



# 2025 / 26 HONG KONG PhD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

**Experience world-class academic programmes and research opportunities in Asia's World City**

Established in 2009 by the Research Grants Council, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's universities.

The Fellowship Scheme will provide a competitive annual stipend and conference and research-related travel allowance per year up to three years.

Initial application is accepted from 1 September to 1 December 2024 (12:00 noon Hong Kong Time (GMT + 8 hours)).

For details, please visit  
[www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd)



# Welcome Message from the Chairman, Research Grants Council

The Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong University Grants Committee (UGC) is committed to promoting world-class research in Hong Kong. Through our PhD Fellowships, Hong Kong's outstanding universities offer research opportunities in a broad range of PhD programmes, with generous stipends and excellent support for the best and brightest students in the world. On behalf of the RGC, I proudly present to you the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2025/26.

Established by the RGC in 2009, the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme has brought over three thousand four hundred top students from around hundred countries/regions to Hong Kong to undertake PhD studies in our highly ranked universities in fields ranging from humanities, business studies and social sciences, to engineering, biology and medicine, and physical sciences. Following the success in the past fifteenth rounds, we are looking for talented people who wish to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong, and aspire to be research elites of the time to take part in the Sixteenth Round, study awards of which will commence in the 2025/26 academic year.

Hong Kong, long an international business and finance centre and a unique bridge between East and West, draws talent from all corners of the world. Our universities have strong dynamism and drive, with international faculty and students excelling in the forefront of research. Our Fellowship programme unites cultural diversity and a rich research environment.

Hong Kong's universities are extending the boundaries of various fields including sciences, engineering, humanities, arts, social sciences, medicine, biotechnology, business, and specialisations such as AI and robotics, infectious diseases, Fintech, urban green engineering, textile design, logistics and supply chain management.

Our universities host some of Asia's – and the world's – best facilities and programmes, from our world-class business management programmes to pioneering research in areas such as A.I. and data science, liver transplantation, nanoscience and new materials, computer engineering, China studies, clean energy and sustainable environment, Chinese medicine, and arts technology. With English as the medium of instruction and research universities steeped in international collaboration, research and career opportunities abound.

Being part of China and an Asia's World City, Hong Kong is an education and research hub in the rapidly growing Greater Bay Area. I encourage you to learn more about Hong Kong and the opportunities our universities present. A culturally rich, cosmopolitan city set amidst the sea and mountains, Hong Kong and its universities offer the world's best and brightest students an ideal place to study, live and work.

I look forward to welcoming you to Hong Kong.



Professor Timothy W. Tong  
Chairman, Research Grants Council  
Hong Kong, China



## Who can apply

Candidates seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in the eight UGC-funded universities, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience, and ethnic background are welcomed to apply.

## About the award

The Fellowship will provide a competitive annual stipend and a conference and research-related travel allowance per year up to three years<sup>1</sup>.

## How are awardees selected

Shortlisted applicants, subject to their proposed areas of studies, will be reviewed by one of the following two Selection Panels:

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

While candidates' academic excellence is the primary consideration, the Selection Panels will take into account factors such as the candidates' research ability and potential, communication and interpersonal skills as well as leadership abilities.

## How to apply

Eligible candidates should make their **initial application** to the RGC through the online system at <https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/InitApplication.jsp> to obtain an **HKPFS Reference Number** before submitting full applications to their selected universities.

<sup>1</sup> Universities in Hong Kong normally start their academic year in September.

## Initial application deadline

1 December 2024 at 12:00 noon Hong Kong Time (GMT + 8 hours).

## Enquiries

For enquiries on the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, please email to [hkpf@ugc.edu.hk](mailto:hkpf@ugc.edu.hk). For enquiries on admission requirements, eligibility criteria for research programmes, application methods and deadlines, regulations and policy of individual universities, please contact relevant universities direct.

## Further information

For further information, please visit Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme website at <http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd>.



**City University of Hong Kong**  
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**Hong Kong Baptist University**  
<https://gs.hkbu.edu.hk/admission/hong-kong-phd-fellowship-scheme/introduction>  
email: [hkbu\\_rpg@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:hkbu_rpg@hkbu.edu.hk)



**Lingnan University**  
<http://www.ln.edu.hk/rpg/hong-kong-phd-fellowship-scheme-hkpbs>  
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**The Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpbs>  
enquiry form: [www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/help](http://www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/help)



**The Education University of Hong Kong**  
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**The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**  
<https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/hkpbs>  
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**The University of Hong Kong**  
<https://gradsch.hku.hk/hkpbs>  
email: [gradsch@hku.hk](mailto:gradsch@hku.hk)

After completing an initial application, applicants should submit full applications for their selected PhD programmes to the proposed universities (quoting the assigned **HKPFS Reference Number**) before the deadlines of individual universities. As deadlines for submission of full applications to universities may immediately follow that for initial application, candidates should consult relevant universities regarding the application deadlines to ensure that they have sufficient time to submit full applications.

## Other useful information

Research Grants Council,  
Hong Kong  
<http://www.rgc.edu.hk>

About Hong Kong  
<http://www.brandhk.gov.hk>

Hong Kong Higher Education  
<http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk>

Postgraduate Studies in Hong Kong  
<http://www.grad.edu.hk>

Immigration Policy on Study and Guidebook  
for Entry for Study in Hong Kong  
<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/study.html>