

# Hong Kong Baptist University

## Application for Admission to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programmes

### Notes to applicants who apply through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS):

Before completing and submitting your application to the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), please read and ensure you have completed the following:

#### **A. Application at Research Grant Council (RGC)**

- You have read and followed the requirements set out in the Explanatory Notes to Applicants of the RGC.
- You have selected HKBU as your choice of university.
- Your choice of programme for PhD studies is consistent with your application at HKBU.

#### **B. Application at HKBU**

##### (1) Online Application System

- You have chosen “Doctor of Philosophy - HKPFS” for “Course” and quoted your HKPFS Reference Number.
- You have completed all the required fields.
- You have proofread your application and are certain that all the information is accurate and correct.
- You have uploaded all the required supporting documents.

##### (2) Research Plan and Vision Statement

Your research plan and vision statement should be:

- Feasible and realistic
- Consistent with your area of study
- No mentioning the name of the University (i.e. HKBU) or staff
- Able to demonstrate:
  - Your intellectual rigour, in particular critical thinking, problem solving and creative skills
  - Your enthusiasm for research

##### (3) Academic Referee’s Report Form

- Your two referees should be of academic background.
- It is important that the referee writes the report, not the applicant.
- You should remind your referees to:
  - complete and submit the online Referee’s Report Form on or before the application deadline
  - not to mention the name of the University (i.e. HKBU) or staff on the form
  - provide sufficient information on your relevant strengths and abilities