



CUHK

HONG KONG PHD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME AT CUHK 2027-2028



香港中文大學
CUHK

研究院
**Graduate
School**



About CUHK



The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) stands as a leading multicultural and comprehensive research university with global recognition for academic excellence. Since our founding in 1963, we have established ourselves as one of the region's most prestigious institutions.

Our mission is to nurture exceptional higher degree graduates who can meet society's evolving needs through knowledge transfer while advancing human knowledge through pioneering research.

18th in the World
QS World University
Rankings 2027

10th in Asia
Times Higher Education
Asia University
Rankings 2026

1st in Hong Kong
U.S. News & World Report
Best Global Universities
Rankings 2026–2027



1,800+
Full-time Teaching Staff



17,900+
Postgraduate Students from
50+ Countries/Regions



Over 80%+
Non-local Research
Postgraduate Students



314,500+
Alumni



HK\$ 520M
Scholarships and Financial Aid
to Students in 2024–2025

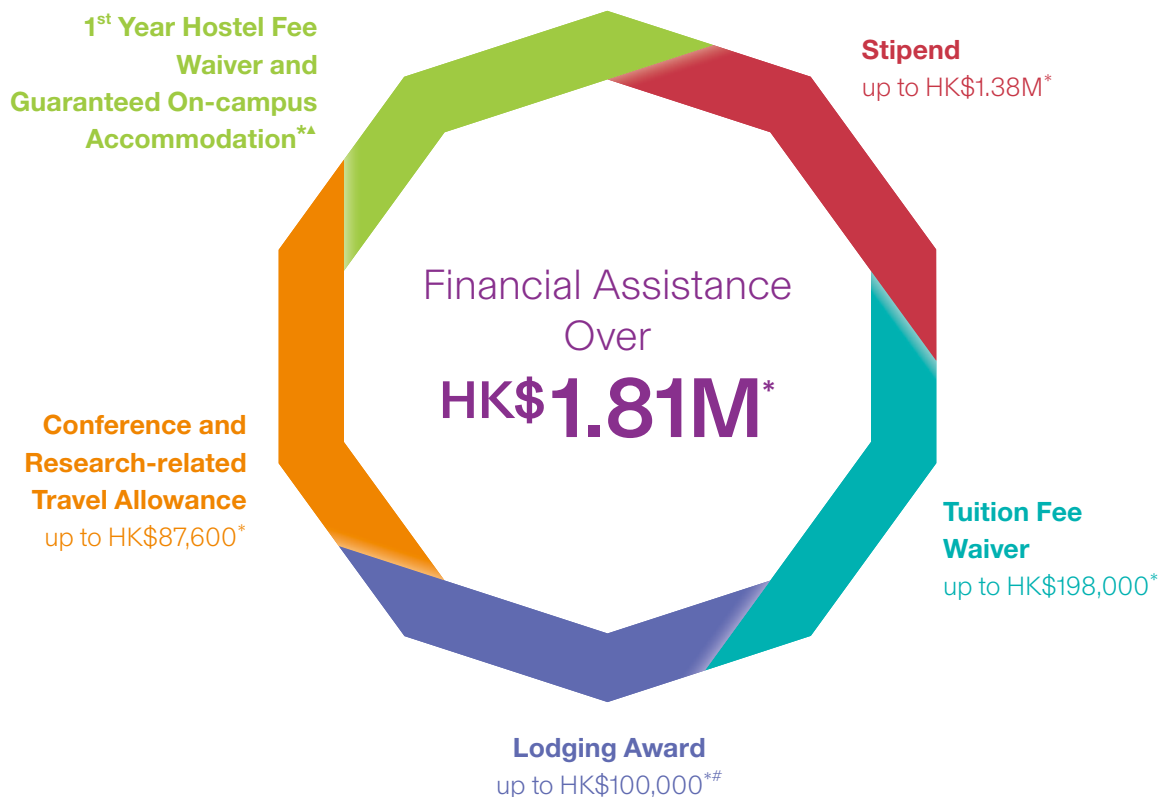


1,500
On-campus Postgraduate
Hostel Places

Information in 2025, unless otherwise specified.

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, attracts outstanding students worldwide to pursue doctoral studies at Hong Kong's universities. CUHK welcomes HKPFS applications for the 2027–2028 academic year.

HKPFS at CUHK



PhD candidates nominated by CUHK for HKPFS but not selected by the RGC will receive admission to our regular PhD programme with postgraduate studentship. These candidates are qualified for the **CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship of HK\$80,000** (disbursed in three instalments), subject to satisfactory academic performance.

* Available to students within their normative study period.

Includes HK\$40,000 for first-year lodging and HK\$20,000 annually in subsequent years during the normative study period.

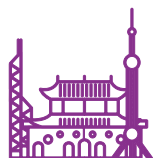
▲ For HKPFS awardees who complete hall registration and application procedures on time.

Strategic Research Areas

CUHK continues to strengthen its position as a hub of excellence for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with global impact. We transform innovative research findings into practical applications that make meaningful contributions to society. Our five research priorities address critical challenges for humanity in the 21st century:



**Artificial Intelligence,
Mathematics & Robotics**



**China: Tradition and
Modernity**



Green Technologies



**Health, Life Science &
Biomedical Innovation**



Quantum Sciences

Areas of Excellence

The University Grants Committee (UGC) of Hong Kong provides dedicated funding to local institutions to conduct cutting-edge research. CUHK researchers lead 15 of the 38 Areas of Excellence projects, including:

- Aging, Skeletal Degeneration and Regeneration
- AI-Powered Surgical Robots
- Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- Centre for Medical Engineering of Molecular and Biological Probes
- Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function
- Centre for Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology
- Centre for Plant Vacuole Biology and Biotechnology
- Centre for Research into Circulating Fetal Nucleic Acids
- Chinese Medicine Research and Further Development
- Information Technology
- Institute of Network Coding
- Optimizing Early Childhood Development of Children from Low-Resource Settings by Leveraging Technology and Biological Data
- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions
- The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society
- Using Data to Transform Diabetes Care and Patient Lives

CUHK InnoHK Centres

CUHK has established seven pioneering InnoHK Centres specialising in health, biomedicine, robotics and artificial intelligence. Through leveraging CUHK's expertise and partnerships with leading global universities, our centres establish Hong Kong as an innovation powerhouse, bridging international research with the dynamic Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Health@InnoHK

- Centre for Neuromusculoskeletal Restorative Medicine
- Centre for Novostics
- Microbiota I-Center

AIR@InnoHK

- Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence
- Hong Kong Centre for Logistics Robotics
- Multi-Scale Medical Robotics Centre

SEAM@InnoHK

- Centre for Heterogeneous Integration and Production



What Our Students Say

I Marie Joy Santillana GALLEMIT

From the Philippines

PhD in Education

Pursuing my studies at CUHK has been an enriching experience. CUHK provides a nurturing academic environment with excellent mentorship, cutting-edge resources, and opportunities for international collaboration. These experiences broaden my academic perspectives and equip me with the skills to flourish in my career and contribute to the global academic community.



Rakesh KUMAR

From India

PhD in Music

The multidirectional, trend-aligned, and individually tailored guidance of the music faculty uniquely advanced my doctoral project. Their exceptional mentorship enabled me to develop an article manuscript and a book proposal within my first semester. I am truly grateful to my supervisor and the faculty members.



Weiwen YANG

From China

PhD in Management (HKPFS Awardee)

The support from the HKPFS has enabled me to focus fully on my research. Attending top international conferences has broadened my horizons. The well-structured curriculum, complemented by faculty mentorship, workshops, and interactions with leading scholars, has created a supportive academic environment, which gives me greater confidence throughout my research journey.



Nazrul ISLAM

From Bangladesh

PhD in Mathematics

Pursuing my PhD at CUHK is a transformative journey for my academic and professional development. Access to advanced research facilities and guidance from distinguished scholars has strengthened my research capacity. The University's multicultural environment promotes intellectual exchange and collaboration, preparing emerging researchers to contribute effectively to the global academic community.



Nawapon SANGSIRI

From Thailand

PhD in Computer Science & Engineering (HKPFS Awardee)

Pursuing my PhD at CUHK as an HKPFS awardee has been an incredible experience. It provides a mentorship from world-class professors, access to a wide variety of courses and the resources to work at the very frontline of my research field. This award is the perfect foundation for academic excellence.



Zhamilya ZHIRENOVA

From Kazakhstan

PhD in Biomedical Sciences

My PhD experience at CUHK as an international student has been enriching and transformative. The University's excellent resources, nurturing atmosphere, and supportive community have positively shaped my educational journey. I value the opportunities for continuous growth and skill development that empower me to engage in my research project, participate in international conferences, and expand my professional network.



Requirements

In addition to meeting CUHK's admissions and English language requirements, successful HKPFS applicants should demonstrate exceptional capabilities in:



Academic excellence



Research ability and potential



Communication and interpersonal skills



Leadership abilities



Cultural diversity

Application Procedure and Timeline

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2026

Step 1

Submit your initial application through the RGC's website to receive an HKPFS Reference Number [PF26-XXXXX].



Step 2

Complete your CUHK online application, and quote your HKPFS reference number in the application.



Sep – Dec 2026

Step 3

Participate in an interview, if shortlisted.



Mar – Apr 2027

Step 4

Receive your HKPFS result notification from the RGC.



Find out more at

<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs>



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