

Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (2020/21 Exercise): Repeated Success

In April 2020, our highly acclaimed Ph.D. in Accounting program earned additional recognition when new student Mr Emmanuel Ofosu was awarded a 2020 Ph.D. Fellowship by the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS). This is the latest addition to our program's string of remarkable achievements in the Fellowship Scheme.

Mr Ofosu obtained his Bachelor of Accounting degree with First Class Honors from the University of Cape Coast (UCC, Ghana) and his Master degree in Accounting from Xiamen University (China). He was three times awarded a place on the School of Business Dean's List at UCC. His study at Xiamen University was supported by a two-year Government Scholarship from the China Scholarship Council. He studied at the Copenhagen Business Academy, Denmark, as an exchange student and has achieved Associate Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ghana. His research interests are corporate disclosure and tax.

As alluded to, several of our Ph.D. in Accounting program participants have been successful in applications for the HKPFS in recent years, highlighting the strong commitment of the program to continuous improvement. For example, three Fellowship recipients from Hong Kong and Ghana with excellent records of academic achievement are currently in the program. Furthermore, in 2019, HKPFS recipient and Ph.D. graduate Albert Kwame Mensah was appointed as an Assistant Professor at HEC Paris, which is the top business school in Europe (ranked No.1 by Financial Times 2019). He has also presented the findings of his research at top-tier international conferences, such as those of the AAA and CAAA.

Our continual success in the HKPFS is a testament to AC's unwavering commitment to excellence. Our sustained ability to attract talented international students has contributed significantly to the academic excellence and cultural diversity of the Ph.D. program and has further enhanced the program's longstanding international reputation.

About the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme

The HKPFS, established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, aims to bring talented students from around the world to Hong Kong to undertake Ph.D. studies. Fellowship applicants, who are also Ph.D. program applicants, should demonstrate outstanding qualities in

- (1) academic performance,
- (2) research ability and potential,
- (3) communication and interpersonal skills, and
- (4) leadership ability.

Each Fellowship awardee receives a financial award consisting of a CYC SGS Entrance Scholarship (covering tuition and on-campus hostel fees for their first year of research study), a monthly stipend, and a conference and research-related travel allowance (for more details on the HKPFS, please see <http://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/prospective/RPg/HKPhD>).