

**Dr WAN Shui Ki**  
Accountancy, Economics and Finance

I am happy to work with a brilliant HKPFS PhD student in macroeconomics, who has impressed me with his research skills and passion. One of the things that I admire most about the awardee is his boundless curiosity. He always asks thoughtful questions and is constantly exploring new areas of research, combining macroeconomic theory with cutting-edge machine learning techniques. His ability to bring a fresh perspective and to think outside the box has been invaluable in driving our research forward.



**Dr Zhou Yuanyuan**  
Physics

It is my immense pleasure to be a supervisor of two HKPFS awardees, as I find them always creative and delighted to curiosity-driven research. Both of them have been performing fantastic works in various research tasks. More importantly, they are continuously bringing me their own findings and solutions on exciting research problems.



**Timothy John PATTINSON**  
Awardee in Visual Arts from UK

It is an honour to advance my academic career at HKBU, where my body of work - semi - structured interviews and animated documentary outputs - is supported by a superb committee of supervisors, outstanding faculty members, and international peers, all within an excellent and exciting research environment. Equally, being awarded the HKPFS scholarship is a great privilege which allows me to devote all my time and attention to my research and practice outputs throughout my studies. I will always be grateful to HKBU and HKPFS for the guidance, support and opportunities they generously provided.



**LIU Fangyuan**  
Awardee in Journalism from Mainland China

It is my great pleasure to receive this award and start my PhD in Hong Kong. With this generous funding, I have gotten the chance to dedicate myself in my scholarly work, while embracing the international media environment in HK. HKBU has brought together the world-leading scholars in the field, enabling me to conduct my research in an interdisciplinary fashion. School of Communication and Department of Journalism have been providing adequate resources for students, with which I can envisage and situate my research in a broader context.



**Ishanka Harshani Kusum Peiris DEHIWALA LIYANAGE**  
Awardee in Sport, Physical Education and Health from Sri Lanka

I am grateful for all the opportunities that I receive as an HKPFS recipient at HKBU. It is incredible to learn from some of the most talented academics in Hong Kong. I really appreciate HKBU and my Department's strategic approaches during and post-COVID to help me achieve my study goals each semester. Coursework, research activities, community involvement tasks and the overseas attachment are helping me to grow as the person what I want to be in future.



**Samuel Idris CABBAG**  
Awardee in Sociology from the Philippines

I am fortunate to have been awarded the Fellowship as I start my PhD journey in Sociology at HKBU. Both the department and my supervisor have been very supportive to my research endeavours. I have made good friends at HKBU, and we support each other in reaching our research milestones. The generous funding enables me to participate in international conferences, widen my networks and meet new people. Such exposure provides views from different perspectives and help sharpen my research understanding and skills.



**AU Ho Yin**  
Awardee in Computer Science from Hong Kong

Inspired by the interdisciplinary scholars at HKBU, I have gained valuable research insights and project experience to sharpen my understanding of cross-modality machine learning in music, motion, and language domains. The Department of Computer Science and HKPFS also provide the latest research facilities and financial support to facilitate my data collection and experiments - the perfect environment for conducting impactful research.



**Academic Qualification Requirements**

Applicants should possess:

- a good 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**

- Proof of English as the medium of instruction; or
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 79 (Internet-based Test); or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 6.5.

**Selection Criteria**

Academic excellence; research ability and potential; communication and interpersonal skills; leadership abilities



<b>Initial Application to RGC</b>	<b>1</b> 1 September - 1 December 2023 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make an initial application through the Online Application System at the RGC's website</li> <li>• Obtain an HKPFS reference number</li> </ul>
<b>Full Application to HKBU</b>	<b>2</b> 1 September - 1 December 2023 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out admission requirements and fields of study on offer</li> <li>• Submit a full online application to HKBU (please quote the HKPFS reference number obtained from RGC)</li> <li>• The HKBU programme(s) applied for should be consistent with those indicated in the initial application submitted to the RGC</li> </ul>
<b>Result Announcement</b>	<b>3</b> May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Result will be announced at RGC's website, and individual awardees will receive an email notification direct from the RGC</li> </ul>

**Application Guide and Tips to Acing it!**



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**1**  
Creative Media/  
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**2**  
Health, and Drug  
Discovery

**3**  
Data Analytics and  
Artificial Intelligence

**4**  
Humanities and  
Cultures

## About the Fellowship

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 admission through non-HKPFS routes.

## Fields of Study

### Arts

*Roots in the great tradition of arts and humanities and focuses on creating forward-looking, interdisciplinary research to support and enhance Hong Kong and the world.*

- o Chinese Language and Literature
- o English Language and Literature
- o Humanities and Creative Writing
- o Religion and Philosophy
- o Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural studies

### Business

*Amongst the 1% of business schools worldwide accredited by the three leading international accreditation bodies, AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, focusing on business education.*

- o Accountancy
- o Economics
- o Finance
- o Management
- o Marketing
- o Management Information Systems

### Social Sciences

*Engaged social science that inspires success in students and builds better societies.*

- o Education Studies
- o Geography
- o Government and International Studies
- o History
- o Sport, Physical Education and Health
- o Sociology
- o Social Work

### Communication

*A leading Communication School in the region.*

- o Communication Studies
- o Interactive Media
- o Journalism

### Science

*We pursue ground-breaking, high-impact and multi-disciplinary research, with the vision to identify and address grand challenges from global perspectives.*

- o Biology
- o Chemistry
- o Computer Science
- o Mathematics
- o Physics

### Chinese Medicine

*The first school of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. Renowned for its excellence in teaching, research and clinical services.*

- o Biomedical Sciences
- o Chinese Medicine
- o Translational Medicine
- o Pharmacy in Chinese Medicine

## Financial Support

Elite Scholar Award	HK\$40,000 in the 1st year and HK\$20,000 in the subsequent 2 years (approx. US\$10,250)
Stipend	HK\$27,600 (approx. US\$3,540) monthly/ HK\$331,200 (approx. US\$42,760) annually for 4 years
Tuition Waiver/Scholarship	HK\$42,100 (approx. US\$5,400) annually for 4 years subject to satisfactory academic progress

Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance

HK\$13,800 (approx. \$1,770) per year for a maximum of 3 years, plus the University's provision of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,560) for the student's 4-year study period.

Accommodation

Shared-room accommodation will be provided in the student's first year of study subject to availability.

## 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 whole person development.

HKBU has set out a 10-year strategic plan to take us to new heights as a research-led liberal arts 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.

## 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 extend the frontiers of knowledge, tackle global challenges and benefit the community at home and abroad.

## Highlighted Projects

- 1 Building Platform Technologies for Symbiotic Creativity in Hong Kong
- 2 Constructing next-generation Future Cinema System
- 3 Selected to operate Hong Kong's first Chinese Medicine Hospital

## Creative Arts

*Rooted in liberal arts ethos and transdisciplinary inquiries, the School of Creative Arts leverages the rich genealogy of the academies of Film, Music and Visual Arts to continue to interrogate the infinite acts of human creativity, reassess the roles of arts in our time, and invent new artistic opportunities for the future.*

- o Film
- o Music
- o Visual Arts