#### Prof Zhaoxiang BIAN Chinese Medicine

My present HKPFS student joined our research team of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Drug Development on gastrointestinal diseases two years ago. As a newcomer in TCM research, she has collaborated closely with other research talents and has been trained well in logical thinking, project organisation, teamwork and enterprising spirit. Supported by an advanced gut microbiota research and TCM drug development platform, she has extensive experience in pharmacology, pharmacodynamics and mechanism studies. At the same time, she has learnt more about pharmacognancy and toxicology research and other related knowledge. Through unremitting efforts, she was awarded the 2021 enthusiastic scholarship by Chinese Gut Congress.





# Prof Eva Kit Wah MAN Film

t brings me tremendous joy being a supervisor of HKPFS awardees. It is a sure win thing as I have learnt so much from my Indian, Malaysian and Hong Kong supervisees. Most of their projects adopt a comparative approach from cultural, social and aesthetical perspectives. They are all benefited by the programme, and are able to focus on their research and studies without worrying about financial needs. They have actively attended workshops and conferences in Singapore, the UK and the US. We have critical debates and discussions while we enjoy the peautiful sceneries and the superb cuisines in the environment of Hong Kong!

#### Yaxin GAO Awardee in Physics from Mainland China

My research field is organic photovoltaic, focusing on utilising solar energy, which is one of the most potential substitutions for traditional energy source. With the effort of researchers and entrepreneurs, organic photovoltaic could be a game-changer in commercialisation. HKBU provides so many opportunities for students to participate in scholar seminars and international conferences, allowing us to learn from notable scholars and get trained. Our professors are so great, humble and warm hearted. They supervise my academic progress and help me to sharpen my mind and get insight into this field.





#### Arturo IRISARRI IZQUIERDO Awardee in Music from Spain

Choosing HKBU to study my PhD has allowed me to develop my research within a highly competent, world-class academic community at the heart of one of the most vibrant cities in the world. Under the guidance of my supervisor and with the advice of other faculty members and peers, I have been able to produce high quality output that has been well received at international conferences and publications within my field (Music). With the generous support of the HKPFS, I have been able to focus exclusively on my academic career, while being free from any of the financial concerns that are usually associated with studying a PhD programme.

# Abdullah Al MAMUN Awardee in Chinese Medicine from Bangladesh

I would like to express my gratitude to Research Grants Council and HKBU for selecting me as an HKPFS awardee, which gives me an excellent platform to work with world-class researchers, especially with my supervisor in a very well-equipped lab. I am also happy with my lab-mates because of their cordial cooperation, which makes my research work more enjoyable. The School of Chinese Medicine provides modern technologies and facilities for conducting cutting-edge research that attracted me immensely. Besides, the generous funding of HKPFS is pivotal for awardees to participate in various conferences to exchange ideas, extend our research collaborations, and purchase books and research-related materials to help maintain our study effectively. I believe HKPFS and HKBU will make me a more productive and efficient researcher.



#### Xiaoqiao LI Awardee in Visual Arts from Mainland China

The Academy of Visual Arts (AVA) provides a diverse and open international academic environment and allows me to engage with creative practitioners, artists, and scholars from different parts of the world. It also offers researchers access to artist studios, fully-equipped art workshops and digital media research studios for their practical research. In addition, HKPFS provides generous funding for research purposes throughout my PhD study journey. I believe the excellent research environment, perhaps rare to find in other research institutions and universities worldwide, makes AVA an excellent choice—full of opportunities for researchers and students.



### 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 and leadership abilities



- 1 September -1 December 2021 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)
- Make an initial application through the Online Application System at the RGC's website
- Obtain an HKPFS reference number
- 1 September 1 December 2021
  (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 HKPFS reference number obtained from RGC)
- Choose up to two programmes

Announcement

April 2022

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

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\*Subject to the University's strategic plan.

## 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.

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

The University has formed six research labs to underpin interdisciplinary and theme-based research, for promoting research excellence and knowledge/technology transfer, and for attracting global collaboration.

## Fields of Study

#### **Arts**

Roots in the great tradition of arts and humanities and focuses on creating forwardlooking, 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 Music

Business

- o Religion and Philosophy
- o Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural studies

# Science

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

**Communication and Film** 

A leading Communication School in the

o Communication Studies

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

### **Social Sciences**

o Accountancy and Law

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

Amongst less than 1% of the world's business

schools to have earned triple international

o Finance and Decision Sciences

accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

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

### **Visual Arts**

A leading academy for advanced research in the visual arts encompassing a wide spectrum of themes of research by means of traditional and/or non-traditional research strategies and methodologies including studio-based artistic research

- o Visual Arts Studies
- o Studio and Media Arts
- o Craft and Design

### o Mathematics

**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



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