

# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

2024/25



# Hong Kong Baptist University

**Welcome!**

## Today's Agenda

1. Incentive Package
2. 4<sup>th</sup> Year Financial Arrangement
3. Completion of Annual Report
4. Leave Application
5. RGC Approval
6. Q&A





# Updates on Incentive Package



# Incentive Package

Items	Details
*Elite Scholar Award	HK\$40,000 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year and <b>HK\$26,000 (from \$20,000)</b> in the subsequent 2 years
Monthly Stipend	HK\$ <b>28,100 (from \$27,600)</b> for 3 years, subject to RGC's annual review
Tuition Waiver/Scholarship	HK\$42,100 (AY2024-25)
Conference and Research-related Traveling Allowance	<b>HK\$14,000 (from HK\$13,800)</b> for 3 years, subject to RGC's annual review
Accommodation	Shared-room accommodation will be provided in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and <b>2<sup>nd</sup> year</b> of study, subject to availability.

*\*Disbursement of the award will be arranged after the Principal Supervisors' review of the Bi-annual Progress Report*

## Discontinuation / Termination of Fellowship

The fellowship will be discontinued or terminated in any of the following situations:

- i. change of programme of study without the approval of the RGC;
- ii. drop out from the university during the fellowship period;
- iii. early completion of the programme by the awardee;
- iv. dismissal of the awardee by the university;
- v. unsatisfactory progress of studies as determined by the university; and
- vi. termination of study by the university.

Note: Extracted from RGC's Terms and Conditions for HKPFS awardees

# 4<sup>th</sup> Year Financial Arrangement



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Items	Details
Monthly Stipend	HK\$ 28,100 (will match RGC's provision)
Tuition Waiver/Scholarship	Tuition waived (amount subject to review)
Conference and Research-related Traveling Allowance	The University's provision of HK\$20,000 for the student's 4-year study period

# Completion of Annual Report



# Annual Report

RGC conducts annual performance evaluation of the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS).

- Both the HKPFS awardees (year 1-3) and their respective principal supervisors shall complete the Annual Report Forms of the RGC.
- Due date: 15 July 2025 for AY2024-25

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# Leave Application

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An awardee is required to comply with the residence requirement of the affiliated university. Subject to this, he/she may spend an aggregate period of up to 183 days outside Hong Kong for academic/research activity in the three-year fellowship period. If an awardee stays outside Hong Kong for academic/research activity for an aggregate period exceeding 90 consecutive days, or an aggregate of 183 days, the stipend will be suspended immediately unless prior approval by the RGC has been given upon provision of strong justification by the affiliated university.

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## What:

1. Any leave period exceeding 90 consecutive days or an aggregate of 183 days
2. Part-time job
3. Suspension of study or change of fellowship period
4. Proposed change in study status/programme
5. Any substantial changes (please consult GS colleagues if in doubt)

# RGC Approval

## How:

1. Seek endorsement/approval from your Principal Supervisor, Department Head and Faculty Dean and submit the request with supporting documents (if applicable) to the Graduate School (GS) as soon as possible.
2. GS will then submit your request to RGC for approval
3. You cannot commence your activity before you get RGC's approval.



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## When:

- All requests should reach RGC for consideration **one month** before the commencement of the event.

# Q&A



**Thank You**

