

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Department of Statistics

Overseas Research Award for PhD Students in Statistics

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The Overseas Research Award (“the Award” thereafter) is the Department’s recent endeavor to provide PhD students with an exchange opportunity at renowned overseas institutions as part of their research studies. It aims at enriching students’ research experience through working in a different research environment with a different group of researchers and widening the circle of professional contacts for students. The Award supports students to undertake short-term research related to their thesis at higher education institution or research facility with reputable standing.

A. **About the Award**

The Department will select one or two PhD students every academic year to receive the Award.

1. Each award is valued up to HK\$50,000. The amount of the award will vary based on the duration and destination of visit (Attachment 1). In addition to the award, an awardee will continue to receive postgraduate studentship.
2. The research visit shall last for a minimum of 1 month and a maximum of 6 months. It shall be carried out prior to the submission of thesis.
3. The student must have the written consent of the host supervisor prior to the commencement of the award programme. The student is required to identify a supervisor who oversees the work of the student, provides professional and personal advice.
4. A successful applicant will be supported by the Overseas Research Award only once throughout his/her programme of study at CUHK.
5. **A successful applicant should submit a leave application form to Ms Esther Tam before the commencement of the overseas research activity.**

B. **Eligibility**

1. Applicants must be registered full-time regular PhD students in Statistics at CUHK at the time of application and during the research award programme.
2. The student has passed the qualifying examination and has completed all coursework requirements of the current PhD programme.
3. The application must have the full support of the supervisor(s).

C. Obligations of the Student

A student who has been approved for Overseas Research Awards must:

1. Remain a registered full-time regular PhD student in Statistics of CUHK throughout the attachment period.
2. Be accessible by members of his/her thesis supervision committee of the University throughout the attachment period.
3. Be responsible for all expenses incurred, including airfare, travel as well as local expenses throughout the attachment period. Applicants are reminded to learn more about the costs required for the visit during the planning stage.
4. Submit a report, covering work down and professional activities participated in, to the Graduate Division Head via the thesis supervisor within 30 days upon completion of the overseas research attachment.

D. Application Procedures

1. An applicant shall first discuss the proposed overseas research attachment arrangements with the thesis supervisor(s) and obtain consent from his/her thesis supervisor(s) before approaching the targeted overseas institution.
2. At the time of application, the student must provide the written consent of his/her host supervisor which states the purposes and duration of the proposed overseas research attachment.

E. Selection Processes and Criteria

The main criteria for being selected for the award are: (1) academic ability, and (2) research potential. Priority is given to students who have applied for the University overseas research award. The selection is made by the Graduate Studies Panel and the decision of the selection is final and not open to appeal.

F. CUHK's Group Travel Insurance

PhD students will normally be covered by the University's Group Travel Insurance policy while undertaking approved overseas attachments. Award holders may download their respective insurance policies from the following link:

<https://www.bur.cuhk.edu.hk/insurance/>

Award holders are advised to purchase additional travel insurance if necessary¹.

¹ Award holders are responsible for purchasing adequate insurance to cover their visit. The Department of Statistics 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 award programme.
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G. Disbursement of Award

The award will be made as a lump sum grant on a non-accountable basis via bank transfer to the awardee.

H. Enquiry

For enquiries regarding the Award, please contact the Head of Graduate Studies Panel.

For enquiries regarding application for leave of absence, please contact Ms Esther Tam of General Office.

For enquiries regarding funding support and accounting matters, please contact Ms Yanny Ng of General Office.

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Amount of the Award

Destination	Amount of the Award
Australia, New Zealand, North America, Europe, including but not limited to France, Germany, UK, Switzerland	HK\$14,000 (plus HK\$6,000 per month)
Asia: Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore	HK\$10,000 (plus HK\$5,000 per month)