

## Prof Jun PAN Academy of Language and Culture

It has been a pleasure working with my current HKFPS student from Spain. His commitment to Corpus-based Translation Studies, both as my former Research Assistant and through his MPhil under my supervision, has been exemplary. The HKFPS funding has been crucial, allowing him to pursue advanced research and attend conferences. I am happy to have participated in the cultivation of such a strong talent for Hong Kong's education sector.



## Dr Jos BARTELS Department of Communication Studies

I am honoured to have supervised an excellent HKFPS student at the School of Communication over the past few years. The candidate is now finalizing her thesis study in Ghana, on the role of gamification in the workplace. She has shown to be curious, enthusiastic, eager to learn and extremely polite and humble. Excellent characteristics for a young ambitious scholar. Although it will be hard to say goodbye, luckily, I am very happy that a new HKFPS candidate will join our Department in the next academic year. I am sure that my cooperation with the new candidate will be as prosperous and joyful.

## Charlotte Marie CHADWICK Awardee in Humanities and Creative Writing from New Zealand

I chose to undertake my PhD at HKBU because of the creativity and cosmopolitanism of Hong Kong. I am grateful to be able to pursue further studies and advance my career in the stimulating yet supportive environment of HKBU. The resources available through the university and the HKFPS award have provided invaluable support, allowing me to attend conferences and network with colleagues from all over the world.



## Fernando GABARRÓN BARRIOS Awardee in Translation, Interpreting, and Intercultural Studies from Spain

I am truly humbled and grateful to be recipient of the prestigious HKFPS funding at HKBU, a leading liberal arts university in Asia. The nurturing environment fostered by the Department complemented by the expert guidance of my esteemed supervisors and the unwavering support of the faculty, has enabled me to make significant progress as an emerging scholar. The generous HKFPS funding allows me to concentrate fully on academic pursuits, including presenting my research at international conferences and publishing research reports, without financial constraints.

## Ernestina Ohenewaah DENCHIE Awardee in Geography from Ghana

I enjoy my PhD studies thanks to HKBU's enabling research environment, well equipped modern library resources and renowned Professors who guides PhD students for quality research output. HKBU has sharpened my research skills through my supervisors, advanced research methodology training, departmental seminars, faculty workshops and international conferences. I am very grateful to this prestigious University, and the RGC for the HKFPS funding for an exciting PhD experience. I highly recommend HKBU to potential HKFPS applicants for a supportive PhD journey.



## MA Yingshuang Awardee in Accountancy from Mainland China

Studying at HKBU as an HKFPS awardee has been an excellent experience for me. The Business School offers a wealth of learning resources and interdisciplinary opportunities. Moreover, I appreciate the collaborative and intellectually stimulating research environment within the Department. The guidance and support from my supervisors and fellow faculty members have been invaluable in shaping my academic growth.

## YANG Zhuda Awardee in Physics from Mainland China

HKBU offers an exceptional environment for those passionate about interdisciplinary research, a pursuit that resonates deeply with my academic interests. My investigation into neural dynamics has benefitted immensely from the support of distinguished physicists in the Department. Additionally, the opportunity to work in close collaboration with Life Science Imaging Centre has been instrumental. This partnership allows me to integrate physical models with experimental data, significantly enhancing my comprehension of the neural system and contributing to the distinctiveness of our research project.



## 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



### Initial Application to RGC

1 September -  
1 December 2024  
(Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)

- Make an initial application through the Online Application System at the RGC's website (<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpts>)
- Obtain an HKFPS reference number

### Full Application to HKBU

1 September -  
1 December 2024  
(Hong Kong Time 23:59)

- Find out admission requirements and fields of study on offer
- Submit a full online application to HKBU (please quote the HKFPS reference number obtained from RGC)
- The HKBU programme(s) applied for should be consistent with those indicated in the initial application submitted to the RGC

### Result Announcement

May 2025

- Result will be announced at RGC's website, and individual awardees will receive an email notification from the RGC

## Application Guide and Tips to Acing it!



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## Financial Support

Elite Scholar Award	HK\$40,000 in the 1st year and HK\$26,000 in the subsequent 2 years (approx. US\$11,780)
Stipend	HK\$26,100 (approx. US\$3,600) monthly/ HK\$337,200 (approx. US\$43,230) annually for 4 years
Tuition Waiver/Scholarship	HK\$42,100 (approx. US\$5,400) annually for 4 years subject to satisfactory academic progress

## 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.

Conference and Research-  
related Travel Allowance

HK\$14,000 (approx. US\$1,790) per year for the first 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 and second year of studies subject to availability.

## Fields of Study

### Arts and Social Sciences

*Deeper knowledge, Innovative solutions, A better world – These are the promises of transdisciplinary education and research at the intersection of arts and social sciences.*

- o Chinese Language and Literature
- o English Language and Literature
- o History
- o Humanities and Creative Writing
- o Religion and Philosophy
- o Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural studies
- o Education Studies
- o Geography
- o Government & International Studies
- o Sport, Physical Education and Health
- o Sociology
- o Social Work

### 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

### 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

### Communication

*A leading Communication School in the region.*

- o Communication Studies
- o Interactive Media
- o Journalism

### 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

### 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

## 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.

## Research Highlights

- 1 Life Science Imaging Centre equipped with MRI, EGG, fNIRS and TMS
- 2 World-first 360° future cinema at Visualisation Research Centre
- 3 East West transdisciplinary encounters with Yao AI-dancers igniting novel artistic immersion experience
- 4 Transdisciplinary Collective Brainpower project targeting neuropsychiatric disorders, personalized medicine, and enhanced memory ability for elderly

