Join HKPFS at PolyU

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) 2022/2023
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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) offers the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong in 2009, with an aim to attract the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD studies. Join PolyU to realize your research aspirations!

Nominated HKPFS candidates by PolyU to RGC will automatically be admitted to the following:

- PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme; or
- PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship

We are looking for candidates with

- Excellent academic performance
- Exceptional leadership ability
- Strong research ability and potential
- Devoted societal responsibility
- High cultural diversity
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills

PolyU’s HKPFS package

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<th>Monthly Stipend</th>
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<td>HK$26,900 for the entire normal study period</td>
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<td>HK$40,000 in the first year HK$20,000 from the second year to end of normal study period</td>
<td>Waiving of tuition fees for the entire normal study period</td>
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*Notes:
- The fellowship and scholarship schemes are mutually exclusive. Each full-time research student will be eligible to receive one fellowship/scholarship only.
- Exchange rate as approximately HK$7.8 = US$1

Learn more about admissions requirements at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/hkpfs/how_to_apply.html.
PolyU’s got talent

PolyU is dedicated to world-class excellence in interdisciplinary applied basic research, benefitting societal needs for a sustainable future; and honouring intrinsic values in academic awareness and aspiration among research scholars. We have remarkable research breakthroughs in STEM and humanities with proven tracks from the government and research funding units, together with award-winning projects.

Research achievement highlights

- Aerospace and Aviation Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence, Big Data and Fintech
- Drug Development and Health Science
- Smart Cities, Sustainability Infrastructure and Environment
- Humanities
- Advanced Materials

World-class research facilities

- Multi-disciplinary research institutes
- Advanced research laboratories
- State Key Laboratories and Chinese National Engineering Research Centres (Hong Kong Branches)

World University Rankings of PolyU

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QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021 (highlights)

- Linguistics
- Business and Management Studies
- Accounting and Finance
- Social Sciences and Management
- Engineering and Technology
Learning & research environment

Diverse learning peers

Our research students come from a diverse background and PolyU continues to enhance its global significance to contribute to research performance and experience. Our students come from:

- Mainland of China
- Egypt
- Hong Kong
- Ethiopia
- Japan
- Korea
- Mexico
- United Kingdom
- France
- Italy
- Russia
- America
- Australia

International exposure

- Research Student Attachment Programme
- Joint PhD Programmes (Dual Awards)

Graduate development

- Funding opportunities from RGC
- International conference and summer schools
- Knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship, job boards

Nearby living circle

- Student halls, hotels, hostels
- Hung Hom MTR Station, Tunnel Bus Terminal, Airport Bus
- Closely linked with cultures, arts, attractions, leisure and entertainment, and the tranquil side of urban life
Star faculties' testimonials

“PolyU is leading in fiber-based wearable computing and smart textiles, with exciting applications and profound impacts covering healthcare, safety, sports, IoT, and robotics. Research in these emerging technologies is attracting young talents from materials, engineering, and design to study PhD at PolyU. Students are supervised by renowned scholars in a challenging yet caring multi-disciplinary team, supported by state-of-art facilities on PolyU campus.”

Prof. Tao Xiao-ming, Chair Professor, Institute of Textiles and Clothing

“Focusing on the design and synthesis of molecular and nano materials with photofunctional properties and energy functions, we are making profound contributions in developing sustainable energy sources to meet the world’s future energy demand while working towards a cleaner environment. Our team is eager to work with young talents in this world-class university. I am ready to inspire and be inspired, and guide the HKPFS awardees to excel in their research.”

Prof. Raymond W.Y. Wong, Chair Professor, Applied Biology and Chemical Technology

“We welcome talented students to join a team of leading photonics professionals to conduct cutting-edge researches in sensing, communication, transportation, and energy systems. Supported by the world-class facilities at PolyU and the strong collaboration with top-notch universities worldwide, we train tomorrow’s leaders in research, education, engineering and entrepreneurship. We advocate a healthy working relationship with our PhD students and together we create breakthroughs.”

Prof. Jin Wei, Chair Professor, Electrical Engineering

“PhD degree is a demonstration of one’s in-depth knowledge in a specific field. More importantly, your ability to attain that level of knowledge owned by you. A PhD degree in PolyU hinges on the creation of societal impact to benefit mankind, with facilitated research environment. My specialism in Precision Engineering generated many impactful engineering payloads on several of our nation’s iconic deep space missions and my PhD students shared that pride as well.”

Prof. Yung Kai-leung, Chair Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering

“PolyU is a global leader in urban and building engineering research. Specializing in fire safety and optimized structural and architectural design, my research seeks creative solutions to make future urban environments more sustainable and resilient in the face of endless existential challenges. I am looking for curiosity-driven students wishing to research innovative solutions for the future urban environment.”

Prof. Asif Usmani, Chair Professor, Building Environment and Energy Engineering

“I am a Professor working in Planetary Remote Sensing and Sciences, making contribution to our nation’s space missions. I always encourage students to be driven by curiosity and develop scientific research according to their inner interests. Sow the seeds of interest and bear the best fruits. PolyU is a place that you can explore your interests and realize dreams. Joining PolyU will equip you with the opportunity to be a “pathfinder” in the era of innovation, let's explore the sea of stars with top talents.”

Prof. Wu Bo, Professor, Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics

“LMS department at PolyU has a strong and productive group of world-leading researchers working with top journal publications and various external grants. Working in this active and exciting field, I am always looking for potential PhD students who are passionate in doing innovative research in supply chain/operation management, working collaboratively to develop theoretical tools and solve real-world business challenges.”

Dr. Xiao Guang, Assistant Professor, Logistics and Maritime Studies

“Our team focuses on molecular diagnosis and epidemiology of infectious diseases. Collaborating with a blend of researchers in computer science and geo-informatics, we conducted territory-wide genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 using pioneered equipment, which provided a scientific basis for the government to implement precise healthcare policies to interrupt the spread of COVID-19 in Hong Kong community. Please come join us to safeguard the health of our people.”

Dr. Gilman Siu, Associate Professor, Health Technology and Informatics
Start your applications today!

23:59, 1 Dec 2021 (Wed, HKT)
Use the Reference Number and submit a full application at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/admission and settle the non-refundable application fee of HKD300 for each application

Noon, 1 Sep - Noon, 1 Dec 2021 (HKT)
Submit one initial application only to the Research Grants Council (RGC) at https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/InitApplication.jsp and obtain a HKPFS Reference Number

Sep - Dec 2021
Attend interview(s) if shortlisted

Mar/Apr 2022
Notification of results by RGC via email

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