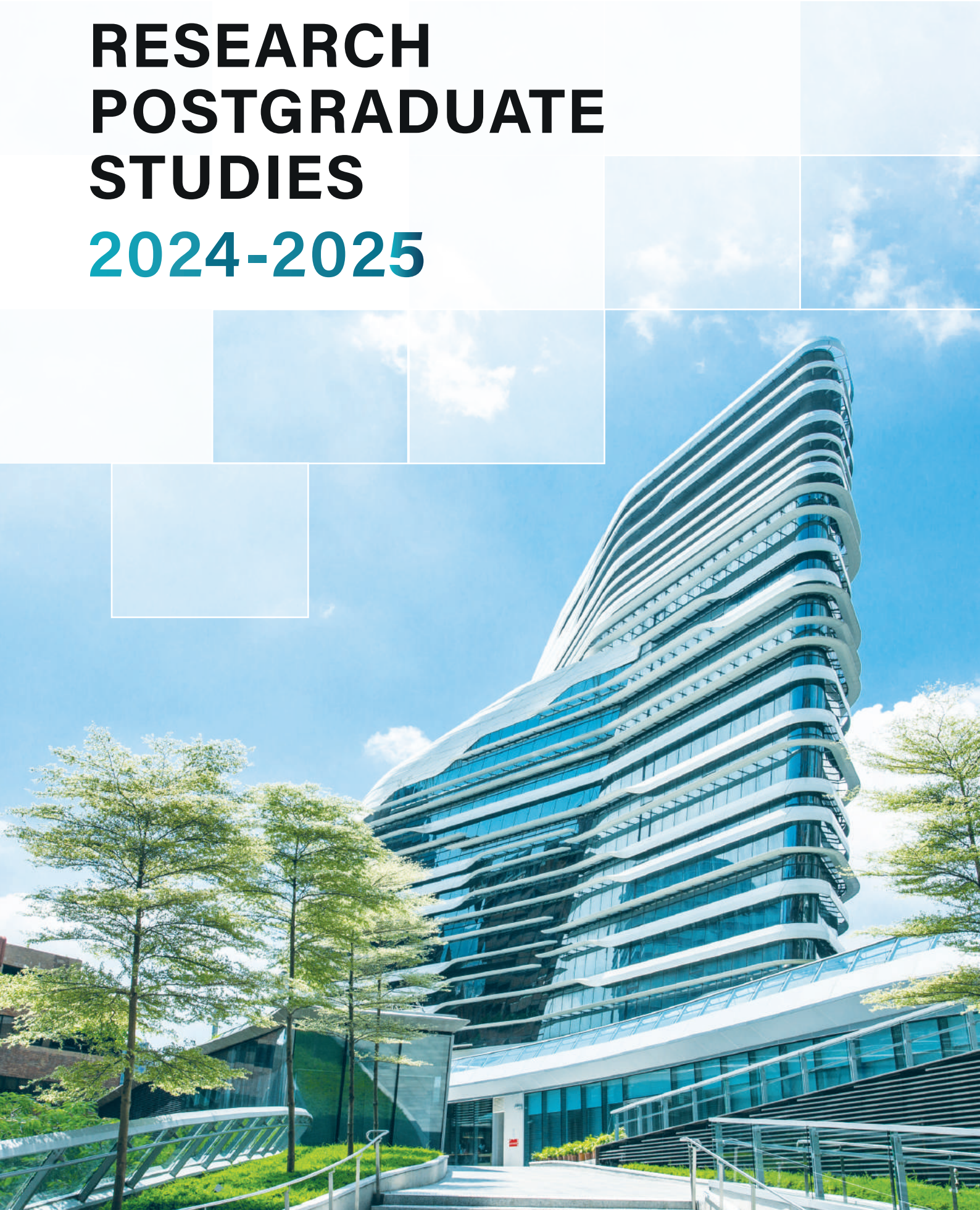


# RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE STUDIES 2024-2025



# What PolyU Offers for PhD Studies?

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a world-leading research university that was established in 1937. PolyU's research postgraduate (RPg) education provides students with a range of PhD and MPhil programmes, and attractive admission scholarships. There are opportunities to expand global horizons and foster postdoctoral development, alongside training in interdisciplinary research and knowledge transfer to meet society's needs. Join PolyU to unleash your full potential!

## Research Postgraduate Programmes

	Normal Study Period
Full-time / Part-time MPhil Programme	2 years / 4 years
Full-time / Part-time PhD Programme (Holder of an MPhil degree or equivalent)	3 years / 6 years
Full-time / Part-time PhD Programme (Holder of a Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours, or equivalent)	4 years / 8 years

Explore Admission Requirements

<https://polyu.hk/QtJgD>



## Attractive Admission Scholarships

PolyU offers the prestigious HKPFS to attract the best and brightest students globally to pursue PhD studies. The University also provides the competitive PPPFS, and PRPgS, to applicants for RPg education.

**Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC)**

**PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme (PPPFS)**

**PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship (PRPgS)**

	HKPFS	PPPFS	PRPgS
Annual Stipend*	HK\$331,200 (~US\$42,460)	HK\$327,480 (~US\$41,980)	HK\$221,640 (~US\$28,410)
Research Excellence Scholarship*	In the form of a tuition fee waiver	In the form of a tuition fee waiver	/
Conference Grant*	HK\$13,800 (~US\$1,760) (per annum)	HK\$25,000 (~US\$3,200)	HK\$25,000 (~US\$3,200)
Annual Cash Award*	HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,120) (first year) HK\$20,000 (~US\$2,560) (second year onwards)	HK\$40,000 (~US\$5,120) (first year) HK\$20,000 (~US\$2,560) (second year onwards)	/
University Accommodation	A guaranteed place in nearby halls for 2 years		

Explore Admission Scholarships

<https://polyu.hk/kOIRC>



\* For the entire normal study period

# Global Outlook

PolyU emphasises student diversity and global learning experience. The following programmes have been established:

## Joint PhD Programmes Leading to Dual Awards

The Joint PhD Programmes offer PhD students the opportunity to benefit from the shared research excellence of PolyU and its prestigious partner institutions, including **Zhejiang University, Nanjing University, Tongji University, Queensland University of Technology** and **University of Technology, Sydney**. After completing the Joint PhD Programmes, students will obtain a dual PhD degree.

## Research Student Attachment Programme (RSAP)

With an established network of more than 280 top-ranking universities/ institutions across 40 countries and regions, PhD students are supported to study at overseas universities, including:

- ◆ Cornell University
  - ◆ Harvard University
  - ◆ Imperial College London
  - ◆ Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  - ◆ National University of Singapore
  - ◆ University of California, Berkeley
  - ◆ University of New South Wales
  - ◆ University of Oxford
  - ◆ University of Tokyo
  - ◆ Yale University
- and more...**

## Graduate Opportunities

The **PolyU Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme** and **RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme** serve as platforms for PhD graduates to extend their skills and knowledge to foster postdoctoral development.

Targeting future entrepreneurs, the unique **PolyU GBA Startup Postdoctoral Programme** enables recent PhD graduates to transform research ideas into business ventures by offering entrepreneurial courses, applied technology research and pre-startup support for **24 months**. The **PolyU Micro Fund (MF) Scheme** provides up to HK\$120K to each approved start-up, while the **PolyU Tech Launchpad Fund (TLF) Scheme** grants up to HK\$1.5 million to accelerate the growth of technology start-ups.

## Outstanding RPg Alumni

There are more than 6,000 RPg graduates as of 2022 who are able to capitalise on their research strengths and achieve their research ambitions. Our outstanding alumni are now working at:

## Top 50 Universities

- ◆ Fudan University
  - ◆ National University of Singapore
  - ◆ The Australian National University
  - ◆ The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - ◆ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
  - ◆ The University of Hong Kong
  - ◆ The University of Manchester
  - ◆ The University of Sydney
  - ◆ University College London
  - ◆ Zhejiang University
- and more...**

## Fortune 500/ Global 500 Companies

- ◆ Alibaba Group
  - ◆ BAYER
  - ◆ China Mobile International Limited
  - ◆ China State Construction Engineering
  - ◆ Google
  - ◆ Huawei Technologies
  - ◆ IBM
  - ◆ JD.com
  - ◆ Microsoft China
  - ◆ Tencent Holdings
- and more...**



## Why Study PhD at PolyU?

PolyU has 6 faculties and 3 schools. Each undertakes research that has high societal impact. The university has advanced research facilities and a diverse student population, with students receiving an all-round learning experience. The university's downtown location is highly convenient and meets students' needs.

## High Positions in World University Rankings

### Top-100 University in the World

**65<sup>th</sup>** Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)  
World University Rankings 2024

**79<sup>th</sup>** Times Higher Education (THE)  
World University Rankings 2023

### QS Subject Rankings

**12<sup>th</sup>** Hospitality and Leisure Management  
(ranked first in Hong Kong)

**16<sup>th</sup>** Architecture and Built Environment

**20<sup>th</sup>** Art and Design  
(ranked first in Hong Kong)

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Civil and Structural Engineering  
(ranked first in Hong Kong)

**56<sup>th</sup>** Business and Management Studies

**62<sup>nd</sup>** Environmental Sciences

**67<sup>th</sup>** Accounting and Finance

### THE Subject Rankings

**27<sup>th</sup>** Business and Economics  
(ranked first in Hong Kong)

**40<sup>th</sup>** Engineering  
(ranked second in Hong Kong)

**68<sup>th</sup>** Social Sciences

**73<sup>rd</sup>** Arts and Humanities  
(ranked second in Hong Kong)

**79<sup>th</sup>** Computer Science

Explore E-Prospectus

<https://polyu.hk/XjrkD>

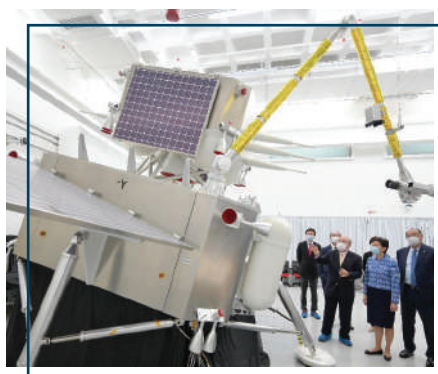


## Conducive Environment

### Advanced Research Facilities

State-of-the-art research facilities greatly assist research and entrepreneurship innovations. They include:

- ◆ Research Centres at the University
- ◆ State Key Laboratories
- ◆ Hong Kong Branches of Chinese National Engineering Research Centres
- ◆ Chinese Academy of Sciences – PolyU Joint Laboratories
- ◆ InnoHK Research Centres
- ◆ PolyU Academy for Interdisciplinary Research (PAIR) Research Institutes and Centres





## A Nexus of Convenience

Located in the heart of Hong Kong, PolyU is a nexus of convenient living, transport and cultural facilities. Easily accessible are student halls, hostels, hotels, Hung Hom MTR Station, Tunnel Bus Interchange and Airport Bus. Adjacent to Victoria Harbour, PolyU embraces connections with cultures, arts, attractions, leisure, and entertainment.

## All-round Learning Experience

There are ample opportunities to develop personal and professional attributes at PolyU. RPg students are offered progress-monitoring support in the student lifecycle, supervisory guidance and career-related development. Students are supported to attend international conferences and build academic networks and collaborations.

## Interconnected Alumni Body

The PolyU Graduate School Mainland Alumni Network is a platform for alumni communication and research collaboration. Members are PolyU students and graduates, and academic and research staff, who undertake high-impact scientific, translational and applied research.



# Star Faculty Members

PolyU's research supervisors are world-authoritative experts. Many have received eminent international research awards and grants through Geneva Inventions Expo, RGC Senior Research Fellow Awards, Research Impact Fund (RIF), and Theme-based Research Scheme (TRS).

## Prof. Tao Xiao-ming, Chair Professor, Fashion and Textiles

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 for a PhD at PolyU.



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

Focusing on the design and synthesis of molecular and nano materials with photofunctional properties and energy functions, we are making profound contributions to developing sustainable energy sources for the world's future energy demand and a cleaner environment.

## Prof. Jin Wei, Chair Professor, Electrical Engineering

We welcome talented students to join a team of leading photonics professionals to conduct cutting-edge research in sensing, communication, transportation, and energy systems.



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

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. Cathy Hsu, Chair Professor, Hotel and Tourism Management

The School of Hotel and Tourism Management at PolyU is ranked global number one in various prestigious rankings. Students are mentored by the brightest scholars in a dynamic, exciting, and collegial research culture, with our specialised teaching and practising hotel near campus. My research expertise is in tourist behaviours and resident sentiment, destination marketing and more.



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

PolyU is a global leader in urban and building engineering research, specialising in fire safety and optimised structural and architectural design. My research seeks innovative solutions to endless existential challenges by creating future sustainable and resilient urban environments.

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

I am a Professor working in Planetary Remote Sensing and Sciences, contributing to our Nation's Space missions. I always encourage students to stay curious and develop scientific research according to their interests.



## Dr. Gilman Siu, Associate Professor, Health Technology and Informatics

Our team focuses on molecular diagnosis and epidemiology of infectious diseases. Collaborating with a blend of researchers in computer science and geo-informatics, we provided a scientific basis for the government to implement precise healthcare policies to interrupt the spread of COVID-19 in the Hong Kong community.

## Dr. Xiao Guang, Associate Professor, Logistics and Maritime Studies

I am always looking for potential PhD students who are passionate about doing innovative research in supply chain/ operation management, working collaboratively to develop theoretical tools and solve real-world business challenges.



# Excellent Students and Graduates

PolyU is now home to over 2,600 RPg students. In the 2021/22 academic year, 86% of our students were non-local. Our students come from a wide range of countries, including China, Korea, United Kingdom, France, Italy, United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Egypt, and Ethiopia.



**Nancy Grace Baah, Ghana**  
HKPFS Awardee, Hotel and Tourism Management

□□ PolyU provides essential resources for innovative research and offers me the opportunity to connect and share ideas with people from different cultures. Join our world-class educational institution to improve your research skills, increase your career prospects, and impact the world. □□

**Andrew Balilonda, Uganda**  
HKPFS Awardee, Fashion and Textiles



□□ Joining PolyU presented a great opportunity for my research career based on the state-of-the-art research facilities, guidance and support from the supervisor and fellow students. The conducive environment for research and learning makes PolyU a centre of academic and professional excellence and my first choice. □□



**Yerkezhan Sartayeva, Kazakhstan**  
HKPFS Awardee, Computing

□□ I thoroughly enjoy researching at PolyU by interacting with my supervisor and other experts. I was inspired by the Research Student Attachment Programme with studying opportunities at global top-notch universities. Stay open to new challenges and get rid of self-limiting beliefs to exert a positive impact. □□

**Lin Gabrielle Bihan**  
Joint PhD Student, Hotel and Tourism Management, University of Surrey



□□ Joint PhD Programmes are attractive opportunities of enjoying educational resources and supervision guidance from two institutions. I benefitted a lot by experiencing various research environments and cultures by collaborating with excellent scholars and students. □□



**Aureliu Sindila**  
RSAP Outgoing Student, Management and Marketing, Copenhagen Business School

□□ I have joined RSAP for six months at the Copenhagen Business School and it was an enlightening academic and personal experience. I had the opportunity to meet the most reputable scholars from strategy and adjacent areas, participate in top-notch seminars, and build long-lasting collaborations and friendships. □□

**Vivian Kwan**  
RSAP Incoming Student, Health and Social Sciences, University of Calgary



□□ It was a valuable opportunity to work with an expert in cognitive neuroscience at PolyU and genuine and dedicated lab teams. One of the highlights of RSAP was the rare chance to observe an awake-brain surgery for a patient. □□



**Ir Dr Ho Wai-ming Goman**  
Arup Fellow and Director of Innovation, Arup, PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering (1992)

□□ RPg studies trained my mindset to come up with innovative and interdisciplinary solutions to societal complexity. Due to the novelty of studies and most of my projects, I keep planting seeds of knowledge, and we grow them with determination, experience and time. □□

**Mr Luo Weidong Chris**  
Co-founder, Chairman and CEO, Aurora Mobile Limited, MPhil in Computing (2007)



□□ PolyU's open and inclusive academic and research environment benefitted entrepreneurship tremendously. With the learnt skillsets and guidance, I won multiple rounds of venture capital from well-known investors for Aurora Mobile and successfully led the company to be listed on NASDAQ in 2018. □□



**Ir Prof. Zheng Yongping**  
Chair Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Henry G. Leong Professor in Biomedical Engineering, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, PhD in Biomedical Engineering (1997)

□□ I conduct research based on my research interests and with the aim of contributing to society's needs. One of my personal goals is to apply ultrasound to the diagnosis and treatment of ageing diseases in an interdisciplinary manner. □□



## How to Apply?

### Regular Admission (3 Rounds)

#### Semester 1 (Sept 2024 Entry)

1 Sept 2023 to 31 May 2024

#### Semester 2 (Jan 2025 Entry)

1 Jan to 30 Sept 2024

#### Summer Term (May 2025 Entry)

1 May 2024 to 31 Jan 2025

Note: Dates are subject to changes by PolyU.

### HKPFS Admission (1 Round)



#### **Noon, 1 Sept - 1 Dec 2023** **Hong Kong Time (GMT + 8 hours)**

Submit one initial application (selecting PolyU as 1st choice) through **RGC Application System** and obtain an HKPFS Reference Number



#### **23:59, 1 Dec 2023** **Hong Kong Time (GMT + 8 hours)**

Use the HKPFS Reference Number to submit a full application through **PolyU eAdmission System** and settle the non-refundable application fee of HKD300 for each application to PolyU



#### **Sept - Dec 2023**

Attend interview if being shortlisted




#### **Apr - May 2024**

Notification of results by RGC via email

Note: Dates are subject to changes by RGC.

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