



香港中文大學
CUHK

研究院
**Graduate
School**

HONG KONG PHD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME AT CUHK 2026-2027



CUHK

About CUHK

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

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

32nd

in the World

QS World University Rankings 2026

9th

in Asia

Times Higher Education
Asia University Rankings 2025

1st

in Hong Kong

U.S. News & World Report
Best Global Universities Rankings 2025–2026



1,800+

Full-time Teaching Staff



16,100+

Postgraduate Students from
50+ Countries/Regions



Over 80%

Non-local Research
Postgraduate Students



298,100+

Alumni



HK\$ 481M

Scholarships and Financial Aid
to Students in 2023–2024



Around 1,500

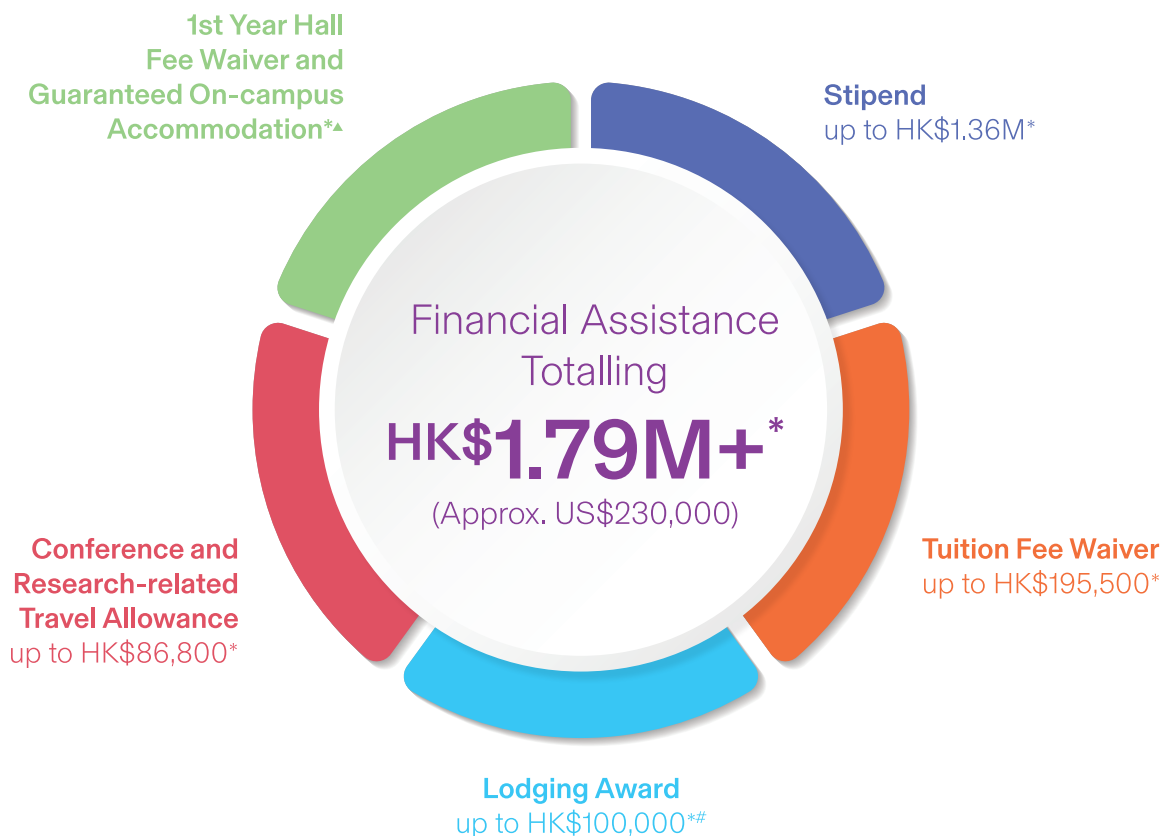
On-campus Postgraduate
Hostel Places



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 2026–2027 academic year.

HKPFS at CUHK



PhD candidates nominated by CUHK for HKPFS but not selected by 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

What our HKPFS Awardees Say

Dr. Fabricio OLIVEIRA DA SILVA

from Brazil



*PhD graduate in
Applied English Linguistics*

Studying at CUHK was an incredible journey of intellectual growth and personal development. The academic environment, supportive faculty, and diverse student community fostered my passion for research. In addition, the opportunities for collaboration and access to state-of-the-art resources enriched my learning experience and prepared me for a successful future in my field. With the support of the Fellowship, I presented papers at international conferences and expanded my academic network.

Ximena OCAMPO AGUILAR

from Mexico



PhD student in Architecture

Hong Kong offers a unique urban fabric and a dynamic interplay between the rigorously planned and people's ability to shape and transform space. My experience at CUHK has greatly enriched this understanding, as the School of Architecture provides a distinctive interdisciplinary perspective. This academic environment, coupled with the invaluable support of the HKPFS, has opened doors to travel and networking, further enhancing my research journey.

Yasine MALKI

from Hong Kong



PhD student in Chemical Pathology

Pursuing my PhD at CUHK as an HKPFS awardee has been an invaluable experience. I had the opportunity to be mentored by world-leading professors and to work in a highly interdisciplinary and collaborative research environment. I also enjoyed attending seminars, international conferences, and participating in collaborative projects, which greatly enriched my academic experience.

Youqi WU

from China



*PhD student in
Computer Science & Engineering*

CUHK has given me great support in realising this dream of HKPFS. The exchange to top international universities and participation in overseas research, coupled with the research opportunities on campus, have helped me go further on my academic journey. Thank you CUHK for these valuable experiences!

Wee CHAIMANOWONG

from Thailand



PhD student in Marketing

Supported by the HKPFS, my PhD journey in Quantitative Marketing at CUHK Business School has been transformative. The programme's rigorous curriculum, collaborative faculty, and global research networks empowered me to pioneer impactful insights. CUHK's vibrant academic community and unwavering support made this an unparalleled platform to excel as a scholar and future industry leader.

Laura Elina URONEN

from Finland

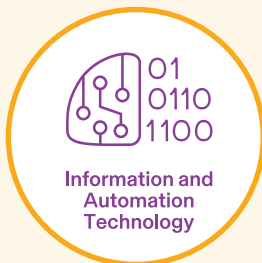


PhD student in Physics

Pursuing PhD studies at CUHK has so far been a wonderful experience. The community and environment here are vibrant, and the University offers many opportunities for international collaboration by providing funding for conference travel. This has helped me broaden my research network and is invaluable for my professional development.

Strategic Research Areas at CUHK

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 four research priorities address critical challenges for humanity in the 21st century:



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 six 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 ecosystem.

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



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



Application Procedure and Timeline

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2025

Step 1

Submit your initial application through the RGC's website to receive an HKPFS Reference Number [PF25-XXXXX].

Step 2

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

Sep – Dec 2025

Step 3

Participate in an interview, if shortlisted.

Mar – Apr 2026

Step 4

Receive your HKPFS result notification from the RGC.



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