

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

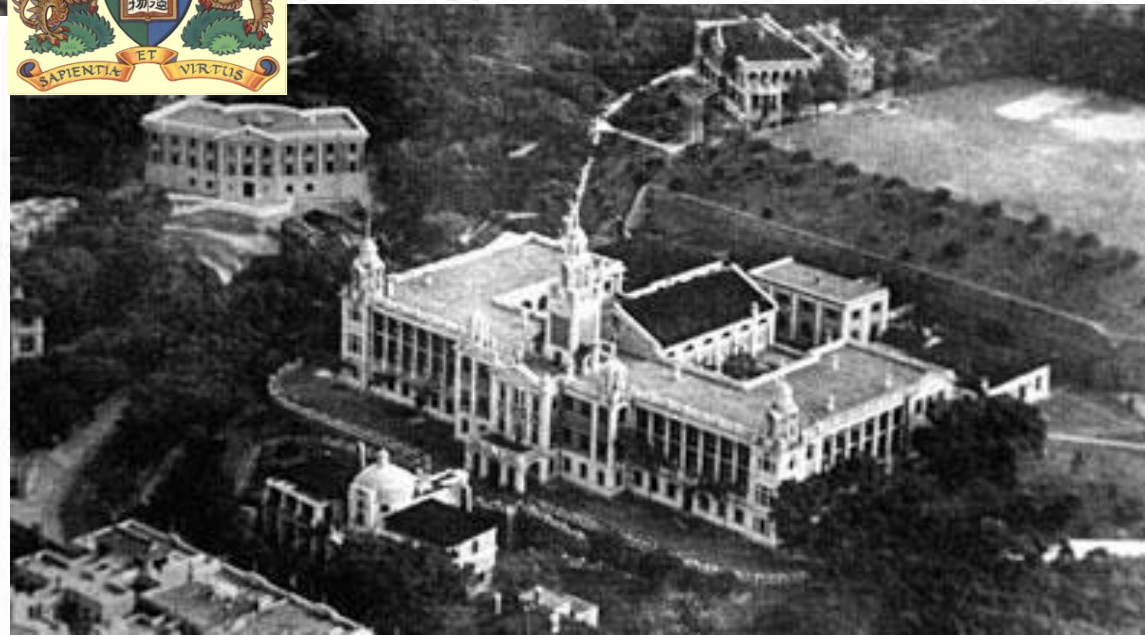
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*Kintoy Professor in Mathematics Education*



# The University of Hong Kong



Founded in **1911**

*oldest in Hong Kong  
and one of the oldest in Asia*



# A Comprehensive International University



Undergraduates: **over 17,000**  
Postgraduates (Taught): **over 9,800**  
Postgraduates (Research): **over 2,800**  
Over **7,500** academic and research staff



## 10 Faculties

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

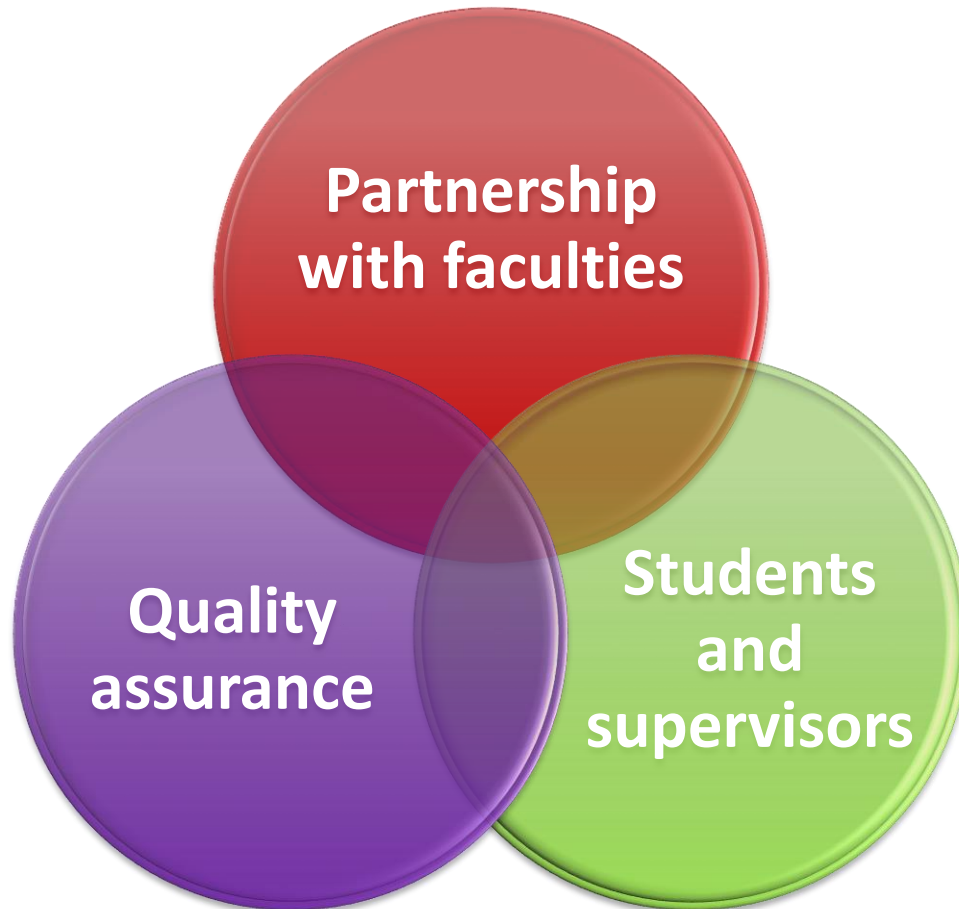




# *Role of the Graduate School*



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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**
- **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**
- **students and supervisors**
  - by providing **information** and **guidance** to research students and staff engaged in supervision





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- 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 Rodgney and Joanne Luk, both from the Department of Sociology – have been awarded the Ernst Mach European Union Marie Skłodowska Curie Research Grants for research in Austria. In 2018, Alexandra's grant is for research in Vienna for six months while Joanne's grant is for research in Vienna for six months. Both students will be spending time at the University of Salzburg, Austria, under the supervision of Professor Elisabeth Scheuchl. Alexandra will be exploring the effectiveness of using a mobile-based intervention in a real-world research method with an underserved population in Hong Kong and Austria. Joanne will continue with her research on the effectiveness of using a mobile-based intervention in a real-world research method with an underserved population in Hong Kong and Austria. Both awards are supervised by Professor Karen Joe Laidler, Alexandra is co-supervised by Dr Denise Tang.

### PhD Students Win Awards for Young Scientists

Two HKU PhD candidates won awards at the Hong Kong Institute of Science (HKIS) Annual Conference held on December 2, 2017. David Ekber (Department of Computer Science) won the 2017 Young Scientist Award in the field of Physical/Mathematical Science for his research titled "Optimal Quantum Networks", while Wai Lok Chan (Department of Pharmacy) received an Honorary Member in the field of Life Science.



Quantum technologies have become a global focus of interdisciplinary research. Like all other quantum technologies, quantum networks often consist of several interconnected components. David studies collections of components, called quantum networks. Specifically, he analyzes the underlying structure of the networks, which is based on the laws of quantum physics. The networks have a promising range of applications, including quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum cryptography, and quantum sensing. David's work has been published in several high-profile journals, including Nature Communications, Nature, and Nature Communications. David's work has also been featured in several news outlets, including the Hong Kong Free Press, the South China Morning Post, and the New York Times. David is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Computer Science at HKU.

### HKU-SUSTech Joint Research Symposium 2017

To enhance academic exchanges between HKU and Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), both universities have agreed to co-organize a joint research symposium annually. It is held annually at HKU and SUSTech campus from 2017. The first joint research symposium was held at SUSTech on October 20, 2017, with the support of the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Maritime Research Projects Office of HKU.

Professor Paul Tam, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of HKU, and Professor Vincent Chan, Vice-President of Research and Dean of the Graduate School of HKU, were the opening speakers. Professor Ma Jun Shun, Associate President (Research) and Chief Professor of Public Health of SUSTech, who presented a keynote lecture on "Innovative Research: Bridging the Gap between Technical and Social". This was followed by an overview of the symposium by the Dean of the Graduate School of HKU, Professor Dong Yan, and the Dean of the Graduate School of SUSTech, Professor Shuanghua Yang, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of SUSTech. Subsequently, several keynote lectures were held, with the focus on "Promoting good health: Developing a sustainable environment, and promoting research and innovation".

Professor Dong Yan, Dean of the Graduate School of HKU, Professor Shuanghua Yang, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of SUSTech, and Professor Shuanghua Yang, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of SUSTech, were the closing speakers. The symposium was a great success, with many fruitful discussions and collaborations between the two universities.



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

The HKU PhD candidates will be sponsored by the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Awards Programme 2018-19 to conduct their dissertations at elite institutions in the United States. The programme will award 2018-19 to conduct their dissertations at elite institutions in the United States. The programme will award 2018-19 to conduct their dissertations at elite institutions in the United States. The programme will award 2018-19 to conduct their dissertations at elite institutions in the United States.



The research interests of Huiying Liu (PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology) focus on social capital and social networks. She will be spending time at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to study informal financial institutions and the impact of social capital on financial institutions. She will be spending time at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to study informal financial institutions and the impact of social capital on financial institutions.

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

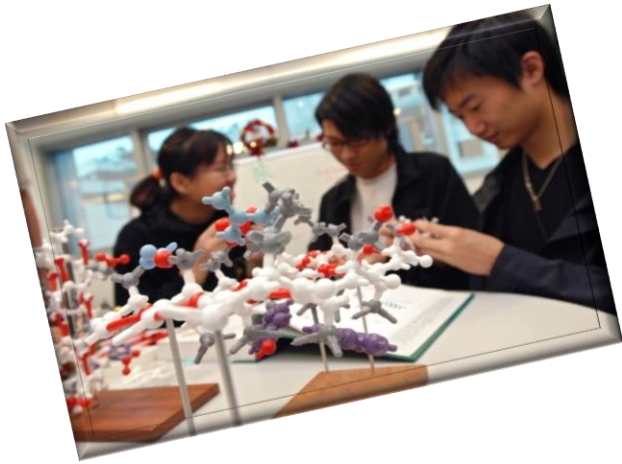
Congratulations to Raymond Kwai Man Fong and Andrew Bay, 1st year PhD students of Dr Michael Patten in the Department of Earth Sciences, for receiving competitive research grants from the Jurassic Foundation. The Jurassic Foundation awards grants to support researchers to conduct research on dinosaurs. Raymond will be using the award to investigate the potential for using light to improve the study of bone microstructure, while Andrew will be investigating the use of reconstructing growth patterns. Andrew will be investigating the use of reconstructing growth patterns. Andrew will be investigating the use of reconstructing growth patterns.



## Plagiarism

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# *Support Services of the Graduate School*



# Support

Graduate School **coursework provision:**

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





# Support

## Professional development:

- **Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**  
(*organised by CETL*)
- **Career advice for RPs 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 2019-20

- by CETL
- in **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

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# 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
- HKU-Cambridge Hughes Hall Scholarships
- Croucher Foundation Fellowships and Scholarships
- Li Ka Shing Prizes
- Eurasia-Pacific Uninet Scholarships
- Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student Awards
- Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Awards
- Belt and Road Scholarships
- Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship 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

- Feedback from RPs through **reports, surveys and questionnaires**, *e.g. six-monthly progress report, achievement card, coursework evaluation, student learning experiences survey and exit survey*
- **Meetings** with PGSA, e.g. Staff-Student Course Consultative Meeting
- **Alumni Tracer Survey**
- Update of new policies/practices/events in **letters, newsletters & e-mails**
- **Reminders** to key events of candidature



*Thank you!*

