

## **Frequently Asked Questions for the Dual PhD Degree Programmes**

### **(1) If I am a current Partner Institution PhD student, can I apply for admission to the Dual PhD Degree Programmes?**

In general, all qualified full-time PhD students at our Overseas and Mainland Partner Institutions can apply for admission to this programme. Please also check with your home institution for the regulations. Partner Institution will send the nomination list to PolyU in February every year. If you are recommended by your home institution and admitted by PolyU, you will become a Dual PhD student. Please check here for information on the application procedure:

[https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint\\_PhD/Dual\\_PhD\\_Programmes\\_Application\\_Workflow\\_Current\\_PartnerU\\_students.pdf](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint_PhD/Dual_PhD_Programmes_Application_Workflow_Current_PartnerU_students.pdf)

### **(2) If I am a prospective PolyU PhD student, can I apply for admission to the Dual PhD Degree Programmes?**

Prospective PolyU PhD students can submit an application to Overseas Partner Universities for admission to this programme. If you are recruited by both institutions, you will become a Dual PhD student starting from the first year of your study. Please check here for information on the application procedure:

[https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint\\_PhD/Dual\\_PhD\\_Programmes\\_Application\\_Workflow\\_Prospective\\_PolyU\\_students.pdf](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint_PhD/Dual_PhD_Programmes_Application_Workflow_Prospective_PolyU_students.pdf)

### **(3) If I am a current PolyU PhD student, can I apply for the Dual PhD Degree Programmes?**

Yes, but it is only applicable to Year 1 PolyU PhD students. You can submit your application to Overseas Partner Universities for admission to this programme. If you are approved by PolyU and admitted by the Partner Institution, you will become a Dual PhD student. Please check here for information on the application procedure:

[https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint\\_PhD/Dual\\_PhD\\_Programmes\\_Application\\_Workflow\\_Year\\_1\\_PolyU%20students.pdf](https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/docdrive/Joint_PhD/Dual_PhD_Programmes_Application_Workflow_Year_1_PolyU%20students.pdf)

### **(4) How to arrange my study in order to receive two award parchments?**

You are recommended to plan your study in advance by following the regulations at your home institution, and discussing your study plan with supervisors of both PolyU and Partner Institution. Most Dual PhD students will be enrolled in the 4-year PhD programme at PolyU, you are required to study at PolyU for 2 consecutive years in order to fulfil the residence and coursework requirements, and prepare for thesis submission. You can apply for credit transfer of the credits taken at the Postgraduate level from the Partner Institution. Please refer to the [Section on Credit Transfer](#) in the Research Postgraduate Student Handbook for more information.

### **(5) The university of my bachelor's degree did not adopt the Honours degree system. Which documents are required to prove that my performance was equivalent to a first-class honor?**

You can provide official certificates/transcripts and official ranking in the graduation class of your bachelor's degree when you submit an online application via PolyU [eAdmission](#). Specific

requirements of supporting documents for each department can be found in this [link](#). The host department in PolyU of your application will make the judgement accordingly, they may reach you if more information is required.

**(6) When I receive an offer from PolyU, shall I send the hard copy of my degree certificate to PolyU by post?**

You can refer to the “Important Notes to Applicants – Accept the Admission Offer” in e-Prospectus at: <http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg/important-notes-to-applicants>

**(7) I can't find the choice of Dual PhD Degree Programmes in eAdmission. What shall I do?**

There is no choice for Dual PhD Degree Programmes when submitting application via eAdmission thus applicants need to apply for normal PhD Programme. Please provide names of your proposed supervisor of PolyU and Partner Institution under “Programme Choice” of PolyU [eAdmission](#), e.g. Proposed Chief Supervisor: Prof. Andy Chan (PolyU), Prof. Betty Yeung (HIT). The host department will add a “Dual PhD Degree Programme” indicator in [eAdmission](#) for you.

**(8) Where can I find more information on Dual PhD Degree Programmes?**

Please refer to the following webpages for relevant information:

Programme information: <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/prospective-students/dual-phd-degree-programmes/>

Research areas: <http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg#programme-list>

Admission requirements: <http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg/admission-requirements>

Important notes to applicants: <http://www51.polyu.edu.hk/eprospectus/rpg/important-notes-to-applicants>

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