



THE HONG KONG
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
香港理工大學

Faculty of Humanities
人文學院

WHERE LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION, CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY CONVERGE

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

PhD Degree Programmes 2024/25

Faculty of Humanities (FH) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a leading tertiary education provider in Greater China and Asia in the fields of language sciences, language technologies, Chinese-English bilingual studies and translation, intercultural communication, and cultural and historical studies of China. The Faculty is also gaining strength in areas such as speech therapy, language neuroscience and healthcare communication. We place emphasis on interdisciplinary research through collaborations with internal and external partners. The Faculty is dedicated to creating synergies among language, communication, culture, and technology in education and research, and focuses on the discovery and application of knowledge.

PolyU's Linguistics ranks 17th* in Asia and 73rd worldwide according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023. The subject of Linguistics is the discipline in which a majority of FH staff members are engaged.

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* By regional filtering of Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2023.

Our Research Concentrations

Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies

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- 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 History and Culture

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- Art History, Visual Culture, and Media Studies in Greater China and Asia
- China's Interactions with Other Parts of Asia
 - Chinese Government and Society in Imperial China
- Chinese Literature and Cultural History
 - Ethnic Relations in China
 - Modern Chinese Intellectual and Political History
 - History of Science, Technology, and Medicine
- Traditional Chinese Intellectual and Religious History

Department of English and Communication

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

Normal Period Of Study

Full-time	36 months (or 48 months for students admitted with a Bachelor's degree)
Part-time	72 months (or 96 months for students admitted with a Bachelor's degree)

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.

Annual stipend	HK\$325,200 (approx. US\$41,690)
Tuition fee waiver	Waiving of tuition fees for the entire normal study period
Annual conference grant	HK\$13,600 (approx. US\$1,740) per year for the entire normal study period
Cash award	HK\$40,000 (approx. US\$5,120) in the first year HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,560) from the second year to end of normal study period
Accommodation	Guaranteed student hall accommodation for two years

The information is subject to revision.

Applicants will concurrently be considered for regular places assigned to the University through the award of Postgraduate Studentships. Outstanding candidates will be nominated by PolyU to compete for the HKPFS. Once the applicants are nominated by PolyU as candidates for HKPFS, they are accepted as PhD students with an attractive package from:

- PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme (PPPFS); or
- PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship (PRPgS)

For more information about the above fellowship/scholarship, please refer to <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/prospective-students/fellowship-scholarship-schemes/>

Eligibility For PhD Admission

To register for the degree of PhD, an applicant must 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.

All English language test scores are considered valid for two years after the date of the test.

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

Please visit www51.polyu.edu.hk/e prospectus/rpg for details on PolyU's PhD degree research programmes.

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

1 September - 1 December 2023 (at 12 noon, Hong Kong time)	Submission of initial applications to the RGC for allocation of a reference number
1 December 2023 (at 11:59 pm, Hong Kong time)	Deadline for submission of full applications through eAdmission system of PolyU

Please visit <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/prospective-students/hkpfs/> for details of the application procedures.

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