

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Task Force on Research Student Training Framework

Research Student Development Activity (For AY2026/27)

1. Activity Title

Empower your research writing with personal corpora

2. Offering Department/ Unit

Language Centre

3. Target Student Group (e.g., All students, Research Postgraduate students)

All Research Postgraduate students

4. Delivery Method (e.g., workshop, lecture, seminar)

Workshop series

5. Duration & Total No. of Hours (e.g., 2 hours per session per week for 3 weeks = Total 6 hours)

2 hours per session per week for 2 weeks = Total 4 hours

6. Aims & Objectives

Through hands-on activities that train students to build and analyse their personal corpora with corpus tools like AntConc, this workshop series aims to equip students with corpus-building and analytical skills that can help them identify discipline- and topic-specific research trends, writing strategies, and other specialised information. Adopting the “same-task-different-corpus” approach, the workshops enable students to identify research-story-telling strategies used by accomplished scholars in their own specific research fields and develop their discipline-specific genre awareness (e.g., research articles, book reviews).

7. Expected Development Outcomes or Knowledge/Skills Attainment

By the end of the workshop series, students will be able to:

- build different types of personal corpora for various purposes;
- use different functions of corpus tools like AntConc for research purposes;
- formulate effective search syntax to obtain useful information;
- analyse, synthesise, and interpret corpus search results;
- develop awareness of genres specific to their research subfields.

8. Expected Graduate Attributes Attained

[Input will be sought after the University completes the review process]