In retrospect, I would describe my PhD life at HKU as exciting and insightful. The Faculty of Education regularly invited world-leading scholars to hold research seminars where I could broaden my horizons and reflect on my own research project from different theoretical, methodological and even disciplinary perspectives. The bi-annual Postgraduate Research Conference was another important platform where I could familiarise myself with educational research conducted in a wide range of socio-political and cultural contexts different from my own. I was also able to receive extended support such as the opportunities to join lunch meetings with invited speakers as well as special interest groups and study groups organised by like-minded fellow students. Last but certainly not least, I truly appreciate HKU's global network and supportive care system for postgraduate students. In addition to the critical yet attentive panel of supervisors I had, I was afforded the privileges to visit other world-renowned institutions and participate in a summer school where I could gain invaluable experiences from the international circle of established and emerging scholars.

Our cultural values shape our mode of learning. As I revisit my experience at the Faculty of Education, I am proud to have immersed myself in the HKU values of mingde (manifesting virtue) and gewu (investigating things). Neither my academic outputs nor my knowledge growth would have been possible without the stunning insights and meticulous support from my supervisors and colleagues. The Faculty community and its supportive culture not only cultivates my emotional well-being but also builds my knowledge and experience of educational studies, shapes my theoretical perspectives, and opens up interdisciplinary opportunities in my research field. All the great memories and experiences I had as a PhD researcher here in the past three years would stay with me in my future development and lifelong exploration.

People go into research postgraduate degrees for all sorts of reasons. I got myself into the graduate school of this world-class university to pursue my dream – to make advancement in the quality of early childhood education and care for the betterment of children, and that was one of the best decisions I have ever made. From lectures and workshops to conferences and overseas exchange, HKU provides ample resources to research postgraduate students so that we could gear ourselves up for the world, not to mention the many world-renowned academics in our Faculty who are always eager to share with students their expertise and professional insights. If you embrace challenges and wish to push yourself to new heights, HKU will give you the opportunity you are going to cherish over a lifetime!

While I am in the midst of my PhD study at this point in time, I feel fulfilled in running my research project confidently. This confidence has mushroomed largely from learning experiences that came off through the boundless learning opportunities provided in the HKU Faculty of Education. To name but a few, these opportunities include: quality supervision by means of composed and adept support, well-designed coursework, positive challenges both from supervisors and veteran course teachers, sincere support from the Office of Research, high-quality learning facilities, participation in seminars and scholarly lectures, and the intellectual discourse with competent colleagues. Indeed, these opportunities provided me with deep insight into the multifaceted roles and responsibilities that I could execute as a research student. Undoubtedly, the Faculty of Education is the place to develop academic and research expertise, build resilience in the face of challenges, and nurture a vision for success.
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Application Deadlines
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme and Main Round
Initial application to the Research Grants Council for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships: Early December*
Full application to the University of Hong Kong: Early December*
Clearing Round
Late April*

*Please refer to our website at: http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/mphil-phd/application-deadlines for the confirmed deadlines. We strongly encourage you to submit your application in the main round when the majority of our student places will be offered. Also, it is only in the main round that PhD applicants may be considered for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship and University Postgraduate Fellowship schemes.

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Scholarships
(1) Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)
The Hong Kong PhD Fellowships are available to 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$25,100 and a conference and research travel allowance of HK$12,600 per year during the normative study period.

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

(3) Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS)
Full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree with 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$16,660 per month. A PGS holder whose probation has been confirmed will receive a higher PGS rate (HK$17,220) with effect from the following calendar month after his/her probation is confirmed. The amount of PGS is subject to annual adjustments.

Tuition Waiver Scheme
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For more information, please visit the UGC website at https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/insert.html.

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- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme: https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpf/index.html
- Graduate School, HKU: http://www.hku.hk/gradsch/apply
- MPhil and PhD Programmes at the Faculty of Education, HKU: http://web-edu.hku.hk/programme/mphil-phd/overviews
- Resources for Non-local Students by the Centre for Development and Resources for Students, HKU: http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/nonlocal

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