I enrolled in the prestigious PhD programme at HKU to conduct innovative research within an ecosystem of scholars that are pushing the frontiers of knowledge. This unsurpassed confidence was inspired by the well-established memory of my master's study and the diversity of academics. At HKU, everything is meticulously crafted and I was more than willing to support me on all of my academic journey. As a part-time student, it was often challenging to manage all of the requirements of my programme. However, the incredibly supportive faculty and knowledgeable in their respective fields. They are approachable and enthusiastic researcher. The professors are very passionate about research and are always ready to help. They make sure everything is in place and allow me to stay focused on my education and research.

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1. Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)
The Hong Kong PhD Fellowships are awarded by the Research Grants Council (RGC). They are available to selected full-time PhD applicants with outstanding academic performance, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities. The HKPF provides a monthly scholarship of HK$26,600 and a conference and research travel allowance of HK$13,300 per year during the normative study period. All HKPF holders will also be awarded the HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship. Each HKPF holder will therefore be provided with the University with items (a), (b) and (c) listed below on top of what they will receive from the RGC.

2. HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship (HKU-P5)
The HKU Presidential PhD Scholarships are available to selected full-time PhD applicants from among the applicants who are nominated by the University to the RGC to compete for the HKPF. In principle, all HKPF awardees will receive the HKU-P5. Also, HKPF nominees who are not selected for the HKPF but who are considered to be of high calibre by the University may be awarded the HKU-P5. The HKU-P5 provides the most generous package of approximately HK$414,000 in the first year, and about HK$394,000 in each of the subsequent years during the normative study period. The package includes:
   - (a) Cash Award to support research and living expenses: HK$40,000 in Year 1; HK$20,000 per year in the remaining normative study period
   - (b) Waiver of composition fees for the whole normative study period (i.e. HK$42,100 per year)
   - (c) Postgraduate Scholarship of HK$26,600 per month (subject to annual adjustments)
   - (d) Conference and research-related Travel Allowance of HK$13,300 per year
   - (e) A guaranteed hall place in Year 1, with possibility of renewal in Year 2

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

4. 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 level of PGS awarded currently is HK$18,030 per month. A PGS holder whose PhD proposal has been approved will receive a higher PGS rate (HK$26,600) and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK$13,300 per year during the normative study period. The basic level of PGS is subject to annual adjustments.

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- University of Hong Kong: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/prospective-students/how-to-apply
- Graduate School, HKU: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/rola/online-application-for-mphil-phd-admission,
- UGC Funding Opportunities: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/rola/online-application-for-mphil-phd-admission,
- Resources for Non-Local Students by the Centre for Development and Resources for Students, HKU: https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/mphil-phd/admissions
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- Graduate School, HKU: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/rola/online-application-for-mphil-phd-admission,
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Application Procedures

Before submitting your application online at: https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/rola/online-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/HH/ta/faculty 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://www.ugc.edu.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 HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship, Hong Kong PhD Fellowship and University Postgraduate Fellowship schemes.