



香港浸會大學
HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

for 2018/19



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 other research postgraduate programmes at HKBU.

At a Glance: Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Stipend	HK\$20,000 per month (approx. US\$2,600)
Tuition Fee Tuition Waiver	HK\$42,100 (approx. US\$5,400) first year tuition waiver
Scholarship*	HK\$84,200 (approx. US\$10,800) to cover the tuition fee for the 2nd and 3rd year of study
Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance	HK\$10,000 (approx. US\$1,300) per year provided by RGC for a maximum of three years plus HK\$15,000 (approx. US\$1,900) provided by the University for the entire study period

* Subject to satisfactory academic progress

Why HKBU?

Founded in 1956, HKBU is a government-funded institution with a mission to provide quality higher education for the Hong Kong community and beyond. Our programmes feature a strong global international dimension, which is accomplished through student exchanges, internships and global leadership training with the world's leading institutions and organisations. We have over 270 non-local partners, covering Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Macau, Mainland China, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Quick Facts about HKBU

~4000 postgraduate students

40+ professional-, practice-, theory- or research-based taught postgraduate programmes to suit your various needs.

28 academic units offering research postgraduate programmes at doctoral and master's levels in various disciplines

270+ global partner institutions

50+ research institutes and centres

Programmes Offered

A variety of study fields are on offer from our seven faculties, namely Arts, Business, Chinese Medicine, Communication, Science, Social Sciences and Visual Arts. We also offer interdisciplinary studies which are built on our academic and research niches. For more details about the fields of PhD studies at the HKBU, please visit:

http://gs.hkbu.edu.hk/en/prospective/hkpfs/list_field/

Faculty of Arts

'Strong in classical Chinese, cultural studies, literary creativity, music performance, religious studies, and translation studies.'

- Chinese Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Humanities and Creative Writing
- Music
- Religion and Philosophy
- Translation Programme

School of Business

'Amongst less than 1% of the world's business schools to have earned triple international accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.'

- Accountancy and Law
- Economics
- Finance and Decision Sciences
- Management
- Marketing

School of Chinese Medicine

'The first school of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong and renowned for its excellence in teaching, research and clinical services.'

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

School of Communication

'One of the leading Communication Schools in the region.'

- Academy of Film
- Communication Studies
- Journalism

Faculty of Science

'Awarded the prestigious status of Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China.'

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

Faculty of Social Sciences

'Leading the development of global social sciences for Hong Kong.'

- Education Studies
- Geography
- Government and International Studies
- History
- Physical Education
- Sociology
- Social Work

Academy of Visual Arts

'The first academy of its kind in Hong Kong.'

- Studio-based and Applied Research
- Theoretical and Community Research

Research Excellence at HKBU

HKBU aspires to be a leading research institution with the endeavour to promote research culture and establish a critical mass of research talents. With this vision, a number of research institutes and centres are established to nurture excellence in a range of focus areas and to cultivate interdisciplinary research. For a full list of our research institutes and centres, please visit: <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/eng/research/research-institutes.jsp>

Our Research Clusters

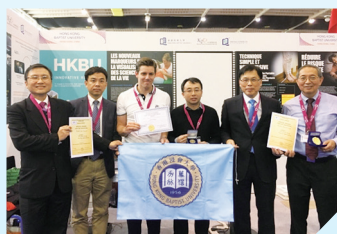
HKBU has identified three interdisciplinary research clusters to promote research excellence and knowledge/technology transfer.

- Creative Media Practice
- Health, and Drug Discovery
- Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence

Our Research Achievements



HKBU scholar invents world's first "lip password": A patented double security system for identity.



HKBU teams win nine top awards at International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva.



HKBU scholars develop new personalised neurological disorder therapy using magnetic-tagged neural stem.



HKBU Chinese medicine scholars conduct research on space life science on board China's spacecraft.

HKPFS Selection Criteria

- Academic excellence;
- Research ability and potential;
- Leadership ability and societal responsibility; and
- Communication and interpersonal skills.

HKBU Admission Requirements

Applicants should possess:

- a master's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
- a bachelor's degree with first class honours from a recognized university or comparable institution

Language Requirements

An applicant seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English is required to obtain a minimum score in the *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* at 550 (PBT)/79 (IBT)* or *International English Language Testing System (IELTS)* at 6.5.

* PBT: Paper-based Test; IBT: Internet-based Test

Nurture Critical Minds

Our scholars tell you the reasons for pursuing PhD studies at HKBU

“It’s a brilliant opportunity!”



“ The HKPFS awardee took part in my research on Aptamer-based innovative drug discovery. The awardee got great opportunity to discuss her work with my outstanding research group members. These facilitated her to improve critical thinking, promote logical reasoning, and develop inspiration thoughts. Advanced research facilities were also provided to support her scientific problem solving and finding. Her academic representation in conferences around the world was supported financially and spiritually by my group and the university. These researches she involved got good reputation and great curiosity from the counterparts, which have chance to be published in the high-scoring journals. ”

Prof Zhang Ge

Supervisor of awardee in Chinese Medicine



“ Money. That was always my key concern as a student. But the HKPFS takes care of this—and then some. My present HKPFS student, a native of St Petersburg, Russia, does not have to dwell overmuch on what was my key concern as a student—and still even as a professor. During his 2.5-year tenure as a PhD student and then candidate at HKBU, this student has attended two or more conferences annually, in places as far-flung as Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, and the US, thus affording him, along with confreres and –soeurs from world-class institutions, opportunities to publish in topnotch journals. These activities and opportunities are the heart of academe. ”

Dr Jason Polley

Supervisor of awardees in English Language and Literature



“ It is a real pleasure to work with my current HKPFS student, as she is highly-motivated to take up challenges, and is tireless in exploring great opportunities to present and publish her works. In the past two years, she delivered more than ten presentations and published a few articles. She brings in fresh perspectives and mixes well with other graduate students on campus, as well as those in our sister institutions. I look forward to her graduation with flying color on time, after she returns from an overseas attachment at UCSD in the coming year. ”

Prof Clara Ho

Supervisor of awardee in History

Our students tell you the reasons for pursuing PhD studies at HKBU

"It's a remarkable experience!"

“ I had the opportunity to be twice a visiting researcher at the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh. I was able to do my data collection there and to interact with top researchers in the field for my research findings. Besides, I spent another three months as an intern in policy research at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. These valuable experiences are crucial for my professional development. ”



Veronika STEPKOVA from Czech Republic
2015/16 HKPFS Awardee in Geography

“ I appreciate the way HKBU supports interdisciplinary research. It has a strong roster of journalism, media and communication scholars that provides the appropriate academic supervision for my research project. The generous funding of HKPFS encourages me to eye top scholarly publications and international conferences which are beneficial to my academic being. In the past year, my research was accepted for publication and presentation in local and international platforms. I am indeed thrilled of what lies ahead. ”



Jefferson Lyndon Dagsindal RAGRAGIO from Philippines
2016/17 HKPFS Awardee in Journalism

“ Research oriented environment, supportive supervisors with good research team and place of opportunities for your bright future ... for sure HKBU is holding all of these. As a second year PhD student from Pakistan, the most attractive thing for me at HKBU is the mixture of the academic and extra-curricular activities which never makes me feel stressed. Also, chances for attending international conferences help broaden my knowledge about my research topic. In short, I feel proud to be called HKBUian. ”



Ali Asgher SYED from Pakistan
2015/16 HKPFS Awardee in Physics

“ I am grateful to my supervisors for giving me fruitful guidance in developing my research and teaching skills. I enjoy the flexibility and mobility of being a researcher, especially the opportunity to present my research work globally such as in Paris, Sydney and Lisbon. I also got hands-on teaching experience as a part-time lecturer at a local University. During the summer study at NOVA School of Business & Economics in Portugal, our group research proposal was awarded as the Best Project. I will join a local institution as a Lecturer after my graduation. I am looking forward to teaching energetic students and presenting my dissertation on assets seasonalities at Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting in Key West, Florida. ”



Li Ya from China
2014/15 HKPFS Awardee in Finance and Decision Sciences

“ With the advance research facilities, excellent academic environment, strong faculty and quality education at HKBU, I am going to fulfill my desire to be a researcher in the field of anticancer drug research. Moreover, HKBU is an excellent platform to mingle with multi-cultural people. Over the past 1 year and 6 months, with the support of HKPFS, I got awesome opportunities to attend conferences in the USA and Denmark that will certainly enrich my research knowledge. ”



Md Shahid SARWAR from Bangladesh
2015/16 HKPFS Awardee in Chinese Medicine

“ The HKPFS has been a true blessing for my academic career! Thanks to this scheme – and also thanks to the priceless help I received from my supervisors at HKBU – I was able to focus completely on my research. During my studies, I made my dream come true – having presented my findings in important international conferences, and won the Wai Tak Land Award for outstanding academic performance. ”

Francesco TEOPINI TERZETTI CASAGRANDE from Italy
2015/16 HKPFS Awardee in Music



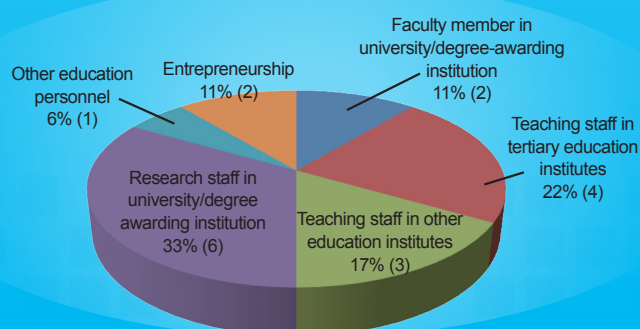
“ HKBU is a place where I was able to identify the expertise needed in order to supervise and facilitate my research. The Academy of Visual Arts is suitably positioned to respond to the new demands being made by the Art and Artists in Hong Kong. ”



Craig COOPER from UK
2014/15 HKPFS Awardee in Visual Arts

WHERE DO OUR HKPFS GRADUATES GO?

as at 30 June 2017



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Key Dates & Application Process

Step 1 : Initial Application to RGC	1 September - 1 December 2017 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply through the Online Application System at the RGC's website• Obtain an HKPFS reference number Website of RGC: http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd
Step 2 : Full Application to HKBU	1 September – 1 December 2017 (Hong Kong Time 23:59 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out admission requirements and fields of studies• Submit a full online application to HKBU (Please quote the HKPFS reference number assigned by RGC.)• Choose up to two programmes Website of HKPFS@HKBU: http://gs.hkbu.edu.hk/hkpfs
Step 3 : Result Announcement	Late March/April 2018	The result will be announced at the RGC's website and individual awardee will receive an email notification direct from RGC.

ENQUIRY

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