

Project Abstracts for PhD Student Recruitment AY2025/26

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Project title	Student Return Migration from a Processual and Relational Perspective: Analyzing the Returning Experience and Adaptation of Chinese Students in South China	
Research Clusters	<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Media/Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Drug Discovery <input type="checkbox"/> Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humanities and Cultures	 <p data-bbox="1478 1013 1717 1044">Dr PENG Yinni</p> <p data-bbox="1304 1097 1581 1159"><i>Email address:</i> ynpeng@hkbu.edu.hk</p> <p data-bbox="1304 1203 1717 1304"><i>Learn more:</i> https://socweb.hkbu.edu.hk/people/academic_staff_detail/6/</p>
Keywords	<i>International student, student mobility, return migration, China</i>	
Project abstract	<p>Although China has been the largest sending country of international students in the past decades, an increasing number of Chinese students return upon graduation. This project investigates Chinese students' return experience from a relational and processual perspective. Qualitative data are collected from in-depth interviews, field observation, and online observation. The project aims to enrich theoretical and empirical debates on international student mobility by examining how Chinese students negotiate their return and mobilize resources and social networks to adapt to their post-return work and life.</p>	

Project title	Emerging ‘Triple Lost’ Young Graduates in Mainland China: A Mixed-Method Approach	
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Keywords	<i>School-to-work Transition; Graduate Employment; Big Data; Survey; In-depth Interview</i>	
Project abstract	<p>Recent news media have reported the phenomenon of ‘triple lost’ young people in China, who face unemployment and are not engaged in education or training. This study adopts a mixed-method approach, integrating multiple waves of large-scale representative survey, discussions from online forums, and in-depth interviews, to investigate the objective and subjective aspects of the ‘triple lost’ experience among young graduates.</p>	