This scheme gives students from around the world the opportunity to study for a PhD in 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 is the place for you:

- Language and Professional Communication
- Linguistics, English Language and Systemic Functional Linguistics
- Language Teaching and Learning
- Media and Communication
- Area Studies and Intercultural Communications

Key features of the Fellowship Scheme

- Monthly stipend of HK$20,000(approximately US$2,600)
- Annual conference and research-related travel allowance of HK$10,000 (approximately US$1,300) for 3 years
- Tuition scholarship and guaranteed hall accommodation in the first year for PolyU awardees

Over the years, PolyU has established an excellent reputation for providing high-quality professional education and for conducting high-impact research which has practical value. In the QS rankings released in 2018 PolyU is ranked 95th in the world, 27th in Asia and 6th in the ‘Top 50 Under 50’ list of the world’s young universities. In the area of linguistics, the Faculty of Humanities – of which the English Department is a part – is ranked 40th in the world in the QS subject rankings. The medium of instruction and administration at PolyU is English, making it an especially suitable setting for international students to undertake doctoral studies.
Recent Awardees

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.

Esterina Nervino, Italy

I first came to PolyU as a MA exchange student and I immediately fell in love with this amazing city. Now I am happy to be back 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 I have the chance to work with world-renowned scholars in my research area.

Isaac N. Mwinlaaru, Ghana

PolyU is the hub of many prestigious international conferences and other scholarly activities. This has given me the opportunity to meet and interact face-to-face with many of the world’s finest scholars in linguistics and language studies, both boosting my confidence as a budding scholar and increasing my knowledge of linguistic science.

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.

Selection criteria

The primary consideration is academic excellence, as indicated by the possession of a Master’s degree or, in exceptional cases, a Bachelor’s degree with First Class Honours. Selection panels also take account of the following factors:

- Research ability and potential
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Leadership ability

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 the PolyU, via the Fellowship Scheme, you will be considered concurrently for a regular place assigned to the University through the award of 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.

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

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University: http://www.polyu.edu.hk/ro/hkphd-fellowship

Important dates

Submission of initial application to RGC
From 1 September to 1 December 2018

Submission of full application to PolyU
1 December 2018

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