

Supervisor Sharing



Prof Magdalen KI *Department of English Language and Literature*

Educators are torchbearers, and our mission is to become “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13). As a supervisor of an HKPFS awardee, the experience brings immense satisfaction as I witness her transformative scholarship. From writing proposals to delivering conference presentations, my student has crossed various thresholds, navigated different trials, and will become an expert in her academic field. My motto is that students must stand on—and also look beyond—the shoulders of giants. The goal is not to become an academic star who gets cited the most, but to be a beacon of light that can ignite change in the world.

Prof LECA Radu-Alexandru *Academy of Visual Arts*

The first-year HKPFS student I am currently supervising has been exceptionally productive. Aiming to rewrite the narrative of abstractionism in '80s and '90s Chinese art, he has engaged with primary sources in local archives and drafted a rigorous thesis structure. This was facilitated by the financial and psychological security offered by the HKPFS award. Moreover, the award's support for fieldwork and conference participation will further enable the development of his research career.



Student Sharing



Emily Alice FARMER from the UK *Awardee in English Language and Literature*

I am incredibly thankful to the Research Grants Council for selecting me as a recipient of the HKPFS. Not only has the funding allowed me to devote my full attention to my research, but it has also helped me attend several international conferences. Attending such events has facilitated scholarly connections that might have otherwise been unfeasible.

Victoria GLAZUNOVA from Russia *Awardee in Chinese Language and Literature*

I am happy to pursue my PhD in Hong Kong. Now in my second year, I've attended numerous scientific events, including international conferences and workshops, many organised by the Academy of Chinese, History, Religion and Philosophy, and the Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology, as well as one summer school overseas. Meeting renowned scholars has enriched my research experience, and I am deeply grateful to HKBU and the Research Grants Council for supporting my dream of becoming a scholar.



Felipe NUNES HENRIQUEZ from Brazil *Awardee in Chemistry*

I chose to study at HKBU due to the supportive research environment and vibrant city life. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to advance my career and studies with the backing of seasoned researchers and faculty members. Furthermore, the HKPFS has been invaluable in this journey by providing me with the resources and opportunities to travel and attend conferences, bolstering my network and career prospects.



LI Zhanghao from Mainland China *Awardee in Chinese Medicine*

It is my great pleasure to be supported by the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme as I begin my PhD studies at HKBU. The scholarship has enabled me to fully focus on my studies within Hong Kong's flourishing academic environment. I have been motivated by the diverse community and numerous opportunities available in Hong Kong. The integration of traditional and modern elements in the School of Chinese Medicine enhances the scope of my research. I am grateful for the opportunity to reach my full potential and committed to contributing to society.



Abdulwahab TAHHAN from the UK *Awardee in Journalism*

My PhD journey at HKBU has been deeply rewarding. I chose this programme for the professors' outstanding expertise, and they've exceeded expectations with their academic and personal support. The programme is well-structured and intellectually enriching. Thanks to the HKPFS scholarship, I can fully focus on my research and attend international conferences without financial stress.



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



1 Initial Application to RGC	1 September - 1 December 2025 12:00 noon (UTC+8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an initial application through the Online Application System at the RGC's website (https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs) • Obtain an HKPFS reference number
2 Full Application to HKBU	1 September - 1 December 2025 11:59 pm (UTC+8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • The HKBU programme(s) applied for should be consistent with those indicated in the initial application submitted to the RGC
3 Result Announcement	May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result will be announced at RGC's website, and individual awardees will receive an email notification from the RGC

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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.

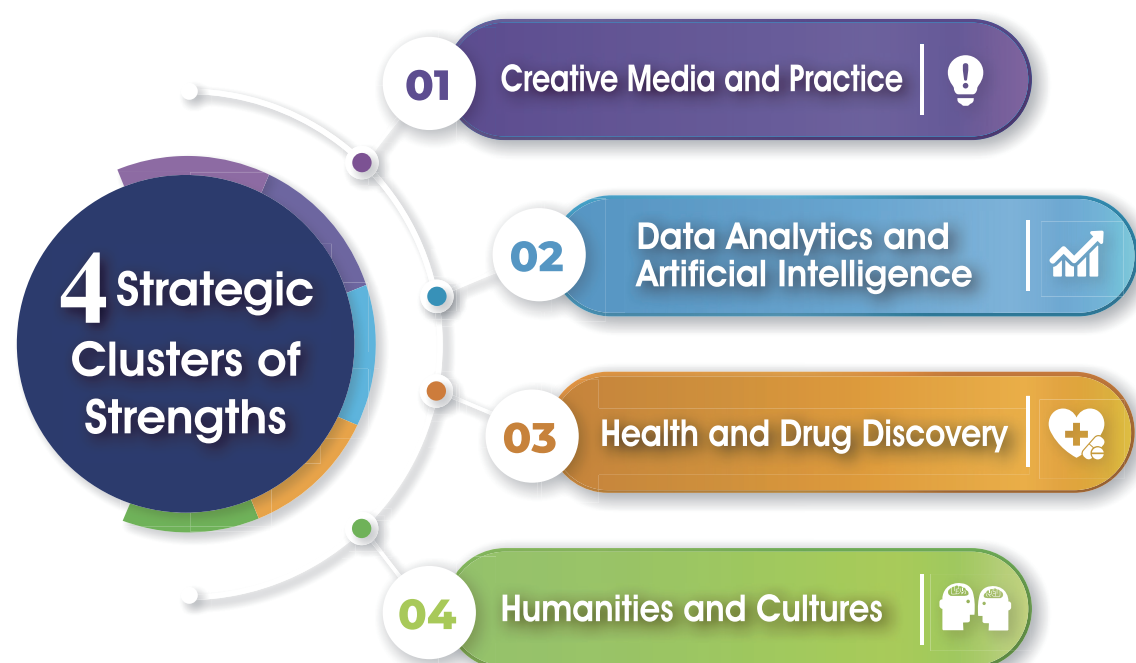
HKBU has set out a 10-year strategic plan to take us to new heights as a research-led liberal arts institution of global significance. The University's success is built upon its caring, creative and global culture. We endeavour to deliver the best student experience and promote research excellence by 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, HKBU 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 Facility Highlights

- 1 Life Science Imaging Centre equipped with MRI, EGG, fNIRS and TMS
- 2 World-first 360-degree 3D LED cinematic screen at Visualisation Research Centre
- 3 Building the world's first and largest Labanotation annotated 3D motion capture dataset at Motion Capture and Visualization Laboratory



About the Fellowship

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 the HKPFS will concurrently be considered for admission through regular routes.



Financial Support

Stipend*	HK\$28,400 (approx. US\$3,650) monthly/ HK\$340,800 (approx. US\$43,800) annually for 4 years
Tuition Fee Waiver [#]	AY2026/27: HK\$47,000 (approx. US\$6,000) AY2027/28: HK\$49,500 (approx. US\$6,300) AY2028/29 & AY2029/30: to be confirmed
Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance	HK\$14,200 (approx. US\$1,820) per year for a maximum of 3 years, plus the University's provision of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,550) 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.

*Subject to the University Grants Committee's plan [#]Subject to satisfactory academic progress
The University may review the types of incentives depending on the availability of funding and the University's strategic planning.

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 and Psychology
- o Geography
- o Government & International Studies
- o Sports and Health Sciences
- 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 Medicine

Communication

A leading Communication School in the region, renowned for its excellence in adaptability, creativity, innovation, and ethical practice; for educating future leaders and professionals in communication; for creating valuable knowledge in the field of communication; and for serving society through communication.

- o Communication Studies
- o Interactive Media
- o Journalism

Creative Arts

Rooted in a liberal arts ethos and transdisciplinary inquiry, the School of Creative Arts builds on the rich legacies of each discipline to unlock the boundless potential of human creativity, critically examine the roles of the arts in contemporary society, and shape new artistic possibilities 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