



The Chinese University of Hong Kong

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FOR 2019–20

Guidelines for Applicants (Visiting 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 accommodation support to PhD students from one of the following institutions to undertake short-term research visits at CUHK. These institutions include 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

Eligibility

- a) Applicants must be registered full-time PhD students at one of the above institutions at the time of application and during the research visit.
- b) The research visit shall last for a minimum of one month 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 must present a clear proposal for high impact research under the supervision of a host at CUHK.
- d) **For applications from 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>.

- e) 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.
- f) 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:

- g) Academic performance of the applicants.
- h) Output from previous joint activities/exchange activities with CUHK/host supervisor.

Terms of Award

- a) Award holders will receive free on-campus housing at CUHK during the visit on a shared room basis. (The housing will be extended to the award holders only and will not be extended to any accompanying partner and/or dependent of the award holders).
- b) Award holders will be responsible for arranging the practicalities of their visit, including but not limited to traveling plans, visa application, health and medical insurance, and travel insurance¹. Applicants are reminded to learn more about the costs required for the visit during the planning stage.

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) Supporting letter from the home thesis supervisor.
- b) All transcripts of academic report of postgraduate studies at the home institution.
- c) Applicant's Curriculum Vitae.
- d) Copy of notification of financial support for the proposed visit to CUHK, if any.

The application should be supported by the CUHK supervisor and head of host 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) 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.
- 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' home supervisors, host supervisors at CUHK, 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.

Visa and Housing Arrangement

- a) Award holders will be registered as an associate student at CUHK and will be required to apply for a student visa for the visit on their own expense (there is no exemption unless the award holder is a Hong Kong citizen). OAL will provide assistance in visa application.
- b) Award holders will receive free on-campus housing during their visit on a shared room basis. Housing

¹ 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.

will be provided based on availability. Cancellation policies apply and the cost will be borne by the award holders.

- c) Award holders should notify OAL as soon as the visit dates are finalised in order to secure a booking. In the event that on-campus housing is not available, the Selection Committee reserves the right to request the award holders to amend their visit period. Should the award holders choose not to stay at the assigned housing, they will be required to make their own arrangements and the costs will not be covered by the Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence.

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.

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 at CUHK and the home thesis supervisor. To download the "Post-visit Report Form", please click [here](#).

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 +852 3943-1315 or at oliviakwok@cuhk.edu.hk.

* CUHK is a member of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). Other members of WUN include University of Alberta, Canada; The University of Auckland, New Zealand; University of Bergen, Norway; University of Bristol, UK; University of Cape Town, South Africa; University College Dublin, Ireland; University of Ghana, Ghana; University of Leeds, UK; Maastricht University, The Netherlands; University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA; The University of Nairobi, Kenya; National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan; Renmin University of China, China; University of Rochester, USA; The University of Sheffield, UK; University of Southampton, UK; The University of Sydney, Australia; Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico; Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil; The University of Western Australia, Australia; University of York, UK; and Zhejiang University, China.



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