Faculty of Humanities (FH) in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is one of Asia’s leading educators in the fields of applied language sciences, intercultural communication and Chinese culture studies. We are also rapidly advancing in speech therapy and healthcare communication. The Faculty focuses on the application of knowledge and is dedicated to creating synergies among language, culture and science in education and research.

PolyU’s Arts and Humanities is ranked 13th* in Asia and 89th in the world. In the subject of “Linguistics”, PolyU (FH) is ranked 48th in the world according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.

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Our Research Concentrations

Department of Chinese & Bilingual Studies
- Applied linguistics, with special reference to Bilingualism and Communication, Corporate Communication, Language Assessment and Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language
- Chinese and East Asian Linguistics
- Computational and Corpus Linguistics
- Neurocognitive Studies of Language and Clinical Linguistics
  - Translation and Interpreting Studies

Department of Chinese Culture
- Chinese Government and Society in Imperial China
- Chinese Literature and Cultural History
- Modern Chinese Intellectual and Political History
- Neo-Confucian Philosophy and Learning
- Traditional Chinese Intellectual and Religious History

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

Normal Period Of Study

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# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong in 2009, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong’s institutions.

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<th>Amount of annual stipend</th>
<th>HK$309,600 (approx. US$39,700)</th>
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<td>Tuition Scholarship</td>
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<td>Conference and research-related travel allowance / Conference grant</td>
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<td>Associated money to support research study</td>
<td>HK$20,000 (approx. US$2,600) per normal study year</td>
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- The above amounts are subject to revision.
- All RGC PhD Fellowship awardees will be guaranteed hall accommodation for two years of study.

Applicants will concurrently be considered for regular places assigned to the University through the award of Postgraduate Studentships. Outstanding candidates will be nominated by the University to compete for the HKPFS. Those who are nominated but are not finally offered the Fellowship, and those not selected for nomination for the Fellowship may be given separate consideration for admission as PhD students at PolyU via the award of Postgraduate Studentships, subject to their eligibility of fulfilling the requirements of the Postgraduate Studentship.
**Eligibility For PhD Admission**

To register for the degree of PhD, an applicant shall normally hold a postgraduate degree containing a significant research component, such as a dissertation, conferred by a recognised university.

In exceptional circumstances, students with a Bachelor’s degree with First Class Honours, or the equivalent, may be admitted directly to the PhD programme. Such applicants may be required to pass an examination.

**English Language Requirements**

Applicants who have not obtained a degree of which the language of instruction was English from a recognised university are normally required to obtain:

- An overall score of at least 6.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
- A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 80 or above for the Internet-based test or 550 or above for the paper-based test.

All English language test scores are considered valid for two years after the date of the test. Consideration will be given to acceptable scores in other internationally recognised public examinations, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), as deemed appropriate.

The thesis shall be presented in English. If another language, which is considered more appropriate to the subject, is to be used in the presentation of the thesis, permission will have to be sought at the point of admission.

**Application Information**

For details about PolyU’s PhD degree research programmes, please visit: [www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg](http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg).

If you are interested to study our PhD programmes via the **Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme**, please note the following deadlines:

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<td>1 September - 2 December 2019</td>
<td>Submission of initial applications to the RGC for allocation of a reference number</td>
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<td>2 December 2019</td>
<td>Deadline for submission of full applications through eAdmission system of PolyU</td>
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Please visit [www.polyu.edu.hk/ro/hkphd-fellowship](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/ro/hkphd-fellowship) for details of the application procedures.

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