



The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FOR 2019–20

### Guidelines for Applicants (CUHK PhD Students)

**Deadline: 3 April 2019, Wednesday**

The Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence was launched in 2007 with a generous funding provided by CNOOC. The programme aims to enhance research excellence at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) through building and strengthening the University's ties with leading research universities and institutes around the world and to increase the visibility of CUHK as a world-class research university through student mobility. It allows students to enrich their learning experience and facilitates research collaborations between faculty members at CUHK and their international counterparts.

The programme provides basic funding support to CUHK PhD students to undertake short-term research visits in one of the following selected institutions, including the member institutions of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)\* to which CUHK belongs.

- Brown University, USA
- California Institute of Technology, USA
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France
- ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- Hanyang University, South Korea
- Harvard University, USA
- Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM), France
- Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- Ludwig Maximilians University Munich (LMU Munich), Germany
- Maastricht University, The Netherlands\*
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- National Institutes of Health, USA
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Princeton University, USA
- Stanford University, USA
- Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico\*
- The Australian National University, Australia
- The University of Auckland, New Zealand\*
- The University of British Columbia, Canada
- The University of Chicago, USA
- The University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA\*
- The University of Melbourne, Australia
- The University of Nairobi, Kenya\*
- The University of Sydney, Australia\*
- The University of Tokyo, Japan
- The University of Western Australia, Australia\*
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil\*
- University College Dublin, Ireland\*
- University of Alberta, Canada\*
- University of Bergen, Norway\*
- University of Bristol, UK\*
- University of California, Berkeley, USA
- University of Cambridge, UK
- University of Cape Town, South Africa\*
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- University of Exeter, UK
- University of Ghana, Ghana\*
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- University of Leeds, UK\*
- University of Manchester, UK
- University of Oxford, UK
- University of Queensland, Australia
- University of Rochester, USA\*
- University of Sheffield, UK\*
- University of Southampton, UK\*
- University of Southern California, USA
- University of Sussex, UK
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of York, UK\*
- Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- Waseda University, Japan
- Washington University in St. Louis, USA
- Yale University, USA

Note: Applicants may refer to Appendix 1 for information on application for overseas research attachments at the above institutions.

### **Eligibility**

- a) Applicants must be registered full-time PhD students at CUHK at the time of application and during the research visit. Priority will be given to applicants who will be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study or above when they undertake the visit.
- b) The research visit shall last for a minimum of three months and a maximum of six months. It shall be carried out and completed between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**, and **prior to the submission of final thesis**.

- c) Applicants should possess a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or above. The selection for the award will be based on academic merit.
- d) Applicants must present a clear proposal for high impact research under the supervision of a host at one of the above institutions. The proposal should show connection to the applicants' thesis.
- e) **For applications to WUN member institutions**, special considerations will be given to research that falls within one of the four WUN Global Challenges, i.e. Global Higher Education and Research; Public Health (Non-communicable Disease); Responding to Climate Change; and Understanding Cultures. To learn more about the WUN Global Challenges, please refer to <http://www.wun.ac.uk/wun/globalchallenges>.
- f) The applications must be endorsed by the relevant heads of departments/units to confirm that on-going collaboration in the proposed research area will be supported.
- g) Past award holders of the Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence and PhD Student Exchange Programme will be accorded lower priority in the assessment. Those who have been awarded twice are not eligible to apply.

Other factors which may be taken into consideration include:

- h) Output from previous joint activities/exchange activities with the host institution/supervisor.

### **Terms of Award**

- a) The value of the award will vary based on the duration and destination of visit. Normally the amount will range from HK\$15,000 to HK\$50,000. The award is meant to cover part of the travel cost and living expense at the host institution. Applicants are reminded to learn more about the costs required for the visit during the planning stage.
- b) Award holders will be responsible for arranging the practicalities of the visit, including but not limited to traveling plans, visa application, accommodation, and health and medical insurance coverage as required.
- c) Award holders will normally be covered under the "CUHK's Group Travel Insurance (Students and Postgraduate Studentship Holder)". Details of the plan can be found at <https://www.bur.cuhk.edu.hk/insurance/group-travel-2/>. Award holders are advised to purchase additional travel insurance as deemed necessary<sup>1</sup>.
- d) Award holders may be eligible for an in-residence leave with full postgraduate studentship support to cover other expenses. For more information please contact the Graduate School Office.

### **Application Procedures**

Applicants should complete an [online application form](#) and submit supporting documents by **3 April 2019, Wednesday**:

**The following documents should be submitted online:**

- a) Invitation letter from the host supervisor. (The host should clearly specify his/her involvement in the applicant's visit, in addition to the logistics support he/she will provide to the applicant. A general admission letter will **NOT** be considered as an invitation letter.)
- b) All transcripts of academic report of postgraduate studies at CUHK.
- c) Applicant's Curriculum Vitae.
- d) Copy of notification of financial support for the proposed visit to the host institution, if any.

The application should be supported by the CUHK thesis supervisor and head of department. **The recommendation and endorsement form** (download [here](#)) **should be completed and returned by email** (c/o Ms. Olivia Kwok – Global Scholarship Programme; [mobilityscheme@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:mobilityscheme@cuhk.edu.hk)) in pdf format.

Incomplete application will NOT be considered.

### **Selection Procedures**

- a) Only one award will be made to each applicant. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Award holders are responsible for purchasing adequate insurance to cover for their visit. The University is not liable for any loss, damage, cost, or expense whatsoever incurred by or attributable to any action or omission by any of the award holders in accordance with this programme.

- b) Selection for the Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence will be made by the Selection Committee for Faculty and Postgraduate Student Mobility Schemes, which reserves final authority over the selection of candidates taking into account recommendations from the applicants' thesis supervisors and heads of department, host supervisors, and the availability of funds. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and not open to appeal. Documents submitted will not be returned. Applicants not selected may respond to future calls for application provided that the application requirements are met.

### **Disbursement of Award**

The award will be made as a lump sum grant on a non-accountable basis via bank transfer approximately two weeks prior to the award holders' intended departure date. The Finance Office will process the disbursement ONLY upon receipt of the approved leave application from the Graduate School Office. To ensure timely disbursement, award holders should contact the Graduate School Office to apply for a "Leave of Absence" as soon as the visit dates are finalised.

### **Change of Visit Period**

Award holders may request to amend their visit period or duration after the award is made. The request should be made in writing. The amended period or duration must comply with the condition stated in the Eligibility section. The request will be subject to endorsement by the Selection Committee and the value of award will be adjusted if the amended period is shorter than the original period. On the other hand, additional funding is not guaranteed for an extended period of visit.

### **Post-Visit Report**

Award holders are required to submit a post-visit report within 30 days upon completion of the visit. The report should be endorsed by the host supervisor and the CUHK thesis supervisor. To download the "Post-Visit Report Form", please click [here](#).

The report will be filed to the award holders' department and the Graduate School Office for record. Should an award holder fail to perform satisfactorily during the visit, the Selection Committee reserves the right to adjust or demand a refund of the award.

### **Enquiries**

For enquiries about the programme, please contact Ms. Olivia Kwok, Office of Academic Links, on 3943-1315 or at [oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk). For enquiries about leave entitlement, please contact the Graduate School Office at [gradschool@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:gradschool@cuhk.edu.hk).

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## Information for Research Attachments at Overseas Institutions

Students may refer to the table below for information on the admission and administrative procedures for research attachments at the institutions supported by the Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence. Please kindly note that the information is for reference only. Students are recommended to consult their potential host supervisors and departments for more details.

Institution	Information
Brown University, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Research Fellows</a>
California Institute of Technology, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Student Appointments</a>
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
ETH Zurich, Switzerland	<a href="#">Academic Guest</a>
Hanyang University, South Korea	Please consult the host supervisor/unit for details.
Harvard University, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Fellows Program</a> Contact Person: Alexander Kent ( <a href="mailto:akent@fas.harvard.edu">akent@fas.harvard.edu</a> ), Special Students and Visiting Fellows Program
Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM), France	Contact Person: Claire Vizy ( <a href="mailto:claire.vizy@inserm.fr">claire.vizy@inserm.fr</a> ), Department of Partnerships and External Relations
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden	Contact Person: Katarina Drakenberg ( <a href="mailto:Katarina.Drakenberg@ki.se">Katarina.Drakenberg@ki.se</a> ), Faculty Office and External Relations
Ludwig Maximilians University Munich (LMU Munich), Germany	<a href="#">Support Activities for Visiting Academics and PhD students</a>
Maastricht University, The Netherlands*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Students</a>
National Institutes of Health, USA	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
National University of Singapore, Singapore	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
Princeton University, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Student Research Collaborator</a>
Stanford University, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Student Researchers</a>
Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
The Australian National University, Australia	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
The University of Auckland, New Zealand*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
The University of British Columbia, Canada	<a href="#">Visiting International Research Students</a>
The University of Chicago, USA	<a href="#">Graduate-level Non-Degree Visiting Students</a>
The University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
The University of Melbourne, Australia	<a href="#">Research Students on Study Abroad</a>
The University of Nairobi, Kenya*	<a href="#">Research Associate Students</a>
The University of Sydney, Australia*	<a href="#">International Visitor – Research Student Programme</a> Contact Point: <a href="mailto:hr.immigration.relocation@sydney.edu.au">hr.immigration.relocation@sydney.edu.au</a>
The University of Tokyo, Japan	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
The University of Western Australia, Australia*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University College Dublin, Ireland*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Alberta, Canada*	<a href="#">Exchange and Visiting Graduate Student Programs</a>
University of Bergen, Norway*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.

Institution	Information
University of Bristol, UK*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of California, Berkeley, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs Program</a>
University of Cambridge, UK	<a href="#">Visiting Students</a>
University of Cape Town, South Africa*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Copenhagen, Denmark	Contact Person: Katrine Bergh Skriver ( <a href="mailto:phd@adm.ku.dk">phd@adm.ku.dk</a> ), Research and Innovation, Strategy and Development
University of Exeter, UK	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Ghana, Ghana*	Contact Point: <a href="mailto:orid-researchadmin@ug.eu.gh">orid-researchadmin@ug.eu.gh</a> or <a href="mailto:nspip@ug.edu.gh">nspip@ug.edu.gh</a>
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Leeds, UK*	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Manchester, UK	<a href="#">Visiting Research Student</a>
University of Oxford, UK	<a href="#">Recognised Student Status</a>
University of Queensland, Australia	<a href="#">Visiting Research Students</a>
University of Rochester, USA*	<a href="#">International Visiting Students</a>
University of Sheffield, UK*	<a href="#">Visiting Research Students</a>
University of Southampton, UK*	<a href="#">Visiting Research Students</a>
University of Southern California, USA	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Sussex, UK	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
University of Toronto, Canada	<a href="#">International Visiting Graduate Students</a> Contact Point: <a href="mailto:graduate.information@utoronto.ca">graduate.information@utoronto.ca</a>
University of York, UK*	<a href="#">Visiting Postgraduate Research Students</a>
Utrecht University, The Netherlands	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
Waseda University, Japan	<a href="#">Overseas Researcher Program</a> Contact Person: Hirokazu Ishikura ( <a href="mailto:iss-waseda@list.waseda.jp">iss-waseda@list.waseda.jp</a> ), International Office
Washington University in St. Louis, USA	Please contact the host supervisor/unit for details.
Yale University, USA	<a href="#">Visiting Assistant in Research Program</a>

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