

Complete Your PhD in *Asia's World City*



Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

This scheme gives students from around the world the opportunity to study for a PhD at one of Hong Kong's highly-ranked universities. If you are interested in conducting cutting-edge research in one of the following areas, PolyU's renowned Department of English and Communication is the place for you:

- Language and Professional Communication
- Language Teaching and Learning
- English Language and (Applied) Linguistics
- Media and Communication
- Area Studies and Intercultural Communication

Key features of the Fellowship Scheme

- Annual stipend of HK\$325,200 (approximately US\$41,690)
- Annual conference grant of HK\$13,600 (approximately US\$1,740)
- Guaranteed hall accommodation for two years for PolyU awardees



The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)

Over the years, PolyU has established an excellent reputation for providing high-quality professional education and for conducting high-impact research with practical value. In the QS World University Rankings 2024, PolyU ranked 65th in the world while ranking 26th in the QS Asian University Rankings 2023. In the area of linguistics, the Faculty of Humanities – of which the Department of English and Communication is a part – ranked 73rd in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023. The medium of instruction and administration at PolyU is English, making it the perfect setting for international

students wishing to undertake doctoral studies.

The Department of English and Communication

With 'Linguistic Excellence in Professional Contexts' as our mission, our research in the Department focuses on applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and professional communication. Thematically, our research covers major areas such as health communication, political communication, digital media communication, advertising and (city) branding, and language teaching and learning, as well as core areas in linguistics, including the study of language in society and discourse analysis. Much of our research is conducted under the auspices of our two internationally oriented research centres:

- The International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication
- The Research Centre for Professional Communication in English

We regularly host major international conferences and symposia as well as research seminars featuring leading scholars from around the world. The Department is therefore a very vibrant and congenial setting in which to study for a doctorate.



Words from our Awardees

Esterina Nervino, Italy



I first came to PolyU as an MA exchange student, and I immediately fell in love with this amazing city. Now I am happy to be back in Hong Kong and have this great opportunity to do research in a very international and stimulating environment where I have access to all the resources I need for my project and have the chance to work with world-renowned scholars in my research area.

Didem Aydin, Turkey



Being a post-graduate student at PolyU has been a wonderful and intellectually stimulating experience. There are many local conferences attended by experts from all around the world, not to mention our esteemed faculty in the Department of English. On top of that, the city of Hong Kong is a beautiful place where I can learn about Cantonese language and culture, which I truly enjoy.

Mark Nartey, Ghana



A number of things make PolyU a suitable destination for doctoral studies: excellent facilities, first-class supervision, elite training, the inspiring staff, and the stimulating academic environment. In addition to the incredibly supportive environment PolyU offers me, I continue to benefit from the diverse sociocultural experiences one finds in this cosmopolitan university and in Hong Kong in general. Studying at PolyU is a truly rewarding and fulfilling experience, providing me with a solid foundation for professional development and social impact.

Jamie McKeown, United Kingdom



I have enjoyed life and work in Hong Kong immensely thus far; the city is one of the most vibrant and convenient places I have ever lived in. Studying at PolyU is equally rewarding: first rate resources coupled with supportive work practices bode well for a comfortable working environment.

Selection criteria

For 3-year full-time PhD programme, candidates should normally hold:

- an MPhil or equivalent (a research postgraduate degree with a dissertation as an award requirement) conferred by a recognised university



Application procedures

You should make your initial application to the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong through the Fellowship Scheme's online system to obtain a reference number before submitting a full application. When you apply for admission to PolyU via the Fellowship Scheme, you will be considered concurrently for a regular place assigned to the University through a Postgraduate Studentship. This means that even if your application for the Fellowship Scheme is unsuccessful, you still have the possibility of gaining a regular place in the Department of English and Communication.

For more information about the Fellowship Scheme, please visit the following websites:

The Research Grants Council of Hong Kong: <https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University: <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/hkpfs/>



Important dates

Submission of initial application to RGC
From 1 September to 1 December 2023

Submission of full application to PolyU
1 December 2023

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