

M.Phil.-Ph.D. in Public Health

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Our Professors

The Graduate Division of Public Health was established in 2005 as one of the graduate divisions within the Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong to provide public health and primary care related postgraduate education. We offer M.Phil. and Ph.D. research degrees (full-time and part-time).

● M.Phil.-Ph.D in Public Health

The M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme supports interdisciplinary studies in the field of public health and primary care and aims to build the capacity of students in research methodologies as they relate to public and population health, and community-oriented primary care. The fields of study are related to health protection, health improvement and as well as research methodologies and health service provision. Students will need to learn by conducting independent research and by participating in the work of the CUHK JC School of Public Health and Primary Care. M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes are articulated, which means that students can, with the approval of Graduate Division, transfer from the M.Phil. to the first (pre-candidacy) part of the Ph.D., and vice-versa.

● Teaching Format

There are two streams in the articulated programme, one stream is M.Phil. and another stream is Ph.D. All students are admitted to the pre-candidacy stage of the articulated programme. Year 1 students are required to complete 12 units of compulsory lecture courses and must take courses in thesis research and seminars in each academic year. Research topic should be under the guidance and direction of individual supervisors. Besides course requirements, students have to pass the candidacy requirements to progress to the post-candidacy stage. The requirements include qualifying assessments and a defence of written research proposal. In order to obtain the PhD degree, students (post-candidacy) must submit a doctoral thesis on original research work, and also should pass the oral examination to the thesis committee.

● Why Study in CUHK

We offer quality teaching and learning for our research students, who will need to learn by conducting independent research in below fields:

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Family Medicine and Primary Health Care
- Global Health and Humanitarian Medicine
- Health Promotion and Behavioural Health
- Health System, Policy and Management
- Infectious Diseases
- Occupational and Environmental Health



● Who Should Apply

Anyone who is inspired to promote health protection, health improvement, research methodologies and health services in our population, is welcome to apply. Applicants competent in conducting independent research would have a definite advantage. Preference will be given to those who can demonstrate a strong academic background in Public Health, Medicine or a related field, have good English proficiency, and possess substantial work experience in public health or related areas.

● Teaching Faculty

Students will be taught and supervised primarily by the academic staff of JC School of Public Health and Primary Care. In case of co-supervision, other teaching members within the Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong may also be involved.

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) is a local government scheme to support very bright students over the world to study in Hong Kong. For details, please refer to this page www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/scholarships-fees/hkpf and this link: cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpf/index.html

Postgraduate Studentship

Studentship from CUHK Graduate School of not less than HK\$216,300 per year can be offered to qualified full-time students.

Admission Requirements

www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/requirements
Applicants must at least fulfill the general qualifications and application guidelines for admission and the English Language Proficiency requirements prescribed by the University. Please apply online on the Graduate School's website (<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>) for details.

M.Phil. and Ph.D streams – Applicants should have a good honours degree or equivalent in a related field.

Admission Procedures

www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/documents-required

Competition for admitting into our research programme is very intense every year. Applicants need to demonstrate a very strong academic background and English proficiency. Before making application, applicants should discuss their research topics with our professors to prepare a brief research proposal that shows their enthusiasm for their subject. Please visit website of JC School of Public Health and Primary Care to see our professors' research area, research themes and ongoing projects. Application deadline of CUHK main round is 31 January of every year.

Graduate Requirements

Graduates should:

1. Complete all the credit units as required by the programme curriculum;
2. Complete CLEAR modules and a module on Publication Ethics by ORKTS;
3. Fulfill seminar requirements;
4. Demonstrate at least a satisfactory performance on research;
5. Submit a thesis; and
6. Pass the oral defence after thesis submission.



Programme Structure & Tuition Fees (per year)

M.Phil.-Ph.D. programmes*

For students with a research master's degree

Mode of Study	Full-time	Part-time
Normative Period	36 months	48 months
Annual Fee#	HK\$42,100	HK\$42,100 (PhD / MPhil)

For students without a research master's degree

Mode of Study	Full-time	Part-time
Normative Period	48 months	64 months
Annual Fee#	HK\$42,100	HK\$42,100 (PhD / MPhil)

* The University has the absolute authority to decide whether the degree possessed by the student is a research master's degree or not, such decision to be communicated through the letters of admission.

For local full-time PhD/MPhil students, please refer to the Tuition Waiver Scheme for local Hong Kong Research Postgraduate (RPG) students at this page https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgcfunding_opport/tws.html

^ Tuition Fee for 2021-22 will be announced later.

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