

Achieving Academic Dreams: Insight into the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) and other Scholarship Opportunities in Hong Kong



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If your dreams do not scare you, they are
not big enough – Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

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A nighttime aerial photograph of Hong Kong, showing a dense cluster of illuminated skyscrapers and buildings along the coast. The city lights reflect on the water in the harbor. In the background, dark mountains are visible under a cloudy night sky. The foreground shows the silhouettes of hills and more buildings, partially in shadow.

Why Hong Kong?

Fun facts about Hong Kong

- Government
- Economy
- Climate
- Landscape
- Festivals (Oriental and Western)
- Part time work (20 hrs per week)
- Many holidays



Why Study in Hong Kong

- Cultural Diversity and Global Exposure
- High-Quality Education with Generous Funding
- World-Class Universities and Facilities:
 1. The University of Hong Kong
 2. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 3. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 4. City University of Hong Kong
 5. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 6. Hong Kong Baptist University
 7. Lingnan University
 8. The Education University of Hong Kong
- English-Taught Programs
- Efficient Transportation System
- Vibrant Tourism and Economic Strength
- Support for exchange studies

Available Scholarships

Name	General Requirements	Financial Support	Detailed requirements
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic excellence - Research abilities and excellence - Leadership skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly stipends = 3615 USD - Conference/ research activities = 1790 USD (per year) - Cash awards = 5146 (year1), 2573 subsequent years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Class Honours (equivalent), GPA - Good class ranking, 1st, 2nd, top 5%, etc. - Published in Q1/Q2 journals as 1st, 2nd, or corresponding authors - National/international awards with proven certs - University is 1st-tier (top 3%) or 2nd-tier (top 5%) within country by QS, THE, ARWU, uniRank, CWUR - Nationality and leadership evidence
(School) Presidential PhD Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic excellence - Research abilities and excellence - Leadership skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly stipends = 3575 USD - Conference/ research activities = 3216 USD entire study period - Cash awards = 5146 (year1), 2573 subsequent years 	Same requirements as HKPFS. Applicant is automatically considered for the PPFS if they are nominated for HKPFS
Research Excellence Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic excellence - Research abilities and excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stipends = 2424 - Conference/ research activities = 3216 USD 	Same requirements as HKPFS. Applicant is automatically considered for the PPFS if they are nominated for HKPFS

Scholarships based on research projects; students are required to pay school fees.

Introduction



Global Appeal: The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) is targeted at drawing the world's top students to pursue PhD programs at Hong Kong universities.



Prestige and Recognition: Considered among the most esteemed scholarships globally.



Selective and Competitive: Annually awards approximately 350 fellowships through a rigorous selection process. 400 Scholars to be awarded in 2025/2026.

Selection Process

Supervisor

Department Research Committee (DRC)

Faculty Research Committee (FRC)

Research Office (RO)

Research Grant Council (RGC): HKPFS/Others



Selection: Supervisor



Cold Email: Acceptance/Rejection of Supervision



Engagement: Research proposal, Interest



Interview: One on One, Panel



Nomination: Quota

Selection: Department/Faculty



Academic excellence



Research ability and potentials



Communication and interpersonal skills



Leadership abilities



Benefits of proposed research to Hong Kong

Selection: Other tips

- ✓ Certificates

- ✓ Official proof of awards

- ✓ Official proof of prizes

- ✓ Official proof of activities

- ✓ Official proof of work

- ✓ Official proof of services

- ✓ Reference letters

- ✓ Graduation certificates

- MSc
- BSc

- ✓ Transcripts

- MSc
- BSc

- ✓ Grading system / explanatory notes on grades

- MSc
- BSc

- ✓ Official proof of award classification / GPA

- MSc
- BSc

- ✓ Official proof that certifies 'thesis/dissertation'

- MSc

- ✓ Official proof that certifies English is the language of instruction

degree

- MSc
- BSc

GPA to 4.0 in Different Countries / Regions

HK/US GPA	Mainland Score	UK Score	Unified GPA in 4.0 Scale
A+	90 – 100	70 – 100	4.0
A	90 – 100	70 – 100	4.0
A-	85 – 89	65 – 69	3.7
B+	82 – 84	60 – 64	3.3
B	78 – 81	55 – 59	3.0
B-	75 – 77	50 – 54	2.7
C+	72 – 74	45 – 49	2.3
C	68 – 71	40 – 44	2.0
C-	64 – 67	NA	1.7
D	60 – 63	35 – 39	1.0
F	0 – 59	0 – 34	0.0

Selection: Research Grant Council (RGC)



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University support letter



Cultural diversity statement



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Post Application

Common Tips:

Stay Connected with Your Supervisor: Maintain regular communication with your PhD supervisor to stay informed about any updates or changes.

Engage with Your Internal Mentor: Keep in touch with your internal mentor for guidance and support throughout the process.

Fast & Pray: Consider personal reflection and prayer or meditation to stay focused and maintain peace of mind.

Apply to Other Scholarships: Continue seeking additional funding opportunities by applying for other scholarships to increase your chances of financial support.

Streamlining Visa Applications in Hong Kong: A Hassle-Free Experience

- Submit all necessary details and documents to your educational institution.
- No interview is required.
- Visits to the embassy are not needed.
- Extensive proof of financial means is generally not demanded.
- Family visas for your spouse and children are also available for processing.
- The visa processing duration is approximately 4-6 weeks.
- Await your e-visa comfortably; Hong Kong is among the select countries globally providing electronic visa services.

Weekly activities in HK



Opportunities After Studying in Hong Kong:

- Benefit from a 2-year work visa following your studies, opening doors to employment and professional growth.
- Avail opportunities to join world-class firms, particularly those in the finance sector.
- Eligibility for Permanent Residency after a cumulative stay of 7 years in Hong Kong, which includes the time spent during your studies.
- Enjoy incentives like productivity bonuses and health palliatives.
- Take advantage of visa-free travel to various countries across Asia.

Other Opportunities besides HKPFS

Internal Scholarships for Master's Degrees

Undergraduate Scholarships

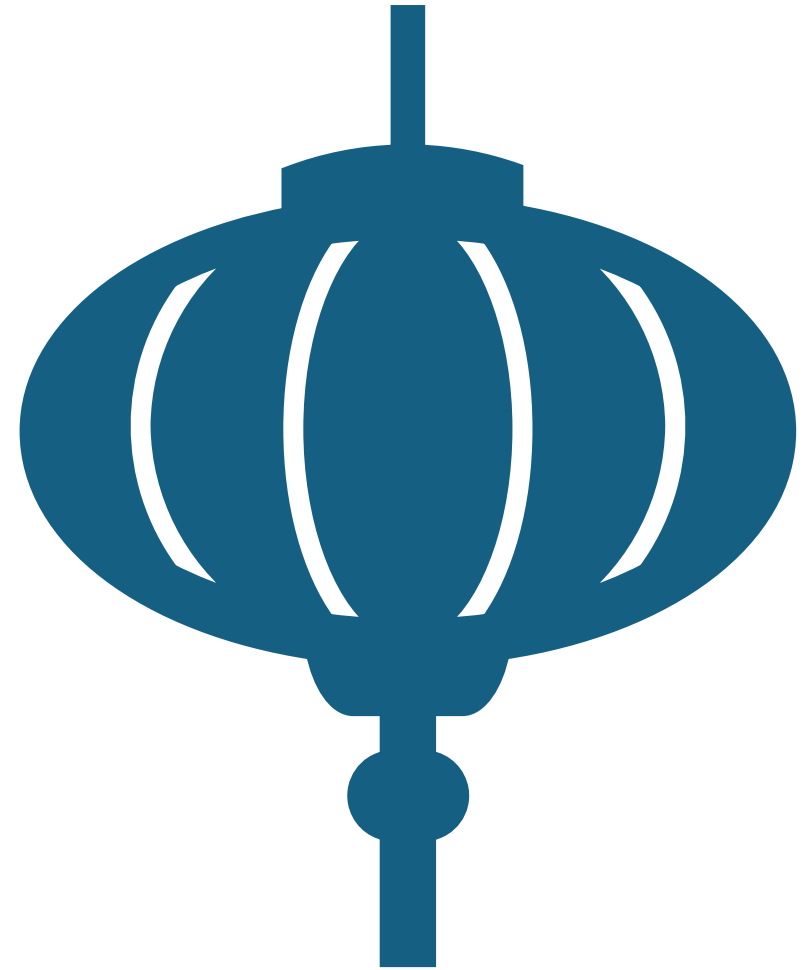
HKBU Business School Scholarships

Sports Scholarships

Lingnan University Funding

Other Countries to Explore for Scholarship Opportunities

- Korea
- China
- Singapore
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Taiwan
- Qatar
- Thailand



**This is the end of
my presentation**

The *future* belongs
to those who believe in the
beauty of their *dreams*
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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