

Call for Applications for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2020-21

Department of Linguistics and Translation, City University of Hong Kong

Established in 2009 by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC), the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's institutions.

The Department of Linguistics and Translation (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lt>), City University of Hong Kong is now inviting applications for the Scheme. The Dept has an exemplary record of teaching excellence and is internationally recognized for its world-class research. The QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) ranking for Linguistics of CityU rose from 47th in 2011 to 32nd in 2019. CityU becomes the top-ranked university in Hong Kong in Linguistics. More than 20 faculty members conduct empirically based and theoretically informed research in the areas of theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, intelligent linguistics applications, corpus linguistics, computational linguistics, empirical linguistics, translation, interpretation, and translation studies.

Applicants who are seeking admission as new full time PhD students in the Dept, irrespective of their country of origin and ethnic background, should be eligible to apply. Applicants should demonstrate outstanding qualities of academic performance, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities. The minimum academic qualification for the research degree programs is a first-class honours degree (or the equivalent) or a CGPA over 85 (out of 100). Applicants whose first language is not English must have a minimum TOEFL score of 79 (internet-based), with a minimum of 15 for Reading, 15 for Listening, 17 for Writing, and 18 for Speaking; or an overall band score of 6.5 in IELTS, with a minimum of 6 for each of the sub-categories including Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. A research proposal setting out the aims, outlines, and methods of the proposed research should be submitted with the application. Shortlisted candidates will be invited by the Department for an admission interview (either face-to-face or via Skype).

Each Fellowship recipient will receive a monthly stipend of HK\$25,800 (~US\$3,307) for the 4-year PhD study. In addition, each recipient will be granted the financial award which consists of CYC SGS Entrance Scholarship (which covers the tuition and on-campus hostel fees in the first year of research study), and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$12,900 (~US\$1,653) per year for a maximum of three years. Students with outstanding academic progress in their later years of study may receive a Research Tuition Scholarship to cover their tuition fees.

The deadline for application for the Scheme is **2 December 2019** (12 noon Hong Kong time).). The results will be announced by the RGC in March 2020. Firm admission offer with regular postgraduate studentship will be given to selected CityU's nominees, even if they are not awarded the Fellowship by the RGC. The admission offer will be confirmed by the University in January 2020.

Details of the Scheme and online application forms can be found in the following websites:

Research Grants Council website - <https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>

City University of Hong Kong website – <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/hkphd/index.htm>

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