

# RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE STUDIES 2024-25



# Why Study PhD at PolyU?

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) as an innovative world-class university, has been committed to providing holistic education to nurture socially responsible scholars and leaders with a global perspective.

The University pursues impactful interdisciplinary research to address the world's most pressing challenges while transforming technologies through knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship.



## Recognition in World University Rankings

The University's unwavering commitment to excellence has earned it international recognition, with PolyU consistently ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide.

**6<sup>th</sup>** Times Higher Education (THE) World's Most International Universities 2023

**14<sup>th</sup>** Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023

**87<sup>th</sup>** Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2024

**65<sup>th</sup>** Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2024

## PolyU's Faculties and Schools

Niche interdisciplinary research areas include deep space exploration, AI and robotics, advanced manufacturing, smart cities, carbon neutrality, healthcare and food security across six faculties and three schools.



Faculty of Business

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

School of Design

Faculty of Construction and Environment

Faculty of Humanities

School of Fashion and Textiles

Faculty of Engineering

Faculty of Science

School of Hotel and Tourism Management

# What PolyU Offers for Research Studies?

With various attractive PhD scholarships, a holistic research curriculum, global learning opportunities, excellent supervision, interdisciplinary research infrastructure, and professional development, PolyU provides a conducive ecosystem for research students to unleash their full potential and make an impact in Hong Kong, the Nation and the world.

## Entrance Requirements at a Glance

Programmes	Normal Study Period	Entrance Requirement
PhD Programme	FT 3 years / PT 6 years	Holder of an MPhil degree or equivalent (a research postgraduate degree with a dissertation as an award requirement), conferred by a recognised university
	FT 4 years / PT 8 years	Holder of a Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours or equivalent, conferred by a recognised university
MPhil Programme	FT 2 years / PT 4 years	Holder of a Bachelor's degree with Second Class Honours or above, or equivalent, conferred by a recognised university

## Attractive PhD Scholarships

PolyU Research Postgraduate (RPg) education provides full-time PhD students with a range of admission scholarships during the normal study period, enabling them to pursue their research interests and achieve impactful goals. The distinctive PolyU Sports Scholarship Scheme for RPg Students (PSSS) and the International PhD Fellowship Scheme (IPFS) reflect the well-rounded nature of our RPg education.

Fellowship / Scholarship Scheme for the Entire Normal Study Period	Research Grants Council (RGC) Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)	PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme (PPPFS)	PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship (PRPGS)
	Full-time PhD Students	Full-time PhD Students	Full-time PhD/ MPhil Students
Annual Stipend	HK\$ <b>331,200</b> ~US\$42,460	HK\$ <b>327,480</b> ~US\$41,980	HK\$ <b>221,640</b> ~US\$28,410  HK\$ <b>226,680</b> for PhD students who have confirmed their study registration ~US\$29,060
Conference Grant	HK\$ <b>13,800</b> /Year ~US\$1,760	HK\$ <b>25,000</b> ~US\$3,200	HK\$ <b>25,000</b> ~US\$3,200
Cash Award	First year HK\$ <b>40,000</b> ~US\$5,120  Second year onwards HK\$ <b>20,000</b> /year ~US\$2,560	First year HK\$ <b>40,000</b> ~US\$5,120  Second year onwards HK\$ <b>20,000</b> /year ~US\$2,560	N/A
Research Excellence Scholarship (as tuition fee waiver)	Yes	Yes	N/A
University Accommodation	A guaranteed hall place for <b>2</b> years	Eligible hall place for <b>1</b> year	Eligible hall place for <b>1</b> year

# Programme Features



## Holistic Research Curriculum

There are ample opportunities to develop personal and professional attributes at PolyU:

### Fundamental Academic Courses

- Research Ethics
- Research Methodology
- Research Paper Publishing
- Language & Thesis Writing



...and more

### Transferrable Skills Development

- Communication Skills
- Mental Wellness
- Self-Enrichment
- Mentoring Service for English Improvement



...and more

## Excellent Supervision

PolyU's research supervisors are world-authoritative experts. Many have received prestigious research awards under the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, such as the Senior Research Fellow Awards, Theme-based Research Scheme (TRS), Collaborative Research Fund (CRF) and Research Impact Fund (RIF). Scholars also received grants, and scholarships/ fellowships of international professional societies.



**Experienced and Skilled Supervisors**



**Individual Study Progress Mentoring and Monitoring**



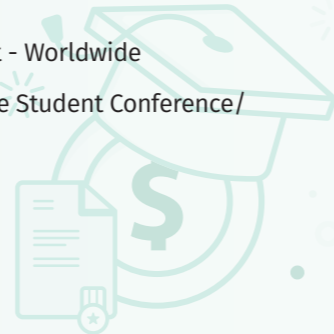
**Interdisciplinary / International Joint Supervision**

## Conducive Research Environment

At PolyU, students are granted access to high-quality resources, support, and technologies needed for innovative research and professional development.

### Outstanding Student Scholarships

- Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fellowship
- HK Association of University Women (HKAUW) Postgraduate Scholarship
- Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship
- Croucher Foundation Research Studentships & Awards
- Ernst Mach Grant - Worldwide
- RGC Postgraduate Student Conference/ Seminar Grants



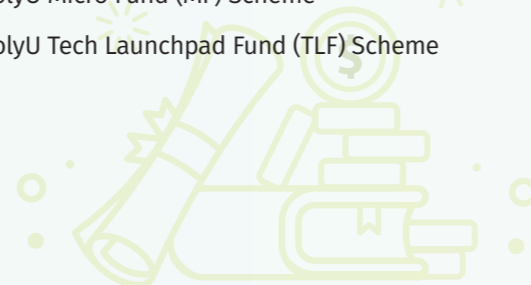
### Elite Postdoctoral Fellowships

#### Academia

- The PolyU Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme
- RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme
- Schmidt Science Fellows
- Jockey Club Global STEM Postdoctoral Fellowship for Translational Research and Application

#### Knowledge Transfer and Entrepreneurship

- PolyU GBA Startup Postdoctoral Programme
- PolyU Micro Fund (MF) Scheme
- PolyU Tech Launchpad Fund (TLF) Scheme



## Cutting-edge Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure

Graduate School

**2** State Key Laboratories

**2** HK Branches of Chinese National Engineering Research Centres

**3** Chinese Academy of Sciences – PolyU Joint Laboratories

**3** InnoHK Research Centres

**17** Research Institutes and Research Centres under the PolyU Academy for Interdisciplinary Research (PAIR)

**24** Faculty/School/Department-Level Research Centres

**30** University-Level Research Centres and Facilities

PolyU Shenzhen Research Institute

## Professional Development

Research students are offered with a wide array of networking and career upskilling activities.

### Networking Opportunities

#### The PolyU Research Student Conference (PRSC)

Demonstrating students' research achievements to the collaborative research community of PolyU

#### Distinguished Speaker Series

Eminent scholars and industry experts sharing the latest trends of research knowledge and technology

#### Research Student Gathering

Connecting research students for idea and experience exchange

### Career Upskilling

- Career Planning
- Interview Skills
- Teaching Skills
- Professional Growth

#### The PolyU Graduate School Mainland Alumni Network

A platform for alumni communication and research collaboration on impactful scientific, translational and applied research

#### The PolyU Graduate School Advisory Committee

An advisory committee for strengthening ties with the industry, exploring resources and opportunities through its diverse membership, and enhancing student competitiveness



# Global Learning Opportunities

PolyU emphasises student mobility and global learning experience. Leveraging the academic strengths of numerous prestigious partner institutions, collaborative PhD programmes aim at cultivating talent through global research collaboration, innovation, and cultural exchange:

## Research Student Attachment Programme

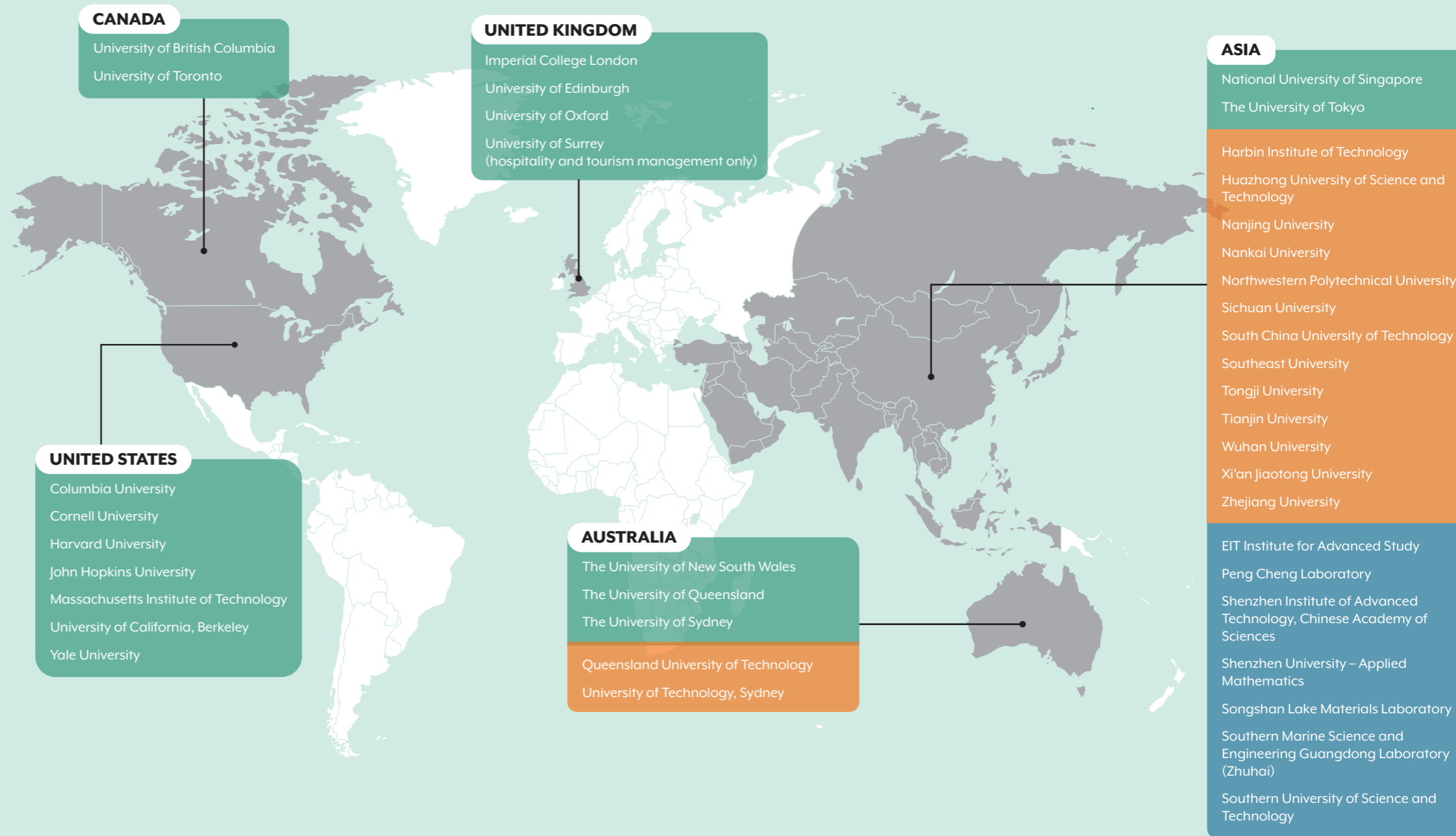
The Research Student Attachment Programme offers students the opportunity to attach to prestigious global academic institutions or research laboratories from three months to one year. This programme emphasises holistic student training and development in research, academic excellence, and cultural enrichment.

## Dual PhD Degree Programmes

Students will conduct research at both PolyU and a prestigious partner university to gain access to joint supervision and advanced research facilities. Successful graduates will receive two award parchments each to be issued by PolyU and the partner institution.

## Joint PhD Supervision Programmes

Students are provided with the unique experience of joint supervision with leading universities, research laboratories and centres, and reputable industries that share parallel strengths in a specialised area. Successful graduates will receive a PhD degree from PolyU and a completion certificate from the partner institution.



Remark: Specific colours indicate respective programme types

...and more



## Student Profile

as of August 2023

**2800+**  
RPg Student Population



**92%**  
PhD Students

**8%**  
MPhil Students

**81%**  
Non-Local

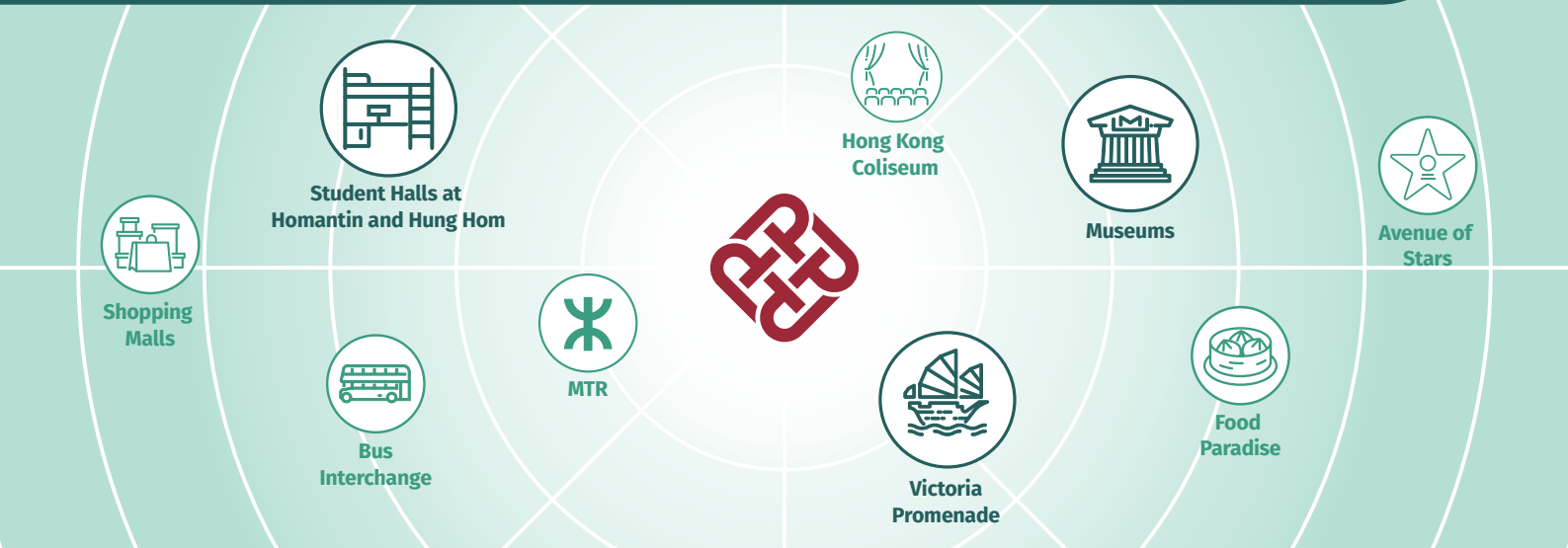


**19%**  
Local

# A Nexus of Convenience

Hong Kong has been ranked 21st in the QS Best Student Cities 2024.

Located in the heart of Hong Kong, PolyU is a nexus of convenient living, transportation, and cultural facilities. Students can easily access student halls, hostels, hotels, Hung Hom and Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Station, Tunnel Bus Interchange, and the Airport Bus. Adjacent to Victoria Harbour, PolyU enjoys close connections with arts, attractions, leisure, and entertainment.



## How to Apply?

### HKPFS Admissions (Single Round)

#### Before 1 December 2023

1. Explore RPg programmes and admission procedures
2. Identify research interest and potential supervisor(s)

#### Noon, 1 December 2023

Hong Kong Time (GMT+8 hours)

1. Submit an HKPFS application (selecting PolyU as the first choice) through RGC Application System
2. Obtain an HKPFS reference number



#### 23:59, 1 December 2023

Hong Kong Time (GMT+8 hours)

1. Quote the HKPFS reference number to submit a full application through PolyU eAdmission System
2. Settle the non-refundable application fee of HKD300 for each application to PolyU



#### Until December 2023

Attend interview if being shortlisted

#### May 2024

Notification of results by RGC through email

### Regular Admissions (3 Rounds)

#### September 2024 Entry

Application Period:  
1 September 2023 to 31 May 2024

#### January 2025 Entry

Application Period:  
1 January to 30 September 2024

#### May 2025 Entry

Application Period:  
1 May 2024 to 31 January 2025

## Connecting with GS

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