STUDENTS’ PERSPECTIVES

Dr SHI Dan, Graduated in 2014

“PhD study is a journey filled with challenges, frustrations, and obstacles. Pursuing PhD studies at HKU cultivates our perseverance for wisdom, quest for truth, and most importantly, courage for difficulty. In the Faculty of Education, we are not fighting alone. We are learning together with tremendous support and assistance from professors, supervisors, fellow research postgraduate students, and the Office of Research. Numerous academic resources, informative lessons, and seminars are offered with diversified and innovative selections. Plenty of chances for intellectual communications with overseas scholars are provided. I feel so grateful that I have been part of the team and part of this big family. I strongly believe that joining HKU will make a big difference to your life experience with golden learning opportunities and fruitful research prospects.”

Miss Keisha Le’maya SIRIBOE, PhD Student

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Dr Oi-leung Helen LOCKEY, Graduated in 2015

“As a person who values learning and the extraordinary benefits it has brought to my personal and professional life, the decision to pursue doctoral studies came very naturally to me. Deciding where to do this, however, was more challenging. The three most important considerations were the need for excellent supervision and administrative support, the opportunity to be immersed in an intellectual learning community and the ability to efficiently access resources that are both wide-ranging and up-to-date. The experience I gained at HKU more than fulfilled these expectations, and the enriching learning journey through which I ventured is something I would unreservedly recommend to anyone keen to deepen and strengthen their knowledge and expertise in an area they feel truly passionate about. For an extraordinary postgraduate experience, come to HKU.”

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- Information technology in education and computer mediated learning
- Mathematics and science education
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- Sociology of education
- Special education
- Speech, hearing, and communication sciences
- Teaching Chinese language and literature
- Teaching English and Chinese as second languages

SCHOLARSHIPS

(1) Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)
The Hong Kong PhD Fellowships are available for selected full-time PhD applicants with outstanding academic performance, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities. The Fellowship provides a monthly scholarship of HK$20,000 and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK$10,000 per year during the normative study period.

(2) University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)
University Postgraduate Fellowships are available for selected full-time PhD applicants with an excellent academic record. The Fellowship is worth HK$70,000 awarded on top of the Postgraduate Scholarship (see below).

(3) Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)
Full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree at second class honours first division (or equivalent) or above are normally considered eligible to receive a Postgraduate Scholarship during the normative study period. The basic level of PGS is currently HK$15,000 per month. A PGS holder whose PhD probation has been confirmed will receive a higher PGS rate (HK$15,520) with effect from the following calendar month after his/her probation is fully confirmed. The amount of PGS is subject to annual adjustments.

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- MPhil and PhD Programmes at the Faculty of Education, HKU: http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/mphil-phd/overviews
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