award up to HK\$100,000<sup>\*#</sup>**

PhD candidates who are nominated by CUHK to the HKPFS but not selected by the RGC will be admitted to the University's regular PhD programme on a postgraduate studentship. They will also receive the **CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship of HK\$80,000** (payable in three instalments), subject to satisfactory progress in their studies.

\* Applicable to students within their normative study period

# An award of HK\$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK\$20,000 in subsequent years during students' normative study period

▲ For HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications and complete registration procedures in a timely manner

## Research Postgraduate Studies (MPhil and PhD)



### Research Postgraduate Studies (MPhil and PhD)

- For full-time research postgraduate students
- Annual studentship for 2024-2025: **HK\$224,700**
- Payable throughout the normative study period



### Postgraduate Scholarships

The Reaching Out Award, CUHK Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic Activities and other funding schemes are available to support full-time MPhil and PhD students who are conducting their academic activities abroad.



### Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate Students

Since 2018-2019, the UGC has offered a tuition waiver to all local full-time students enrolled in UGC-funded research postgraduate programmes for their entire normative study period.

## Other Scholarships and Awards

Additional scholarships and funding schemes are available to postgraduate students, including the PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award, the Young Scholars Thesis Award, the Belt and Road Scholarship and the CUHK Convocation Postgraduate Admission Scholarships. More information can be found on the websites of **the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid** (<https://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/fees-financing-your-studies/fees/>), **the Office of Academic Links** ([www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/scholarshipsandfinancialaid](http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/scholarshipsandfinancialaid)) and **the Graduate School** ([www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/scholarship](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/scholarship)).



# Student Life at CUHK

CUHK's diverse facilities and resources are designed to make learning a smooth, invigorating and pleasurable experience. They also facilitate students' artistic and athletic pursuits, enriching campus life with added dimensions.

## Accommodation

Six on-campus postgraduate halls offer over 1,600 affordable places (single-occupancy and shared rooms) to students enrolled in full-time research postgraduate programmes or full-time UGC-funded taught postgraduate programmes.

Visit [www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.pgh.cuhk.edu.hk) for more information.

## Facilities and Resources

CUHK offers students a comprehensive learning environment with a wide range of facilities, including but not limited to the following:

- The Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research
- The English Language Teaching Unit
- The Yale–China Chinese Language Centre
- Libraries
- Museums and galleries
- The University Medical Service Office
- Sports facilities
- A bookshop
- Restaurants and cafes
- Banks, a supermarket and a hair salon



# About Admissions

## General Requirements

### For PhD and Taught Doctoral Programmes:

- A master's degree from a recognised university

### For MPhil and MPhil-PhD Articulated Programmes:

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised university, normally with honours not lower than second class; or
- A bachelor's degree from an honours programme of a recognised university, normally with an average grade of not lower than 'B'

### For Taught Master's Programmes (except the Executive MBA):

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised university, normally with at least second-class honours or an average grade of 'B' or higher; or
- Professional or similar qualifications equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a tertiary educational institution for having completed a course of study

### For Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised university

## English Language Requirements

- A score as stated below in one of four English language tests;<sup>#</sup> or

TOEFL	IELTS (Academic)	GMAT	GMAT Focus Edition
550 (Paper-based)/ 79 (Internet-based/Home Edition)	6.5 (Test Centre-based/Online)	Band 21 (Verbal)	Band 78 (Verbal)

- A degree from a university in Hong Kong or a degree programme with English as the medium of instruction ; or
- A recognised professional qualification achieved in an examination that was conducted in English

<sup>#</sup> TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT scores are considered valid for five years from the test date. GMAT (Verbal) Score with a threshold of 21 will be kept until the score validity expires.

## Programme-specific Admissions Requirements

Some programmes may stipulate additional requirements for admissions. For more information, please refer to the admissions website at [www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements).

## Student Visas

All non-local students are required to apply for a student visa to study in Hong Kong. For more details, please visit [www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/visa](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/visa).

## Application Procedure and Deadlines

Applications must be submitted online. More details about study options, the application procedure and deadlines are available at [www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions).



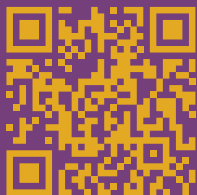
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