Dr CHENG Ka Yu
Graduated in 2018

If you are thinking of joining HKU, you will be making one of the greatest decisions in your life. When revisiting my four-year PhD study in the Faculty of Education, I am very grateful to all my supervisors and colleagues. The research postgraduate journey is more than getting a degree; it is a journey to unleash potential, to improve, and to prepare for the challenges ahead. Being a PhD student in the Faculty of Education of HKU has enriched my life and broadened my horizons. It has been a golden opportunity to engage with a wonderful academic community which is friendly and extremely helpful. Interactions with my supervisors have been intellectually stimulating. They have been sources of sustained support, and have motivated me to challenge myself to reach new heights. The Faculty has exposed me to rich and deep discussions, opening my mind to critical thinking and reflection. I have developed a skills array while working with the Comparative Education Research Centre, and gained valuable experiences such as that of teaching by assisting highly experienced and accomplished professors. The Office of Research has been a great source of support, providing me with timely advice whenever I sought their guidance. I had the opportunity to be a part of a Special Interest Group where I gained authentic ideas whose critical opinions sharpened my research. Indeed, I am grateful and honoured to be a part of this vibrant community which has kindled my intellectual spirit and propelled me to strive for excellence.

Being a PhD student in the Faculty of Education of HKU has been a fruitful and enjoyable one. Being part of the Faculty of Education, I feel well looked after as it has all the support a research postgraduate student needed to grow and flourish throughout the PhD journey. The numerous seminars by world-renowned speakers, workshops and Postgraduate Research Conferences are unique opportunities to learn from other researchers and to share, exchange and generate interesting research ideas. The real treasure of the Faculty is the excellent academics who are always willing to give students insightful advice and share their experience of pursuing an academic career. As the saying goes, “the sky is the limit”; you never know what you can achieve until you fully open yourself to possibilities. HKU provides an excellent platform where you can freely explore and find your path to success in academia. The research postgraduate journey is more than getting a degree; it is a journey to unleash potential, to improve, and to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Mr Samson John
PhD Student

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PhD Student

MPhil & PhD 2020
Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy

Qassim Al-Ibaru
PhD Student

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- Education Policy
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- Equity and Social Justice

Research Foci

- Comparative education
- Curriculum studies
- Early childhood education
- Education in China
- Educational leadership and administration
- Educational neuroscience
- Educational policy
- Educational psychology and psychology of classrooms
- Guidance and counseling
- Higher education policy and practice
- Information management
- Information technology in education and computer mediated learning
- Mathematics and science education
- Science of learning
- Sociology of education
- Special education
- Speech, hearing, and communication sciences
- Teacher education
- Teaching Chinese language and literature
- Teaching English and Chinese as second languages

Scholarships

01 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$23,500 and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK$5,000 per year during the normative study period.

02 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).

03 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$17,330 per month. A PGS holder whose PhD probation has been confirmed will receive a higher PGS rate (HK$21,810) with effect from the calendar month following full confirmation of passing his/her probation. The amount of PGS is subject to annual adjustments.

Tuition Waiver Scheme

Under the "Tuition Waiver Scheme" ("The Scheme"), all local students enrolled in full-time UGC-funded Research Postgraduate (RPg) programmes in local institutions will be provided with tuition waiver with effect from the academic year 2018-19. Eligible students do not need to apply for the Scheme.

For more information, please visit the UGC website at https://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rpgfunding-support/tws.html

Application Procedures

Before submitting your application online at: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/products/study-and-admission-application-for-mphil-phd-admission, applicants are strongly advised to contact a potential supervisor with relevant research interests for advice on the research proposal. Please refer to the webpages for our academic staff at https://web.edu.hku.hk/staff/academic/ for details of their research interests.

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: https://web.edu.hku.hk/programmes/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.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme: https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html
- Graduate School, HKU: https://www.hku.hk/gradsch/apply
- MPhil and PhD Programmes at the Faculty of Education, HKU: https://web.edu.hku.hk/programmes/mphil-phd-overviews
- Resources for Non-local Students by the Centre for Development and Resources for Students, HKU: https://wp2.cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal

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