



香港中文大學

CUHK

研究院

Graduate
School

HONG KONG PHD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

AT CUHK

2025-2026



About CUHK

Since 1963, CUHK has been reimagining education, innovating and delivering lasting impact. CUHK is renowned for its dedication to research excellence, fostering an ideal environment for aspiring students to engage in impactful projects and knowledge exchange.

CUHK is home to brilliant minds who turn knowledge into purposeful progress. Many of our scholars are globally renowned experts who have made significant breakthroughs in their respective research areas. Our world-class library and cutting-edge research facilities also provide abundant resources and support, empowering you to become an all-round academic researcher.

36th in the World
QS World University Rankings 2025

10th in Asia
Times Higher Education
Asia University Rankings 2024

1st in Hong Kong
U.S. News & World Report
Best Global Universities Rankings
2024-2025



1,700+
Full-time Teaching Staff



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



Over 80%
Non-local Research
Postgraduate Students



281,000+
Alumni



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



1,600+
On-campus Postgraduate
Hostel Places

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) was established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong and aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies at Hong Kong universities. CUHK now invites HKPFS applications for admission in the 2025–2026 academic year.

HKPFS at CUHK

**1st Year Accommodation
Fee Waiver and
Guaranteed On-campus
Accommodation*[▲]**

Stipend
up to HK\$1.34M*

Total
Financial Assistance
up to
HK\$1.77M*

**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*[#]

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 full applications and complete registration procedures in a timely manner

What our HKPFS Awardees Say



Suen CHEUNG
from Hong Kong



PhD Student in Biomedical Engineering

Pursuing my PhD at CUHK as an HKPFS awardee is a great privilege. In the interdisciplinary and collaborative research environment, I have the opportunity to work with professionals from different fields, which broadens my horizons and enables me to have new experiences every day.

Dr. Subhankar MUKHOPADHYAY
from India



PhD Graduate in Pharmacy

As a PhD graduate from CUHK's School of Pharmacy, I am grateful for the exceptional research opportunities, supportive mentorship and the prestigious scholarships that have shaped my academic journey and prepared me for my future career. CUHK has provided me with invaluable knowledge and skills that I will use and cherish forever.

Laura Elina URONEN
from Finland



PhD Student in Physics

Pursuing PhD studies at CUHK has so far been a wonderful experience. The community and environment here are vibrant, and the University offers many opportunities for international collaboration by providing funding for conference travel. This has helped me broaden my research network and is invaluable for my professional development.

Lazar DRAGIC
from Serbia



PhD Student in Communication

Having resided in Asia for a decade, I realised that doing a PhD in Hong Kong, specifically at CUHK, was the right choice. In my first year of PhD studies, I have enjoyed invaluable collaborations, seminars and interactions with experts. In addition, funding from the HKPFS have allowed me to attend international conferences, which has broadened my network and enhanced my academic experience.

Tajra SMAJIC
from Bosnia and Herzegovina



PhD Student in Laws

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to pursue a PhD at CUHK and for the support of the HKPFS, which ensures that my academic journey is enjoyable. The learning and research environment at the University is very accommodating and motivating, and the academic community in my Faculty is very supportive and engaging. So far, I have had a dream-come-true experience at CUHK.

Dr. Waris WONGPIPIT
from Thailand



**PhD Graduate in Education
(Sports Science and Physical Education)**

During my PhD supported by the HKPFS, I was trained by world-class professors to become an independent researcher and a quality global citizen. I had an opportunity to meet excellent friends who are now renowned in their careers. I made the right decision to pursue my PhD at CUHK.

Strategic Research Areas

CUHK's interdisciplinary research has made significant contributions to the knowledge of mankind on local, national and international levels. We currently have the following four interlinked research foci that are of critical importance to the flourishing of humanity in the 21st 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

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



Requirements

In addition to meeting CUHK's admissions and English language requirements, HKPFS applicants should have demonstrated outstanding credentials in the following areas:



Academic excellence



Research ability and potential



Communication and interpersonal skills



Leadership abilities



Application Procedure and Timeline

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2024

Step 1

Make an initial application to the RGC through RGC's website to obtain an HKPFS Reference Number [PF24-XXXXX]



Step 2

Submit an online application to CUHK that quotes the HKPFS reference number



Sep – Dec 2024

Step 3

Attend an interview, if shortlisted



Mar – Apr 2025

Step 4

Receive notification of the HKPFS results from the RGC



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www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs



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