



香港博士研究生獎學金計劃

2021/22 HONG KONG PHD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME



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INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Data
Economy Lab

Ethical and
Theoretical AI Lab

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Entrance Award

HK\$25,000 per awardee

Stipend

HK\$26,600 (approx. US\$3,400) monthly/
HK\$319,200 (approx. US\$40,900) annually for 4 years

Tuition
waiver/scholarship*

HK\$42,100 (around US\$5,400) per year for each of the 4
years studies

* Subject to satisfactory academic progress

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 the whole person development.

The University 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.

**Augmented
Creativity Lab**

**Computational
Medicine Lab**

**System
Health Lab**

Smart Society Lab

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

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 our regular postgraduate studentship programme.

**Procurement of
research materials,
books, equipment, etc**

HK\$25,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years

**Conference and
research-related travel
allowance**

HK\$31,800 per year for a maximum of three years plus the University's provision of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,500) for the entire study period

Accommodation

Guarantee for first year on a request basis

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

Rooted in the great tradition of arts and humanities and focused on creating forward-looking, interdisciplinary research to support and enhance Hong Kong and the world.

- Chinese Language and Literature
- English Language and Literature
- Humanities and Creative Writing
- Music
- Religion and Philosophy
- Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural Studies

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

Chinese Medicine

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

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

Communication

A leading Communication School in the Region.

- Academy of Film
- Communication Studies
- Journalism

Science

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

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

Social Sciences

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

- Education Studies
- Geography
- Government and International Studies
- History
- Sport, Physical Education and Health
- Sociology
- 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.

- Visual Arts Studies
- Studio & Media Arts
- Craft & Design



Prof Jean-Pierre CABESTAN
Government and International Studies

It has always been a real pleasure to supervise and work with HKPFS PhD candidates. My own experience has been very rewarding because, at HKBU's Department of Government and International Studies, we have attracted PhD candidates from around the world, including for example Vietnam and Ghana. This diverse background in terms of cultural origin is an asset for HKBU and GIS, contributing directly to the internationalisation of our Hong Kong universities, and promoting more actively South-South relations and more specifically university-to-university cooperation.

Prof Furong ZHU
Physics

It has been my absolute pleasure in recruiting three HKPFS awardees, supervising them towards excellence in learning and research in organic electronics. The HKPFS is a prestigious scholarship that awards motivated and highly talented students looking to PhD study at HKBU. The fellowship programme provides the opportunity for the awardees to work and learn from esteemed research environment, access to advanced research facilities and invitations to reputable leading scientists in the field. We aim to help these high profile candidates become critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators, knowledgeable and competent future leaders of tomorrow.



Prof Kim-Sau CHUNG
Economics

I cannot say enough good things about my current HKPFS student. He is energetic beyond recognition. He attends on average two departmental seminars per week, often fully prepared with difficult questions. He participates in the department's weekly study group meetings, which are actually organised for the professors not for the graduate students. He insatiably audits classes at other universities in Hong Kong, and if not because of the pandemic would have gone on multiple exchange trips this year. All in all, I see a student who is laser-focused on realising his academic dream, and the only thing I am doing is to clear as many roadblocks as I can for him.



Md Lokman HOSSAIN
Awardee in Geography from Bangladesh

HKPFS not just provides me with financial support, but also an opportunity to involve in a long-run biodiversity experiment in Germany. I am fortunate to have renowned climate scientists as my supervisors at HKBU. I had the opportunity to share my research findings in several local and international conferences as well as publishing my research articles in top-tier journals, which helped me to build networks with the scientific community. I was fortunate to receive a finalist award in a 3-minute thesis competition organised by HKBU in 2020, which allowed me to enrich my communication skills and train up myself as a public speaker.



Ruepert Jiel Dionisio CAO
Awardee in Communication from The Philippines

HKBU fosters an environment that is conducive to gratifying PhD studies. The School of Communication actively supervises my academic progress and helps me sharpen my research project and critical thinking skills. The faculty adopts a holistic approach by advising students on our intermediate and long-term career prospects. I have an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience which allows me to gain exposure to local and global issues. The generous funding from HKPFS enables me to sharpen my research project, participate in top conferences, and publish in renowned journals. HKBU and HKPFS empower young scholars like me to maximise our potentials.



Ronald Tsz Hin HUNG
Awardee in Economics from Hong Kong SAR, China

Our School of Business has been named as one of the top 25 Asia-Pacific business schools 2018 by the *Financial Times*. It is not surprising that exceptional scholars are gathering here due to its academic atmosphere. We can learn from experienced researchers in HKBU. It also brings together the brilliant minds in Economics who publish in top journals such as *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, and *Econometrica*. Professors are nice, humble, and eager to discuss with students. There are opportunities for students to participate in different kinds of research seminars and present our works at international conferences, allowing us to learn more about cutting-edge theories and methodologies, and get insights. I believe the PhD programme will equip me to be a creative and rigorous researcher.



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

- English as a medium of instruction proof; or
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) at 79 (Internet-based Test); or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) at 6.5

Selection Criteria

Academic excellence; research ability and potential; communication and interpersonal skills; and leadership abilities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Initial
Application
to RGC

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**1 September -
1 December 2020**

(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

Full
Application
to HKBU

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**1 September -
1 December 2020**

(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

Result
Announcement

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**Late March
2021**

- The result will be announced at the RGC's website, and individual awardee will receive an email notification direct from RGC

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