**Hong Kong Baptist University**

**Application for Admission to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programmes**

**Notes to applicants who apply through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS):**

Before completing and submitting your application to the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), please read and ensure you have completed the following:

1. **Application at Research Grant Council (RGC)**
* You have read and followed the requirements set out in the Explanatory Notes to Applicants of the RGC.
* You have selected HKBU as your choice of university.
* Your choice of programme for PhD studies is consistent with your application at HKBU.
1. **Application at HKBU**
	1. Online Application System
* You have chosen “Doctor of Philosophy - HKPFS” for “Course” and quoted your HKPFS Reference Number.
* You have completed all the required fields.
* You have proofread your application and are certain that all the information is accurate and correct.
* You have uploaded all the required supporting documents.
	1. Research Plan and Vision Statement

Your research plan and vision statement should be:

* Feasible and realistic
* Consistent with your area of study
* No mentioning the name of the University (i.e. HKBU) or staff
* Able to demonstrate:
	+ - Your intellectual rigour, in particular critical thinking, problem solving and creative skills
		- Your enthusiasm for research
	1. Academic Referee’s Report Form
* Your two referees should be of academic background.
* It is important that the referee writes the report, not the applicant.
* You should remind your referees to:
	+ - email/post the completed form **directly** to the HKBU Graduate School on or before the application deadline
		- not to mention the name of the University (i.e. HKBU) or staff on the form
		- provide sufficient information on your relevant strengths and abilities