



THE HONG KONG
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
香港理工大學



GRADUATE SCHOOL
研究生院

RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

2026/27



Profile at a Glance

Recognition in World University Rankings

7th

THE Young University Rankings 2024

18th

THE Asia University Rankings 2025

3rd

THE World's Most International Universities 2025

17th

QS Asia University Rankings 2025

QS: Quacquarelli Symonds
THE: Times Higher Education

54th

QS World University Rankings 2026

58th

U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings 2025/26

84th

THE World University Rankings 2025

Advanced Research Facilities

The thriving research ecosystem at PolyU is a driver of academic excellence and innovation. A network of local and national research labs, institutes and centres fosters interdisciplinary and translational research.

14

Mainland Research Institutes

3

Greater Bay Area Joint Labs

45

University-level Research Centres and Facilities

25

Faculty/School/Department-level Research Centres

2

InnoHK Research Centres

- Centre for Eye and Vision Research (University of Waterloo, Canada)
- Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence in Design (Royal College of Art, UK)

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National Research Labs

- State Key Laboratory of Climate Resilience for Coastal Cities
- State Key Laboratory of Ultra-precision Machining
- CAS AMSS-PolyU Joint Laboratory of Applied Mathematics
- CAS GIG-PolyU Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Joint Laboratory for Environmental Pollution and Control
- CAS IRSM-PolyU Joint Laboratory on Solid Waste Science
- CAS SIAT-PolyU Multi-modal Medical Molecular Imaging Joint Laboratory
- Hong Kong Branch of National Engineering Research Centre for Steel Construction
- Hong Kong Branch of National Rail Transit Electrification and Automation Engineering Technology Research Centre

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PolyU Academy for Interdisciplinary Research (PAIR) Research Institutes and Centres

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Artificial Intelligence of Things
- Chinese Medicine Innovation
- Deep Space Explorations
- Digital Transformation of Tourism
- Future Food
- Intelligent Wearable Systems
- Land and Space
- Mental Health
- Photonics
- Quantum Technology
- Resources Engineering towards Carbon Neutrality
- SHARP Vision
- Smart Ageing
- Smart Cities
- Smart Energy
- Sports Science and Technology
- Sustainable Urban Development
- Textiles for Future Fashion

The Graduate School

Welcome to the Graduate School (GS) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), providing an aspiring environment for research students to unleash their full potential. We are home to the next generation of researchers and innovators, and are driven to scale new heights of knowledge.

At PolyU, we aim to provide research postgraduate students with an exceptional study experience, encompassing quality academic offerings, inclusive student resources and support, and multicultural research opportunities. Join us today to commence your research study journey of discovery, innovation, and research impact. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

Diverse Student Population



3,800⁺

Research Postgraduate (RPg)
Students



5%

MPhil
Students

95%

PhD
Students

10%

Local Students



90%

Non-local Students



7,000⁺

RPg Graduates

Presented information is dated as of Academic Year 2024/25.

All-round Curriculum



Fundamental Academic Courses

Research Ethics

Research Work Publication

Research Skills

Language and Thesis Writing

and more...

Transferable Skills Development

Academic Skills

Presentation Skills

Writing Skills

Research Skills

Paper Publishing

Soft Skills

Communication Skills

Mental Wellness

Personal Growth

Career Competencies

Career Planning

Interview Skills

Teaching Skills

Professional Growth

and more...

Upskilling Student Enrichment



PolyU Research Student Conference (PRSC)

Transferable Skills Workshop Series

Research Student Gathering

PolyU PhD Thesis Award

PolyU 3MT Competition

Distinguished Speaker Series

PolyU Best Research Postgraduate Student of the Year

PolyU Outstanding Research Postgraduate Alumni Award

PolyU's Faculties and Schools

PolyU's diverse PhD and MPhil degree offerings span seven faculties and three schools, providing a broad selection across disciplines. Niche interdisciplinary research areas include deep space exploration, AI and robotics, advanced manufacturing, smart cities, carbon neutrality, healthcare and food security. The GS, as an academic unit, plans to offer interdisciplinary and cross-department programmes, alongside its role in planning, managing and ensuring the quality of PolyU's RPg education.



Faculty of Business



PolyU 理大商學院
Business School
Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship

Departments and Research Areas

School of Accounting and Finance

- Accounting, Auditing and Disclosure
- Blockchain and FinTech
- Corporate Finance and Asset Pricing
- Environmental, Social and Governance
- Machine Learning Applications in Accounting and Finance

Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies

- Aviation Management and Economics
- Maritime Studies and Shipping Finance
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Transport and Logistics Management

Department of Management and Marketing

- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing

Research Centres

Asian Centre for Branding and Marketing | Centre for Business Technology & Innovations | Centre for Economic Sustainability and Entrepreneurial Finance | Centre for Leadership & Innovation | CY Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies | Faculty of Business Case Consortium | Faculty of Business Digital Transformation Centre | Logistics Research Centre | OSL-PolyU Faculty of Business Research Centre for Web3.0 AI | PolyU Maritime Data and Sustainable Development Centre | Research Centre for Digital Economy | Shipping Research Centre

Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences



Faculty of
Computer and Mathematical Sciences
計算機及數學科學學院

Departments and Research Areas

Department of Applied Mathematics

- Computational Mathematics and Scientific Engineering
- Differential Equations
- Financial Mathematics
- Optimisation and Management Science
- Statistics

Department of Computing

- Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- Cyber Security and Privacy
- Data Science, Information Retrieval and Human Computer Interaction
- Fundamentals and Software
- Networking and Mobile Computing
- Vision, Language and Graphics

Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

- Machine Learning
- Biometrics and Human Language Processing
- Computer Vision and Graphics
- Data Technologies and Governance
- Statistical Learning and Optimisation Methods
- AI + X (Science, Healthcare, Neuroscience, etc.)

Research Centres

The Research Centre for Blockchain Technology | Research Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence | Research Centre for Quantitative Finance | Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence of Things | University Research Facility in Big Data Analytics | CAS AMSS-PolyU Joint Laboratory of Applied Mathematics | Research Centre for the Mathematical Foundations of Generative AI | Research Centre for Nonlinear Analysis | The Research Centre for Intelligent Operations Research | The PolyU--SDU Joint Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Applied Mathematics and FinTech | FinTech and Cyber Security Lab | Internet and Mobile Computing Lab | Collaborative Generative AI (Co-GenAI) Research Centre



Departments and Research Areas

Department of Building Environment and Energy Engineering

- Building Energy Efficiency
- Building Environment
- Building Safety and Resilience

Department of Building and Real Estate

- Construction Health and Safety
- Digital Construction
- Sustainable Urban Systems

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Smart and Resilient Transportation
- Sustainable Materials and Structures
- Sustainable Urban Environment
- Urban Geohazards and Mitigation

Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics

- Smart Positioning and Mobility
- Spatial Big Data Modelling and Analytics
- Urban Sensing and Measurement

Research Centres

PolyU-NAMI 3D Concrete Robotic Printing Research Centre |
Research Centre for Design for Safety | Research Centre for
Environmental Technology and Management | Research Centre for
Fire Safety Engineering | Research Centre for Sustainable
Infrastructure Development | Research Centre for Urban
Hazards Mitigation | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University –
Wuhan University Partner GNSS Research Centre

Faculty of Engineering

Departments and Research Areas

Department of Aeronautical and Aviation Engineering

- Aerodynamics
- Aerospace Propulsion and Combustion
- Aerospace Structures and Materials
- Aviation Engineering
- Flight Mechanics and Control
- Satellite Communication and Navigation

Department of Biomedical Engineering

- Medical Imaging, Bioinstrumentation and Biosensing
- Molecular and Cellular Engineering
- Neuromusculoskeletal Science and Engineering
- Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Rehabilitation Engineering

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- Artificial Intelligence and Signal Processing
- Communications & Information Security
- Power Electronics & Electric Vehicles
- Microelectronics & Quantum Technology
- Power & Energy Systems
- Photonics, Smart Materials and Devices
- Future Mobility System

Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

- Advanced Materials Processing Technologies
- Precision Engineering and Nano Technology (State Key Laboratory of Ultra-precision Machining Technology)
- Industrial Artificial Intelligence
- Smart Products and Services
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Aviation and Transportation Logistics

Department of Mechanical Engineering

- Advanced Materials and Processing
- Aerospace Engineering
- Clean Energy and Energy Storage
- Robotics and Control
- Sound and Vibration
- Thermofluids and Combustion

Research Centres

Research Centre for Deep Space Explorations | Research Centre
for Electric Vehicles | Research Centre for Low Altitude Economy
| Research Centre for Non-invasive Brain Computer Interface |
Research Centre for Privacy and Security Technologies in Future Smart
Systems | Research Centre for Unmanned Autonomous Systems
| Joint Research Centre for Biosensing and Precision Theranostics |
Aviation Research Consortium | Joint Research Centre of Advanced
Aerospace Propulsion Technology | Joint Research Centre for
Advancing Sports and Technology Development | Research
Centre for Grid Modernisation | Advanced Optics Manufacturing
Centre | Aviation Operations and Control Laboratory | Behaviour
and Knowledge Engineering Research Centre | Laser Materials
Processing Centre | Microsystems Technology Centre | Printed
Circuit Board Technology Centre | James Hsioung Lee Product
Testing and Analysis Centre

Departments and Research Areas

Department of Language Science and Technology

- Empirical Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Language Neuroscience
- Translation, interpreting, and bilingual communication
- Communication and swallowing disorders and Speech and Language Therapy
- Computational linguistics and natural language processing
- Language education

Department of Chinese History and Culture

- Art History, Visual Culture, and Media Studies in Greater China and Asia
- China's Cultural and Political 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
- Neo-Confucian Philosophy and Learning

Department of English and Communication

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

Research Centres

International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication | PolyU – Peking U Research Centre on Chinese Linguistic | Research Centre for Chinese History and Culture | Research Centre for Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience | Research Centre for Professional Communication in English

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences



Departments and Research Areas

Department of Applied Social Sciences

- Family, Child, Youth, and Ageing Studies
- Psychology, Mental Health and Health
- Social Policy, Social Welfare and Community Development
- Social Theory, China and Global Social Development
- Social Work and Human Service Management

Department of Health Technology and Informatics

- Cancer
- Haemodynamic and Vascular Disorders
- Immunity and Infection
- Metabolic and Ocular Disorders
- Neuroimaging and Neuropathology

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Translational Research in Neuroscience
- Translational Research in Musculoskeletal and Sports Science
- Translational Research in Better Ageing and Longevity
- Translational Research in Primary Healthcare

School of Nursing

- Healthy Ageing through Innovations
- Primary Health Care
- Cancer and Supportive Care
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

School of Optometry

- Children Vision
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Dry Eye
- Glaucoma & Ocular Dynamic
- Myopia
- Neuroprotection and Functional Restoration
- Neuroscience
- Ocular Proteomics
- Ophthalmic Instrumentation
- Presbyopia
- Public Health
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Vision Rehabilitation

Research Centres

Mental Health Research Centre | Research Centre for SHARP Vision | Centre for Myopia Research | Peking University-The Hong Kong Polytechnic University China Social Work Research Centre | Centre for Eye and Vision Research | Research Centre for Assistive Technology | Research Centre for Gerontology | Research Centre for Innovative Technologies for Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain | PolyU-Stanford Joint Research Centre for Longitudinal Deep Omics | Joint Research Centre for Primary Health Care

Departments and Research Areas

Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology

- Drug Discovery and Cancer
- Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry
- Chemical Biology and Healthcare
- Materials and Sustainable Chemistry
- Molecular Design for Functional Materials

Department of Applied Physics

- Green Energy and Carbon Neutrality
- Machine Learning and Computational Physics
- Nanomaterials and Micro/Nanoelectronics
- Photonics, Plasmonics and Optoelectronics
- Quantum Physics and Devices

Department of Food Science and Nutrition

- Food Safety and Bacterial Antimicrobial Resistance under ONE HEALTH Framework
- Microbiome in Nutrition and Human Health
- Food Sustainability
- Functional Foods and Chinese Medicine
- Nutrition and Human Health:
The Emergence of Precision Nutrition

Research Centres

State Key Laboratory of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery |
Research Centre for Carbon-Strategic Catalysis | Research Centre
for Chinese Medicine Innovation | Research Centre for Nanoscience
and Nanotechnology | Research Institute for Future Food | Lo Ka
Chung Research Centre for Natural Anti-Cancer Drug Development |
University Research Facility in Chemical and Environmental Analysis
| University Research Facility in Life Sciences | University Research
Facility in Materials Characterisation and Device Fabrication | Food
Safety and Technology Research Centre

School of Design



Research Areas

- Social Design
- Design Economy
- Design Making

Research Centres

POLYU-NVIDIA Joint Research Centre | Research Centre for Future
(Caring) Mobility | PolyU Research Centre for Cultural and Art
Technology

School of Fashion and Textiles



Research Areas

- Apparel Technology
- Fashion Business
- Fashion and Textile Design
- Textile Technology
- Textile Chemistry

Research Centres

Research Centre for Smart Wearable Technology |
Research Centre of Textiles for Future Fashion

School of Hotel and Tourism Management



Research Areas

- Smart Tourism
- Performance Measurement and Management
- Tourism Futures and Forecasting
- Policy and Planning

Research Centres

Hospitality and Tourism Research Centre

Teaching and Research Hotel

Hotel Icon (owned by PolyU)

Attractive PhD Scholarships

PolyU provides full-time PhD students with a wide range of admission scholarships during the normal study period, empowering them to excel in their research study journey.

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

The HKPFS aims to support the best and brightest students in the world with a prestigious fellowship to pursue PhD studies.

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong SAR Government, PolyU offers one of the highest HKPFS packages in Hong Kong through top-up funding:

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| Annual Stipend | HK\$340,800 (~US\$43,690) |
| Conference Grant | HK\$14,200 (~US\$1,820) per year |
| Cash Award | HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,130) for the first year HK\$20,000 (~US\$2,565) per year for second year onwards |
| Research Excellence Scholarship (in the form of tuition fee waiver) | Yes |
| University Accommodation | Guaranteed hall place for 2 years |

**Total HKPFS
Package at PolyU
(4-year PhD)
HK\$1.7million
(~US\$217,700)**

HKPFS Admissions (Single Round)

Noon, 1 December 2025
Hong Kong Time (GMT+8 hours)

1. Submit an HKPFS application (selecting PolyU as the first choice) to RGC HKPFS Application System.
2. Obtain an HKPFS reference number

23:59, 1 December 2025
Hong Kong Time (GMT +8 hours)

1. Submit a full PhD application(s) through PolyU's RPgAdmission System, select "2026/27 Semester 1 (Sept 2026 Entry)" and quote your HKPFS reference number.
2. Settle the non-refundable application fee for each application.

Until December 2025
Attend interview if being shortlisted.

May 2026
Notification of results by RGC through email.

PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme (PPPFS)

The PPPFS is a highly competitive scheme for top PhD candidates from around the world, with exceptional academic backgrounds. This scheme offers prestigious scholarship awards comparable to the HKPFS.

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| Annual Stipend | HK\$337,200 (~US\$43,230) |
| Conference Grant | HK\$25,000 (~US\$3,200) |
| Cash Award | HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,130) for the first year HK\$20,000 per year (~US\$2,565) per year for the second year onwards |
| Research Excellence Scholarship (in the form of tuition fee waiver) | Yes |
| University Accommodation | Eligible hall place for 1 year |

International PhD Fellowship Scheme (IPFS)

The IPFS is designed for high-calibre foreign students from reputable universities. They are to demonstrate outstanding research and leadership capabilities, and contribute to the internationalisation of the University.

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| Annual Stipend | HK\$230,640 (~US\$29,570) HK\$235,920 (~US\$30,250) for PhD students who confirmed registration |
| Conference Grant | HK\$25,000 (~US\$3,200) |
| Cash Award (outstanding applicants may be eligible) | HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,130) for the first year HK\$20,000 (~US\$2,565) per year for the second year onwards |
| Research Excellence Scholarship (in the form of tuition fee waiver) | Yes |
| University Accommodation | Eligible hall place for 1 year |

PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship (PRPgS)

The PRPgS provides financial support to full-time PhD and MPhil students, allowing them to fully focus on their studies.

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| Annual Stipend | HK\$230,640 (~US\$29,570) HK\$235,920 (~US\$30,250) for PhD students who confirmed registration |
| Conference Grant | HK\$25,000 (~US\$3,200) |
| University Accommodation | Eligible hall place for 1 year |

Nominated HKPFS candidates by PolyU to RGC will automatically be offered a PhD place with a PolyU PhD scholarship.



Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

PolyU offers a lively and engaging university campus and neighbourhood for students to experience various cultures and establish wide connections. Within the campus, students are able to enjoy dynamic cuisines, participate in inclusive non-local student associations and access dedicated facilities. Beyond campus, the lively and scenic surroundings provide a unique complement to academic life.



Diverse Food Culture

PolyU provides dynamic cuisines to excite students' taste-buds, and let them experience diverse cultures and social connections over the dining table. Vending machines at different corners on campus also offer grab-and-go convenience.

Asian Meals

- Chinese Set Meals and Noodles in Soup
- Chinese Dim Sum
- Seafood and A La Carte Menu
- Hong Kong Tea Sets
- Korean Cuisine
- South Asian Cuisine
- Taiwanese Drink
- Halal food

Western Meals

- Sandwiches, Salad, Soup, and Beverages
- Western Breakfasts and Burgers
- Pasta, Rice, Wraps and Pizza
- Bakery and Pastries
- Savouries and Dessert
- Western, Mediterranean and Macanese-inspired Cuisine

Vending Machines for Refreshments and Beverages



Cultural Inclusivity

PolyU celebrates different cultures on campus through university-wide functions, and provides a dedicated facility and religion support to assist with international students' study transition seamlessly.

Large-scale University Event

- PolyU Chinese Culture Festival (Mid-Autumn Festival Gala, art exhibition and more)

Dedicated Facility

- Global Student Hub

Religion Support

- Prayer Rooms
- Christian Fellowship



Non-local Student Associations

Inclusive activities from non-local student associations are great ways to network with your home peers and welcome multi-cultures:

- Chinese Mainland Student Association
- International Student Association
- Indonesian Student Association
- Qazaq Student Association
- Korean Student Association
- Malaysian Student Association
- South Asian Society
- Taiwanese Student Association

Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness



Experiential Language Trainings and Global Culture Activities

Non-local students are offered with language training programmes and global culture activities to build deeper connections with Hong Kong, the international metropolis, in various ways.

Chinese Language Centre

- Chinese Language and Communication Requirement (LCR) Subjects
- Chinese Subject for Non-Chinese Speaker Students (NCS)
- Extra-Curricular Teaching (Learning Putonghua with Fun, Learning Cantonese with Fun)
- Language Resources

English Language Centre

- Excel@English Scheme
- Speaking and Writing Assistance Programmes
- Writing Cafe@PolyU
- Language Resources

Global Culture Activities

- Cultural Programmes
- International Events
- International Student Ambassador Scheme
- Local Tours

Outstanding Student Scholarships

At PolyU, students have access to abundant resources to accomplish achievements in innovative research, knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship.



Vibrant Campus Surroundings

Hong Kong is ranked 17th Best Student Cities by the QS in 2026. Situated in the heart of Hong Kong, PolyU offers a vibrant environment that caters to the different needs of our students. It is a nexus of convenient living, connected transportation, vivid attractions, and broad artistic and cultural offerings.

Post-entry Student Scholarships and Grants

Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fellowship

HK Association of University Women (HKAUW) Postgraduate Scholarship

Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship

Croucher Foundation Study Awards

Ernst Mach Grant – Worldwide

RGC Postgraduate Student Conference/Seminar Grants

SUSTech Fellowship Programme

Lee Hysan Foundation Ethnic Minority Student Postgraduate Scholarship (Merit & Need Based)

Belt and Road Scholarship (Research Postgraduate)

For Our Future Innovation and Technology Scholarship

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Academia

RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme

PolyU Postdoctoral Matching Fund Scheme

Schmidt Science Fellows

Jockey Club Global STEM Postdoctoral Fellowship for Translational Research and Application

Knowledge Transfer and Entrepreneurship

GBA Startup Postdoctoral Programme

PolyVentures Micro Fund Scheme

PolyVentures Angel Fund Scheme

PolyU Entrepreneurship Investment Fund

Student Accommodation

The Student Halls of Residence in Hung Hom and Homantin are home to more than 4,600 students from diverse cultures, backgrounds and disciplines. Higher priority will be given to international students whose home residence is outside Hong Kong. Hall amenities and facilities include fitness room, game room, dance room, band room, snooker room, table tennis room, meeting and study rooms, and barbecue gas grill sky garden.



CANADA

- McGill University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto

EUROPE

- Delft University of Technology
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- ETH Zurich
- KU Leuven
- University of Amsterdam

Global Researchers

PolyU emphasises student diversity and global learning experience. By leveraging prestigious institutions' academic strengths and international competitiveness, collaborative programmes of PolyU aim to cultivate talents through research collaboration, innovation, and cultural exchange.

UNITED STATES

- Cornell University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- Yale University

Dual PhD Degree Programmes

In an equally split study pattern, students will conduct research at PolyU and a prestigious university to gain access to co-supervision and advanced research facilities. Successful graduates will receive two award parchments issued by PolyU and the partner institution respectively.

Joint PhD Supervision Programmes Leading to a PolyU Degree

Students are provided with the unique experience of joint supervision with leading universities, research laboratories and centres, and reputable industries that share parallel strengths in a specialised area. Successful graduates will receive a PhD degree from PolyU and a completion certificate from the partner institution.

Joint PhD Supervision Programmes

Students may conduct research at a host institution for up to half of their normal study period. Successful graduates will receive a PhD degree from the home institution.

UNITED KINGDOM

- Loughborough University
- University of Surrey
(for School of Hotel and Tourism Management only)
- Imperial College London
- University College London
- University of Cambridge
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Oxford

AUSTRALIA

- Queensland University of Technology
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- University of Sydney

ASIA

- Beihang University
- Beijing Institute of Technology
- Central South University
- East China Normal University
- Guangxi University (for Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering only)
- Harbin Institute of Technology
- Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- Hunan University
- Korea University (for Faculty of Business only)
- Nanjing University
- Nankai University
- Northwestern Polytechnical University
- Renmin University of China
- Seoul National University
(for School of Fashion and Textiles only)
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Sichuan University
- South China University of Technology
- Southeast University
- Sun Yat-Sen University
- Tongji University
- Tianjin University
- University of Science and Technology of China
- Wuhan University
- Xiamen University
- Xi'an Jiaotong University
- Zhejiang University

- National University of Singapore (for School of Design only)

- National University of Singapore
- The University of Tokyo

- EIT Institute for Advanced Study
- Peng Cheng Laboratory
- Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Shenzhen Polytechnic University
- Songshan Lake Materials Laboratory
- Southern Marine Science and Engineering Guangdong Laboratory (Zhuhai) (for Faculty of Engineering only)

Research Student Attachment Programme

The Research Student Attachment Programme provides attachment opportunities to augment students' international research collaboration and global vision from three months to one year.

PolyU PhD Scholars International Collaborative Research Fellowship

As a prestigious fellowship that offers a competitive grant, outstanding PhD students are supported to conduct international collaborative research at top-notch global universities from six months to one year.

How to Apply

Entry Requirements

| | Normal Study Period | Entry Requirements |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| | FT 3 years / PT 6 years | Normally hold an MPhil or equivalent (a research postgraduate degree with a dissertation as an award requirement) and a Bachelor's degree, conferred by a recognised university |
| PhD Programme | FT 4 years / PT 8 years | Normally hold: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree, conferred by a recognised university; ORa Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours (or equivalent qualification), conferred by a recognised university |
| MPhil Programme | FT 2 years / PT 4 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none">At least hold a Bachelor's degree with Second Class Honours or above (or equivalent qualification) conferred by a recognised university |

Year-round Admission

PolyU accepts applications for RPg programmes throughout the year with **three** entry points*:

September 2026 Entry

Application Period:

1 September 2025 to 31 May 2026

January 2027 Entry

Application Period:

1 January 2026 to 30 September 2026

May 2027 Entry

Application Period:

1 May 2026 to 31 January 2027

*Applicants are advised to observe the application deadline of individual Departments or Schools for specific entry periods.

Application

- Step 1 Account Creation**
Register for an account early at *RPgAdmission* system with your personal details and background
- Step 2 Programme Exploration**
Explore PolyU's RPg programmes
- Step 3 Application Preparation**
Prepare a strong research proposal and required documents with care
- Step 4 Application Submission**
Submit application via *RPgAdmission* system on time
- Step 5 Application Tracking**
Keep track of your application status via *RPgAdmission* system. Possible Successful Outcomes:
Firm Offer: a direct PhD/MPhil place at PolyU
Conditional Offer: meet the conditions listed in the conditional offer to secure an official offer of place



*Advancing
Knowledge*

*Impacting
Futures*







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