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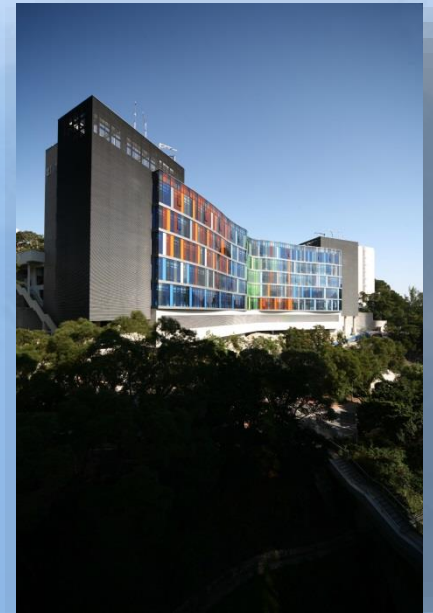
# MPhil-PhD Programme, 2024-2025

## Department of Geography and Resource Management, CUHK

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# Faculties at CUHK

1. Faculty of Arts
2. Faculty of Business Administration
3. Faculty of Education
4. Faculty of Engineering
5. Faculty of Law
6. Faculty of Medicine
7. Faculty of Science
8. Faculty of Social Science



# 4 Strategic Areas of Research

To maximize impact and benefit to society, CUHK has been focusing its research investments in the past 10 years in four distinguished fields of academic enquiry within the University.

- China: Tradition and Modernity
- Innovative Biomedicine
- Information and Automation Technology
- Environment and Sustainability







Wong Foo Yuan  
Bldg.



Wei Yuan Lake

Lingnan  
Stadium

University  
Station

Physical Geography  
Experimental Station

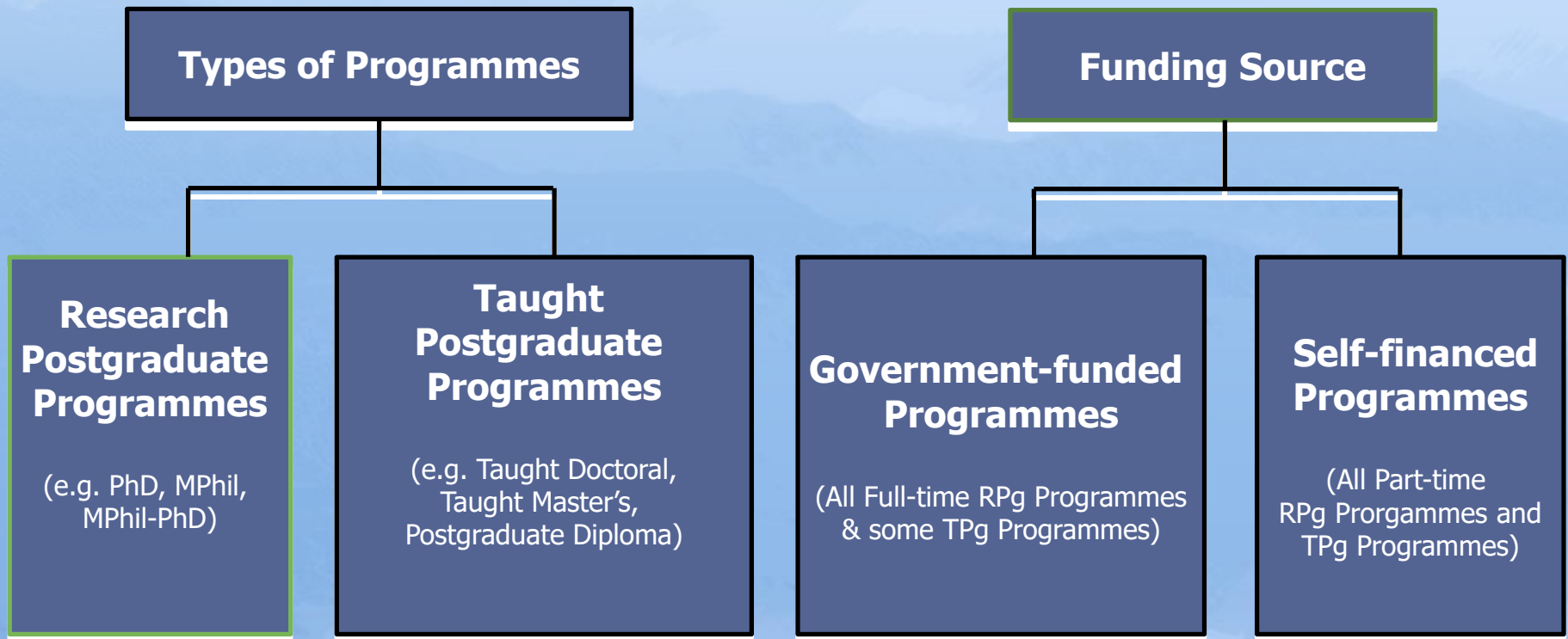




**Our Department ranked 24<sup>th</sup> among the Geography Programmes in the World in 2023 according to QS World University Rankings By Subject based on the performance in academic reputation, employer reputation, and citations per paper**



# Postgraduate Programmes at CUHK





# Duration of Study

Full-time Postgraduate Programme	Normative Period	Maximum Period
Research Doctoral Programmes	36 or 48 months	72 or 84 months
Research Master's Programmes	12 or 24 months	36 or 48 months
Taught Postgraduate Programmes	12 - 48 months	24 - 84 months



# Tuition Fee

Full-time Postgraduate Programme	Tuition fee <i>(as of 2022-23 academic year)</i>
Research Postgraduate Programmes	HK\$42,100 <i>(per annum)</i>
Taught Postgraduate Programmes	HK\$42,100 to HK\$690,000 <i>(for the whole programme)</i>





# Postgraduate Studentship

- Available to full-time Research Master's and Research Doctoral students within their normative study period.
- Subject to revision by the University from time to time.
- For the academic year 2023-24:
  - MPhil/PhD (Pre-candidacy): HK\$18,360 per month
  - PhD (Post-candidacy): HK\$18,870 per month
- Tuition waiver:
  - Starting from 1 July 2018, the Government grants a tuition waiver to all current and newly admitted local full-time RPg students enrolled in UGC-funded RPg programmes for their entire normative study period.
  - Local full-time RPg students who are admitted to the University without Postgraduate Studentships (PGS) are not eligible for this Scheme.



# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) in 2009, aims at attracting the best and brightest students from all over the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong.

Website:

<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>



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# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

## ▣ Stipend and travel allowance

- ▣ Effective from the 2023-24 academic year, RGC has increased the **monthly stipend of HKPFS awardees to HK\$27,600**, and a conference and **research-related travel allowance to HK\$13,800 per year** for a period of up to three years. The University will provide top-up funding to offer the same level of stipend and travel allowance to awardees with 4 years of the normative study period.
- ▣ The University has launched the CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship to offer HKPFS awardees a **tuition fee waiver** for their whole normative study period with effect from the 2019-2020 intake.
- ▣ The **on-campus hostel fee will be waived** in the first year of study. Applicable from the 2021-22 intake, the Scholarship provides HKPFS awardees with **an award for lodging of HK\$40,000** in the first year of study and **HK\$20,000** in the subsequent years within the normative study period.
- ▣ Starting from the 2020-21 intake, all PhD candidates who are nominated to the HKPFS by CUHK but not selected for HKPFS will be offered under the **CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship Scheme** an award of HK\$80,000 in three instalments (i.e. HK\$40,000 in the first year and HK\$20,000 in each of the second and third years of study, subject to satisfactory study progress).



# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

## Eligibility

Candidates who are seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in the eight UGC-funded institutions in Hong Kong, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience, and ethnic background, are eligible to apply.

## Timeline

Call for Application	Early September
Application Deadline	1st December 2023
Interviews	September – December
Announcement of selection results by RGC	By May 2024



# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

## Selection Criteria

The HKPFS Selection Panels will select awardees based on the following factors with candidates' academic excellence being most important:

- Academic excellence
- Research ability and potential
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Leadership abilities



# Scholarships

- The University offers a number of scholarships to give due recognition to students who have demonstrated academic excellence. Most of the scholarship schemes are managed by Faculty/Divisions.
- Students are also welcome to apply for different exchange and overseas scholarships.
- A number of exchange scholarships are in place to support students financially, such as “*PhD International Mobility for Partnerships and Collaborations Award (PhD IMPAC Award)*”.
- Some self-financed taught postgraduate programmes also offer scholarships to eligible students.



# Other Financial Support

- Full-time Research Postgraduate students may apply for the ***Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic Activities*** to conduct the following activities:
  - Presenting papers at international conferences
  - Field trip related to thesis research
  - Data collection for thesis research
- Grant amount: Up to HK\$30,000 and HK\$10,000 for research doctoral students and research master's students respectively during the whole normative study period.



# Overseas Internship Opportunities

- Graduate Partnership Programme jointly organized by CUHK and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- Microsoft Research Asia Fellowship Programme.
- Other Graduate Partnership Programmes jointly organized with different overseas universities.





# General Admissions Requirements

## **Taught Doctoral, Doctor of Music and Non-articulated PhD programmes:**

- A Master's degree from a recognized university.

## **Master's and MPhil-PhD articulated programmes:**

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university, normally with honours not lower than second class; or
- A Bachelor's degree from an honours programme of a recognized university, normally with an average grade of not lower than "B".

## **Postgraduate Diploma programmes:**

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university.



# English Language Requirements for Admission

- A degree from a university in Hong Kong<sup>1</sup> or a degree based on a programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or
- Scores in the following English Language tests<sup>2</sup> as indicated:
  - TOEFL: 550 (paper-based)/79 (internet-based); or
  - IELTS (Academic): 6.5; or
  - GMAT (Verbal): Band 21

## Notes:

1. *This is based on the understanding that English is the medium of instruction of degree programmes offered by universities in Hong Kong.*
2. *TOEFL and IELTS are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT is considered valid for five years from the test date.*

# General Graduation Requirements

## ■ For MPhil students

- Lecture courses: GRMD 5100; GRMD 5110
- Departmental seminar
- MPhil thesis and oral defense

## ■ For PhD students

- Lecture courses: GRMD 5100; GRMD 5110
- Departmental seminar
- PhD candidacy exams, thesis proposal and oral defense
- PhD thesis and oral defense



# GRM MPhil-PhD Programme

- ▣ Spatial data structure and data mining
- ▣ Remote sensing image analysis
- ▣ Spatial modelling
- ▣ Virtual geographical environment
- ▣ Environmental impact assessment
- ▣ Ecosystem restoration and ecotourism
- ▣ Watershed hydrology and water resources management
- ▣ Applied geomorphology
- ▣ Urbanization and migration analysis
- ▣ Mega urban-regions and world cities
- ▣ Urban and regional development/governance in China
- ▣ Sustainable development in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta
- ▣ Energy and Environmental Policy
- ▣ Climate Change and Social Responses



# Placement of recent graduates

- Dr. ZHOU Yulun, GRM PhD Graduate of 2020, Assistant Professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Design, University of Hong Kong.
- Dr. GUO Yuanyuan, GRM PhD Graduate of 2020, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Rural Planning, Tianjin University
- Dr. LIU Jiangong, GRM PhD Graduate of 2020, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Research Institute of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
- Dr. ZHANG, Mengmeng, GRM PhD Graduate of 2019, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Geographical Science, Beijing Normal University
- Dr. SONG, Yimeng, GRM PhD Graduate of 2019, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Dr. SONG, Jinglu, GRM PhD Graduate of 2018, Assistant Professor, Urban Planning and Design Department, Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University

# Application deadline

Application Deadline for RPg programme 2024-2025	
MPhil and PhD Programme	<p>Main Round: 1 December 2023</p> <p>Clearing Round: 31 March 2024*</p> <p><small>*Applications in Clearing Round will only be considered subject to availability of places</small></p>
HKPFS	1 December 2023 at 12 noon (Hong Kong Time)





# GRM faculty members





# Application Procedures

Please refer to the Graduate School admissions website for more information: [\*\*http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions.\*\*](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions)

