香港浸會大學
HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

2027/28 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

香港博士研究生獎學金計劃

About Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)

Founded in 1956, Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), as one of Asia's finest institutions of higher learning, is dedicated to nurturing future generations of civically engaged community members, and it provides them with a broad-based, transdisciplinary and creative education.

Research Strategy

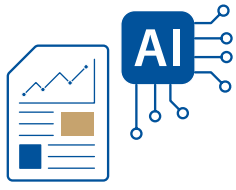
Aspiring to be a leading research-led liberal arts University in Asia, HKBU is committed to conducting world-leading investigations that extend the frontiers of knowledge, tackle global challenges and benefit the community at home and abroad.

Strategic Clusters of Strengths

Encompassing HKBU's research strengths, the University has identified four strategic clusters to enhance the University's research coherence and foster the alliances of research strengths.

Creative Media and Practice

Health and Drug Discovery



Data Analytics and Artifical Intelligence

Humanities and Cultures

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

*Elite Scholar Award	HK$40,000 (approx. US$5,130) per annum for the first three years of study, renewable annually based on satisfactory performance
#Stipend	HK$28,700 (approx. US$3,680) monthly/ HK$344,400 (approx. US$44,200) annually for 4 years
#Tuition	Waived annually for 4 years
Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance	HK$14,400 (approx. US$1,850) per year for a maximum of 3 years plus the University's Research Support Fund of HK$25,000 (approx. US$3,210) for the student's 4-year study period
Accommodation	University-arranged shared-room accommodation is guaranteed in the first two years of study

 # 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

- Chinese Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Government & International Studies
- Geography
- History
- Humanities and Creative Writing
- Social Work
- Religion and Philosophy
- Sports and Health Sciences
- Sociology
- Education and Psychology Studies
- Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural Studies

Business

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

Chinese Medicine

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

Communication

- Communication Studies
- Interactive Media
- Journalism

Creative Arts

- Film
- Music
- Visual Arts

Science and Technology

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

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 HKPFS student I have been 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

Mariyam Mohamed MANIK from Maldives *Awardee in Communication*

I joined HKBU as an HKPFS awardee not for comfort or ease, but because this university uniquely rewires you. It immerses you fully at first, then sharpens what truly matters in research and life. Opportunities appear when you say yes before you feel ready, making the global academic world feel accessible. Embracing its intensity gave me perspective on my work on populist rhetorics and legitimacy in geoeconomic conflicts — and clarified who I am becoming as a scholar.

JIANG Haoran, Tyler from Chinese Mainland *Awardee in Visual Arts*

Receiving the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme has enabled me to pursue research that combines Chinese art history with interdisciplinary perspectives. At HKBU, I have benefited from a supportive research environment, inspiring mentors, and opportunities to engage with scholars internationally. These experiences have strengthened both my academic development and my confidence as an emerging researcher.

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.

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.

MA Yingshuang from Chinese Mainland *Awardee in Accountancy*

What I enjoy most about HKBU is its supportive, innovative, and academically enriching environment. As a PhD student at the School of Business, I have opportunities to collaborate across disciplines, connect with scholars worldwide, and access excellent research resources. I also value the teaching experience provided by the school. Together with generous HKPFS support, these opportunities have helped me make the most of my PhD journey.

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
- A minimum TOEFL (iBT) score of 4.5, or
- A minimum IELTS (Academic) score of 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 2026 12:00 noon (UTC+8)*	• 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 2026 11:59 pm (UTC+8)*	• 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 2027*	• Result will be announced at RGC's website, and individual awardees will receive an email notification from the RGC

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