

**THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

**Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Publication Award for PhD/Doctoral Students**  
**(人文學院博士生優秀學術文章獎)**

**Objectives:** The award recognises PhD/doctoral students in the Faculty of Humanities for publishing outstanding papers during their studies at PolyU.

**Prize:** A cash prize of \$3,000 (*same as the amount for the Distinguished Thesis Award for PhD students*) and a certificate.

**Eligibility:**

1. The nominee must be a bona fide\* student of PolyU enrolling on a PhD/doctoral programme offered by the Faculty of Humanities.
2. The publication must be formally accepted, in press, or published in a refereed journal when the nominee is a bona fide\* student of PolyU (the date range is between 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025). Only publications accepted/in press/published within the date range will be considered. Publication accepted/in press/published after the student's approval date for graduation is not eligible as he/she is considered as a graduate.
3. PolyU must be listed as the only affiliated university (for PhD students) or the first affiliated university (for students of the Doctor of Applied Language Sciences programme).
4. Each paper can only be submitted once for this award. However, a student who published another paper can be nominated/awarded again. For PhD students, they cannot be nominated simultaneously for the Outstanding Publication Award and Outstanding Thesis Award in the same year.

*\*A person is a bona fide student of PolyU during the period when he/she is officially registered at the University until the date when his/her overall results are finalised by the relevant authority confirming his/her satisfactory completion of the award requirements for graduation.*

**Indicative assessment criteria:**

- Quality of the paper
- The paper's contribution and impact to the field
- The student's contribution to the paper
- Quality of the journal
- Other indicators such as citation and recognition of the paper

(Priority will be given to students who can make good study progress while also publishing in high-quality journals.)

**Nomination and review procedures:**

The Award is a competitive scheme. Up to TWO awards will be given in each academic year. The nomination should be made by staff members **on or before 15 August 2025** through a nomination form to the FH Office via email ([fh.frc@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:fh.frc@polyu.edu.hk)) with the following information:

- a pdf of the preprint, reprint, or in-press paper
- the journal acceptance letter (if it is in press)
- a letter of support from the student's supervisor
- evidence of the quality of the journal (e.g., citation rates, acceptance rates)

The Faculty Research Committee [FRC(FH)] will appoint a panel to consider the nominations. The final decision shall rest with FRC(FH).

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