



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CUHK  
**GraduateSchool**  
香港中文大學研究院

# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme



CUHK

2023-24



The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong universities. The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) now invites HKPFS applications for admission in the 2023–24 academic year.

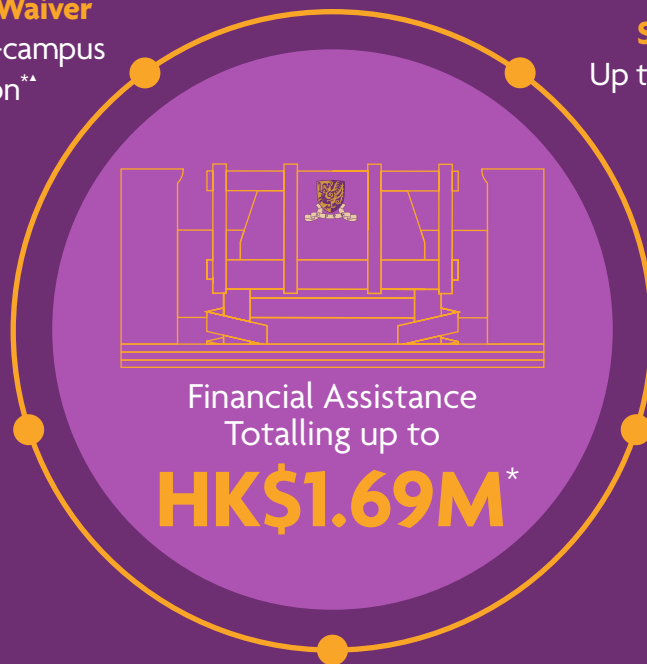
## HKPFS Package at CUHK

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Hostel Fee Waiver**  
and Guaranteed On-campus  
Accommodation <sup>\*\*</sup>

**Stipend**  
Up to HK\$1.3M<sup>\*</sup>

**Conference and  
Research-related  
Travel Allowance**  
Up to HK\$84,000<sup>\*</sup>

**Tuition Fee Waiver**  
Up to HK\$168,400<sup>\*</sup>



**Lodging Award**  
Up to HK\$100,000<sup>\* #</sup>

PhD candidates who are nominated by CUHK to HKPFS but not selected by the RGC will be admitted to the University's regular PhD programme with postgraduate studentship. They will also receive **the CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship of HK\$80,000** (payable in three instalments) subject to satisfactory study progress.

\* Applicable to students within their normative study period

# An award of HK\$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK\$20,000 in subsequent years during the normative study period

<sup>^</sup> HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications in a timely manner

# Why CUHK?

CUHK is a highly esteemed, forward-looking comprehensive research university recognised for its excellence both regionally and globally. Founded in 1963, it is the second oldest university in Hong Kong.

We aim at cultivating higher degree graduates who can serve the increasingly sophisticated needs of society and contribute to the pool of human knowledge through top-quality research.



**38<sup>th</sup>**  
**in the World**

QS World University  
Rankings 2023

**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**in Asia**

Times Higher Education Asia  
University Rankings 2022

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**in Hong Kong**

2021 Academic Ranking of  
World Universities



Approx. **1,700**  
Full-time Teaching Staff



**13,000+**  
Postgraduate Students  
from 50 Countries/Regions



**70%+**  
Non-local Research  
Postgraduate Students



**240,000+**  
Alumni



**HK\$404M**  
Scholarships and Financial Aid  
to Students in 2020–21



**1,600+**  
On-Campus Postgraduate  
Hostel Places

# Strategic Research Areas

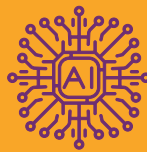
CUHK aims at consolidating its position as a centre of excellence for cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with a global impact, seeking to optimise opportunities and make significant contributions to society by translating research findings into practical applications. Our current research strengths lie in the following four major research areas:



**China: Tradition and Modernity**



**Innovative Biomedicine**



**Information and Automation Technology**



**Environment and Sustainability**

## Areas of Excellence

The University Grants Committee (UGC) of Hong Kong has provided preferential funding to local tertiary institutions conducting cutting-edge research. Out of 28 projects, the following 11 Areas of Excellence projects are led by researchers at CUHK:

- Aging, Skeletal Degeneration and Regeneration
- 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 Research into Circulating Fetal Nucleic Acids
- Chinese Medicine Research and Further Development
- Information Technology
- Institute of Network Coding
- Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions
- The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society

## CUHK InnoHK Centres

CUHK has established six InnoHK Centres covering health, biomedicine, robotics and artificial intelligence. Combining expertise from CUHK and leveraging partnership with prestigious global universities, the Centres position Hong Kong as a global powerhouse of innovation connecting the world with the rapidly emerging research and innovation ecosystem of the Greater Bay Area.

### 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

# What our HKPFS Awardees Say



**Gabriella ANGELINI**

from Italy

PhD Student in Anthropology

Studying at CUHK has been a great experience so far. The school's rich facilities, multicultural setting and natural surroundings ensure an excellent learning environment. The Anthropology department is extremely friendly and stimulating, with my supervisor and other faculty members providing strong guidance and support.



**Dr. Yikang LI**

from China

PhD Graduate in Electronic Engineering

Pursuing a PhD degree at CUHK Engineering is an extraordinary experience. With top-tier supervisors, a world-class research environment and full scholarships, students perform cutting-edge research and publish high-quality academic papers. The Faculty's close connections with mainland China and the world provide lots of opportunities to collaborate with world-class researchers during and after my PhD study. The beautiful campus also helped me to clear my mind as I searched for research ideas. I really miss the PhD life at CUHK.



**Anna HSU**

from Taiwan

PhD Student in Management

CUHK Business School is the perfect platform for me to grow and flourish as an academic. The rigorous academic training received from our extraordinary faculty equipped me with high-quality research skills that allow me to engage with global academic networks. Being awarded the HKPFS has been a major achievement and blessing for me.



**Abd'gafar Tunde TIAMIYU**

from Nigeria

PhD Student in Mathematics

Studying at CUHK has been an exceptional experience. Diversity and inclusion are welcoming. The learning environment with stalwart researchers conducting world-class studies is altogether compelling. I have access to any study material I need. I am deeply indebted to HKPFS and CUHK for this opportunity to pursue my dreams.



**Raphaela Iris LAU**

from Hong Kong

PhD Student in Medical Sciences

I am honoured to be supported by HKPFS to embark on my exciting PhD journey at CUHK, a regional and global leader in state-of-the-art medical research. The robust momentum and academic atmosphere at CU Medicine have always motivated me in my pursuit of research excellence.



**Chimdessa Fekadu TSEGA**

from Ethiopia

PhD Student in Law

I feel privileged to have the opportunity to study at CUHK. CUHK offers world-class infrastructure and a serene campus for research. Being at CUHK, I am able to work under the supervision of top-notch scholars. The excellent support and guidance I receive from my supervisors are testament to the University's commitment to professionalism.

## Requirements

In addition to meeting CUHK's admissions and English language requirements, HKPFS applicants should have outstanding credentials in the following areas:



**Academic  
excellence**



**Research ability  
and potential**



**Communication and  
interpersonal skills**



**Leadership  
abilities**

## Application Procedure and Timeline

1 Sep – 1 Dec 2022

### Step 1

Submit an initial application  
via the RGC website

### Step 2

Obtain an HKPFS Reference  
Number

### Step 3

Submit an online application to  
CUHK that quotes the  
“HKPFS Reference Number”

Sep – Dec 2022

### Step 4

Attend interview, if shortlisted

Mar – Apr 2023

### Step 5

RGC announces HKPFS results

**Find out more**

[www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs)

