



PURSUE A
RESEARCH
CAREER

2025-2026

WHY HONG KONG

#5

IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2024, based on economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency, and infrastructure

#22

QS Best Student Cities 2025, based on university rankings, student mix, desirability, employer activity, affordability, and student view



WHY POLYU

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QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 (Hong Kong)

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Times Higher Education (THE)
Young University Rankings 2024

#10

Times Higher Education (THE)
World's Most International Universities 2024

#19

Times Higher Education (THE)
Asia University Rankings 2024

WHY POLYU BUSINESS SCHOOL

• Accreditations



• International Rankings

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Clarivate Web of Science 2021-2023: Shipping Research

#1

ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2023 Management

#41

UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023

#45

THE (Times Higher Education) World University Rankings 2024: Business & Economics

GRADUATE PLACEMENTS



Dr CHEN Fengqin, Freya
 Shanghai University of Finance
 and Economics
Year of graduation: 2024
Supervisor: Prof. SAFFAR Walid



Dr LI Yani
 Central University of Finance
 and Economics
Year of graduation: 2024
Supervisor: Dr ZENG Colin



Dr YAN Ran
 Nanyang Technological University
Year of graduation: 2022
Supervisor: Prof. WANG Hans



Dr JIN Ziliang
 Southeast University
Year of graduation: 2023
Supervisor: Dr PAN Kai



Dr WANG Ziyi
 Huazhong University of Science
 and Technology
Year of graduation: 2023
Supervisor: Prof. XU Xin



Dr XU Fei, Katie
 Monash University
Year of graduation: 2023
Supervisor: Prof. JIANG Yuwei

AT Kearney
 Cathay Pacific
 Cardiff University
 Crypto.com
 Deakin University
 Dong-A University
 IG&H Consulting BV
 JD.com, Inc.
 King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
 Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler
 Lawrence Technological University
 Nanyang Technological University
 National Chengchi University
 Newcastle University

and many more...

Saint Mary's University in Halifax
 Singapore Polytechnic
 Southern Denmark University
 Tongji University
 University of Birmingham
 University of Exeter
 University of Groningen
 University of Liverpool
 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 University of Vaasa
 Western Washington University
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 Xi'an Jiaotong University

RESEARCH AREAS

School of
**ACCOUNTING
& FINANCE**
會計及金融學院

• Accounting and Auditing

• Corporate Finance and Asset Pricing



WANG Ben

PhD Student

Bachelor of Management (Accounting), Jinan University
MPhil in Accounting, Jinan University

Supervisor: Prof. WU Qiang

Research Interests: Information Disclosure, Textual Analysis, Audio Analysis



I joined the PhD programme at the School of Accounting and Finance in 2020. In the first year, our coursework exposed us to cutting-edge knowledge. This foundational year helped me develop my research habits. In the second year, due to the pandemic, the School organised six online workshops with top scholars. These sessions, coupled with frequent 'coffee hour' discussions with my supervisor, helped me refine my ideas into a funded GRF research project and several working papers. In the third year, I used the school's database and computational resources to analyse the audio from 60,000 conference calls, resulting in a working paper now under revision for The Accounting Review. In the fourth year, encouraged by my supervisor, I collaborated with many scholars, co-authoring papers with professors both within and outside the School, as well as with fellow PhD students. With the support of the School, I presented these papers at a prestigious conference organised by the American Accounting Association, and at the equally prestigious China International Conference in Finance.



Department of
**LOGISTICS
& MARITIME
STUDIES**
物流及航運學系

• Operations Management

• Transport and Logistics Management

• Maritime Law and Shipping Finance

• Supply Chain Management

• Aviation Management and Economics

• Maritime Studies



HAO Xiaodeng, Shelton

PhD Student

BSc in Industrial Engineering, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
MSc in Logistics Engineering and Management, Tsinghua University

Supervisor: Prof. XU Zhou

Research Interests: Operations Management Modelling, Exact and Approximation Algorithm Design in Logistics, Transportation and Aviation



My journey at the PolyU Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies has been transformative, contributing to both my academic growth and personal development. The department provides many opportunities to connect with leading scholars through seminars and academic exchanges, broadening my perspective and enriching my research. It also supports participation in international conferences, enabling students to present their work and receive insightful feedback from their global peers.

Our professors ensure that the curriculum is both comprehensive and applicable to our research. The rigorous PhD qualifying exams further underscore the programme's commitment to academic excellence.

My supervisor's guidance has been crucial to my development. Rather than focusing entirely on task completion, my supervisor emphasises skill-building and provides valuable support and encouragement. The collaborative and diligent nature of my peers creates a vibrant academic environment, where ideas are freely exchanged and collective learning is prioritised.



RESEARCH AREAS

Department of
**MANAGEMENT
& MARKETING**
管理及市場學系

• Management

• Management Information Systems

• Marketing



WANG Fenghao

PhD Graduate

BBA (Hons) in Management, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Supervisor: Prof. LIU Wu

Research Interests: Organizational Behaviour

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I enjoyed every second spent in the PhD programme at the Department of Management and Marketing. My experiences deeply influenced both my career trajectory and my personal development. Professionally, the programme trained me to become an independent and qualified management researcher and educator. Its well-designed courses taught me the basics of academic research, while it also provided an enormous range of resources and support to conduct meaningful, high-quality studies. As an internationally renowned programme, it connected me with top scholars from around the world, helping me understand management phenomena from different perspectives. Personally, I was privileged to work with many brilliant professors and fellow doctoral students. Many of them became my lifelong friends. I'm truly grateful for what the programme has offered me.

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RESEARCH STUDENT ACTIVITIES



School of Accounting and Finance:
Graduate School International Research Summer Camp



Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies:
Research Postgraduate Student Symposium



Department of Management and Marketing:
Organizational Behaviour Research Day 2023

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Our research programmes are designed to prepare students for a career in academic research and teaching. The programmes are broad-based and provide a rigorous foundation on which the students can build an academic career of their choice.

Our research programmes are 3-year / 4-year PhD Programmes:

The normal duration of the PhD programme depends on the students' educational background. The programme mainly consists of two parts: coursework and thesis. Students will also receive training in teaching and gain research experience through research seminar attendance. After a successful defence of thesis and satisfying all University graduation requirements, the candidates will be awarded the PhD research degree.

Programme Structure

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| Award <i>Notes 1 & 2</i> | PhD | Direct-entry PhD Programme |
| Admittees' qualification | Master's degree with research component | 3-year PhD Programme |
| Study duration | normal: 3 years; maximum: 5 years | |
| Credit requirements & timelines of study (within normal study duration) | | |

PhD: 24 to 29 credits
 18 credits from min. 2 research methodology courses & max. 4 specialized courses +
 1 credit from 1 academic integrity and ethics subject* +
 3 credits from attending 30 research seminars* +
 2 credits from practicum +
 Max. 5 credits from 0 to 2 English enhancement subjects

- Compulsory PhD Qualification Exam[#] (for being qualified to continue the PhD study)
- PhD Confirmation of Registration[#] (by the end of the first 5 semesters/terms)
- Oral Defence of PhD Thesis

3-year studentship for PhD study

* i. All returning RPg students will be allowed to transfer the grade obtained in one Academic Integrity and Ethics (AIE) subject to the new RPg programme regardless of its level. However, credit transfer will not be granted to returning students admitted in or after 2024/25 for the credit earned from the subject "HT16081 Ethics: Research, Professional & Personal Perspectives".
 ii. 3 yr PhD students are allowed to apply to transfer one credit from their previous attendance at seminars.

[#] i. Departments can integrate the two elements as long as the Confirmation of Registration is successfully carried out by the end of the first five semesters/terms as required by the University.
 ii. Students who fail the compulsory PhD Qualification Exam will be required to exit with the MPhil degree (subject to meeting all the relevant MPhil requirements).

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

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| Award <i>Notes 1 & 2</i> | PhD | Direct-entry PhD Programme |
| Admittees' qualification | Bachelor's degree or Master's degree without research component | 4-year PhD Programme |
| Study duration | normal: 4 years; maximum: 6 years | |
| Credit requirements & timelines of study (within normal study duration) | | |
| <p>PhD: 25 to 30 credits 18 credits from min. 2 research methodology courses & max. 4 specialized courses + 1 credit from 1 academic integrity and ethics subject + 4 credits from attending 40 research seminars + 2 credits from practicum + Max. 5 credits from 0 to 2 English enhancement subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Compulsory PhD Qualification Exam# (for being qualified to continue the PhD study) ◆ PhD Confirmation of Registration# (by the end of the first 6 semesters/terms) ◆ Oral Defence of PhD Thesis <p>4-year studentship for PhD study</p> | | |
| <p># i. Departments can integrate the two elements as long as the Confirmation of Registration is successfully carried out by the end of the first six semesters/terms as required by the University.</p> <p>ii. Students who fail the compulsory PhD Qualification Exam will be required to exit with the MPhil degree (subject to meeting all the relevant MPhil requirements).</p> | | |

Notes

- Starting from the 2022/23 intake cohort, all research students are required to complete the e-Learning module on "Understanding China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, P.R.C." in English before thesis submission as a graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to complete the requirement as early as possible. Details of the requirement: <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ous/nationaleducation/understanding-china-and-hongkong/>
- Students can exit with a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree if they have completed 12 credits from a minimum of 2 research methodology courses and a maximum of 2 specialized courses, 1 credit from one ethics subject, 2 credits from attending 20 research seminars and maximum 5 credits from 0 to 2 English enhancement subjects.

Admissions and Entrance Requirements

| | 3-year PhD Programme | 4-year PhD Programme |
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| General Entrance Requirements | 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. | Normally hold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree, conferred by a recognised university; OR - A Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours (or equivalent qualification), conferred by a recognised university. |
| | PolyU may accept other equivalent qualifications. The decision is made on an individual basis. | |
| English Language Requirements | Applicants who do not have a degree for which English was the language of instruction at a recognized university are required to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirements for admission. Please refer to the "Admission Requirements" section for Research Postgraduate Programmes at Study@PolyU for details. | |
| Faculty Entrance Requirement | GMAT or GRE results are required. | |

Year-round Schedule for 2025/26 Admissions

(For exact dates, please refer to PolyU RPgAdmission)

| Research Areas | Semester One (Sep 2025 entry) | Semester Two (Jan 2026 entry) | Summer Term (May 2026 entry) |
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| Accounting and Finance | Sep 2024 to Dec 2024 | Jan 2025 to Sep 2025 | May 2025 to Jan 2026 |
| Logistics and Maritime Studies | | | |
| Management and Marketing | | | |

Due to a very limited quota, you are encouraged to apply for Semester One admissions to increase your chances of admission. Semester Two / Summer Term admissions may be administered subject to quota availability.

Support

- Research studentship with a monthly stipend of at least HK\$18,840. For details of various Fellowship & Scholarship Schemes, please click [here](#)
- One extra year of PhD studentship for students with outstanding academic performance (subject to the decision of the department)
- Tuition scholarships for students with outstanding academic records
- Opportunities to attend international conferences
- Accommodation at the Student Halls of Residence (at students' own expense)
- Access to excellent library, computing and other facilities

Tuition Fee

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| Annual tuition fee | HK\$42,100 * (HK\$84,200 for non-UGC-funded students who receive no stipend and no external funding support but some funding from the department) |
| Continuation fee for each semester / term beyond the normal study period | HK\$7,017 |
| Examination fee | HK\$2,000 |

* Starting from 2018/19 academic year, the Government provides tuition waiver for all local students enrolled in UGC-funded research postgraduate programmes during the normal study period.

General Enquiries

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Tel: (852) 3400 2582

Online application: <https://rpgadmission.polyu.edu.hk>

