

# ***Introduction to the Graduate School***

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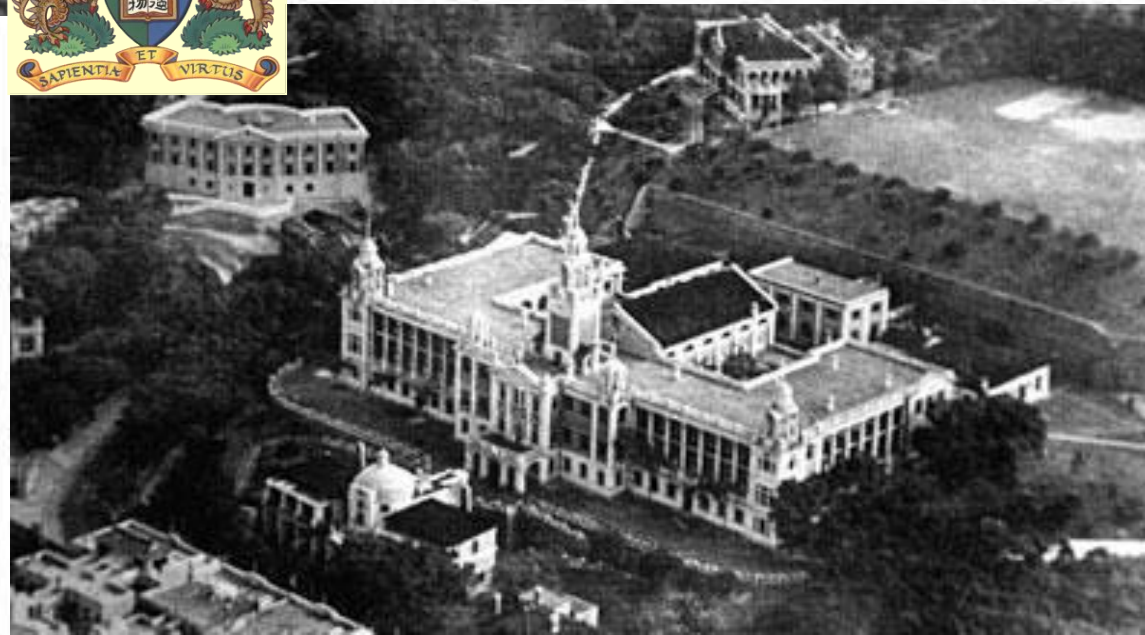


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# The University of Hong Kong



Founded in **1911**

*oldest in Hong Kong  
one of the oldest in Asia  
providing British-style education*



# A Comprehensive International University



Undergraduates: **over 17,000**  
Postgraduates (Research & Taught): **over 12,000**  
Over **7,700** academic and research staff



## 10 Faculties

Architecture, Arts, Business & Economics, Dentistry, Education,  
Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, & Social Sciences



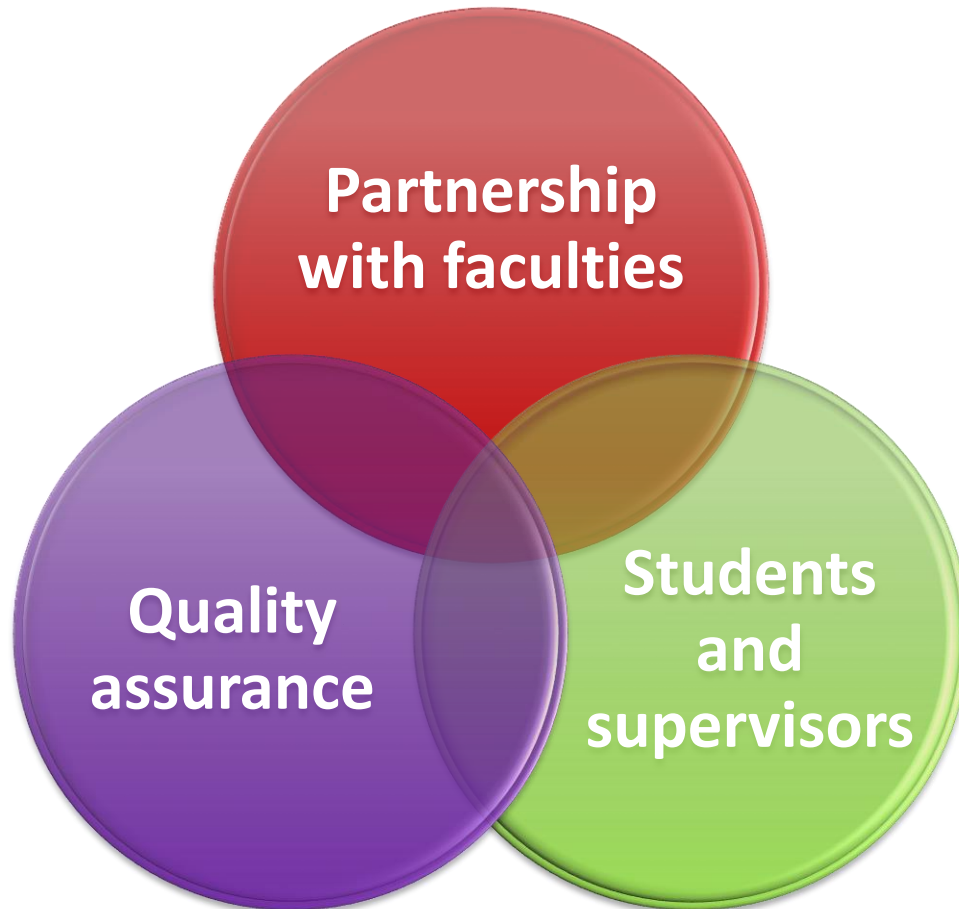


# *Role of the Graduate School*





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# Role of the Graduate School

- **partnership with Faculties** to provide **first class research postgraduate education and learning** that meet the **highest international standards**
- undertakes **quality assurance**
  - at **admission**
  - through providing **courses**
  - by monitoring and recording **student progress** (e.g., Bi-annual Progress Report, Achievement Card)
  - by considering **thesis examination results**
- supports **students and supervisors**
  - by providing **information** and **guidance** to research students and staff engaged in supervision





THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Handbook for  
**MPhil & PhD Programmes**

**2018-19**







**Research Studies at One of the Top Universities in the World**

- > MPhil & PhD Studies 2019-20 Guide to Application
- > How to Apply?
- > Housing for PG Students

2018-06-28 **NOTICES**

Survey of Experiences of Current and Graduated RPg Students 2018

GUIDE TO APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
**MPhil and PhD Studies**  
2019-20

Best viewed with Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or above, with Flash 8 or above plugin. Optimal display resolution: 1024 x 768 pixels.

**HONG KONG**  
PHD FELLOWSHIP SCHEME  
2019/20

*Courses, Workshops, Dialogues & Career Preparation*

MPhil & PhD Alumni/ Student Stories

**How to Apply?**  
**Why HKU?**  
**Housing for PG students**

**Scholarships**



# Publications

- Preparing and Submitting Your Thesis
- Plagiarism
- How to Prepare Thesis Proposal
- Newsletter

available on the GS website under "Publications & Newsletters"



### PhD Students Win Ernst Mach Grants for Research in Austria

Two PhD students – Alexandra Ridgway and Joseph Luk, both from the Department of Sociology – have been awarded the Ernst Mach research grants for the 2017-18 academic year. The Ernst Mach programme funds research in Austria. In 2018, Alexandra Ridgway, Professor Elisabeth Scheubelbacher, while Joseph will spend eight months at the University of Salzburg, Austria. They will be exploring the effectiveness of using social media in connecting an individual research method with a wide range of populations in Hong Kong and Austria. Joseph will continue with his research under the supervision of Dr. Ingrid Isenhardt, while Alexandra will continue with her research under the supervision of Professor Karen Lee.

Both Alexandra and Joseph are supervised by Professor Karen Lee. Alexandra's research is co-supervised by Dr Denise Tang.

### PhD Students Win Awards for Young Scientists

Two HKU PhD candidates won awards at the Hong Kong Institution of Science (HKIS) Annual Conference held on December 2, 2017. Daniel Ekler (Department of Computer Science) won the HKIS-Tungshui 2017 Young Scientist Award in the field of Physical/Mathematical Science for his research titled 'Optimal Quantum Networks', while Huiho Chow (The Law Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacy) received an Honorable Mention in the field of Life Science.



Quantum technologies have become a global focus of interdisciplinary research. Like conventional computers, quantum technologies often consist of several interconnected components. Daniel studies collections of components, called quantum networks. Specifically, he analyses the underlying structure of the networks, which is based on the laws of quantum physics. The networks have a promising range of applications, including improvements in satellite-based security, long-distance quantum key distribution, and higher security in data transmission. Daniel's work has shown that quantum networks offer a large number of advantages.

Wai-li was awarded for her research titled 'Effectiveness and Safety of New Oral Anticancer Agents in Patients with Adjuvant Breast Cancer' (OAC). OAC is recommended by oncology guidelines for cancer prevention, but it is not well studied among Asians. Wai-li's work explored an electronic clinical database of Hong Kong and found that the new OAC was associated with a lower risk of bleeding and fractures compared with traditional OAC. This was the largest study of OAC among Southern Chinese people in the study region where the prescribing of OAC is almost prohibitive.

The Young Scientist Awards are a territory-wide competition hosted by the HKIS. The awards aim to reward young scientists and engineers in Hong Kong who show great promise in their field of study with the hope that this will nurture the growth of science and technology in the region.

### HKU-SUSTech Joint Research Symposium 2017

To enhance academic exchanges between HKU and Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), our universities have agreed to co-organise a joint research symposium annually. It is held alternately at HKU and SUSTech – starting from 2017. The first joint research symposium was held at HKU on October 28, 2017, with the support of the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Graduate School Research Office of HKU.

Professor Paul Tam, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of HKU, and Professor Leo Tang, Vice-President of Research and Dean of the Graduate School of SUSTech, gave the opening addresses. Professor Van Hai Thanh, Associate Vice-President (Research), then chaired the keynote session and introduced Professor Ray Fukuda, Director and Chief Professor, School of Public Health, HKU, who presented a keynote lecture on Antimicrobial resistance. Emphasising the focus from infectious to social, this was followed by an overview of the research areas of HKU and SUSTech, and the HKU-SUSTech Joint Research Programme for PhD (Programme). The overview was presented by Professor Mui Len Ouy, Dean of the Graduate School of HKU, Professor Doris Wan, Associate Dean (Internationalisation and Partnership) of the Graduate School of SUSTech, Subsequently, researchers and their supervisors were invited to the theme of 'Promoting good health, Developing a sustainable environment, and Advancing emerging research and innovation'.



### Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Awards Programme 2018-19

Ten HKU PhD candidates will be selected by the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award Programme 2018-19 to conduct their dissertations at nine institutions in the United States. The programme was funded by Research Grants Council (RGC) in collaboration with the US Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macao, supported by commercial donors solicited by the Hong Kong American Council. Candidates can go to the following link to view the list of institutions: [http://www.fulbright-hk.org](#)



Karman Leung (PhD candidate, Department of Health Estate and Community Planning) researches the information communication technology (ICT) industry in the United States. Her research is a study of 'spatially embedded ICT industry' in the United States. This research experience will provide a valuable chance to study informal learning, individual problems and the impact of innovation on cities on overseas researchers and their supervisors.

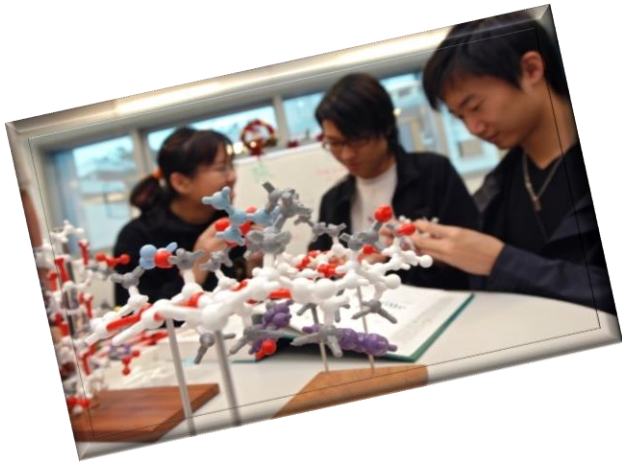
The research interests of Huiying Liu (PhD candidate in the Department of Social Work and Social Administration) focus on social determinants of health among community adults. She will be working on a research project in St. Louis to identify ethnic patterns of health inequalities among young adults in the US and China, and to determine the relative importance of social determinants of health. Each participant will carry a smartphone-based self-reporting assessment system to collect psychological data, and a wearable health monitoring device to record physical activity.

### PhD Students Receive Jurassic Foundation Funding for Dinosaur Research

Congratulations to Raymond Kwok Yau Fong and Adam Ng, two year PhD students of the MPhil Program of the Department of Earth Sciences – for receiving competitive research grants from the Jurassic Foundation. The Jurassic Foundation awards grants to early-career researchers to conduct projects related to dinosaurs. Raymond will be using his award to conduct his project of 'How light to improve the study of bone microstructure, which paleontologists use to reconstruct dinosaur growth patterns. Adam will be developing his light microscopy and colour patterning of the strange 'bat-like' bird relative 'U. of. Well done Raymond and Adam!







# *Support Services of the Graduate School*



# Support

Graduate School **courses**:

- **compulsory courses**
- **optional courses**
- **language courses**





# Support

## Professional development:

- **Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**  
(*organised by CETL*)
- **Career advice for RPgs website**  
(*developed jointly with Careers and Placement of CEDARS*)
- **Dialogues between veteran and aspiring researchers**
- **Workshops and Seminars**  
(some *organised by CEDARS*) - Counselling and Person Enrichment (CoPE)
- **Annual HKSTP Internship & Career Expo @ HKU**  
(*jointly organised by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corp., Graduate School, Graduate House and CEDARS*)



# Support

## Certificate of Teaching & Learning in Higher Education 2018-19

- by CETL
- **seminar** mode
- for RPgs **before** Faculties/ Departments/other units can assign teaching and/or assessment duties
- *Online Registration*

<http://www.cetl.hku.hk/certificate-courses>



# Career Website for RPg Students



## Careers & Placement

Home

Students

Employers

About Us

More

It's a beautiful thing when  
a career and a passion  
come together.

Looking for a Job?

Looking to HIRE?

CAREER



# Support

- Graduate School **seminar:**
  - **Orientation Programme**
- Student Support Services:
  - Graduate Student **Academic Writing** Support Service  
(co-organised by Centre for Applied English Studies)
  - **Statistical Advice Centre** for Students (STACS)  
(co-organised by Social Sciences Research Centre)
- **Conference Support**
- **Travel Support** for International Academic Training/ Research Activities
- **Postgraduate Activity Grants** for Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA) to organise academic activities





# Support

## Scholarships and Awards, including:

- University Postgraduate Fellowships
- HKSAR Government Scholarships
- RGC Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme
- Doris Zimmern HKU-Cambridge Hughes Hall Scholarships
- The Croucher Foundation Research Studentship
- The Butterfield-Croucher Studentship
- Croucher Scholar
- Li Ka Shing Prizes
- Eurasia-Pacific Uninet Scholarships
- Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student Awards, etc.

*plus other awards administered by the Faculties*



# Conference/Travel Support

**MPhil - conference support once or travel support once**

**PhD - conference support twice or**

**conference support once and travel support once**

**HKPF awardees are strongly encouraged to conduct their conference trips in the first three years of their studies.**





# *Communication from the Graduate School*



# Communication

- **RPg representation on the Policy Board of Postgraduate Education**
- Feedback from RPgs through **reports, surveys and questionnaires**, *e.g. six-monthly progress report, coursework evaluation, student learning experiences survey and exit survey*
- **Meetings** with PGSA, e.g. Staff-Student Course Consultative Meeting
- **Alumni Tracer Survey** (*to be launched online in 2018*)
- Update of new policies/practices/events in **letters, newsletters & e-mails**
- **Reminders** to key events of candidature





*Thank you!*

