

Unlock Your Research Potential at PolyU

Unique Advantage of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, a vibrant city that beautifully blends Eastern and Western cultures, offering a unique environment where tradition meets modernity. Located at the heart of Asia, Hong Kong provides students with a dynamic lifestyle, rich cultural experiences, and unparalleled access to global research networks, making it an ideal backdrop for aspiring researchers to pursue their academic endeavours.

World-class Education

With a proud history of over 85 years, PolyU strives to be an innovative university that pursues excellence in education and research for the benefit of mankind. Our commitment to providing world-class education is reflected in the University being consistently ranked among the top 100 institutions globally by prestigious organisations such as QS, Times Higher Education, and U.S. News & World Report.

Niche Disciplines

PolyU has a reputation of excellence in Engineering and Technology, as well as a range of niche disciplines, including Design, Fashion and Textiles, Geomatics, Hotel and Tourism Management, Maritime Studies, Optometry, and Rehabilitation Sciences, to name just a few.

Impactful Research

Embedded in PolyU's DNA is a commitment to bettering the world through pioneering research in frontier areas, including Deep Space Exploration, Smart Cities, Materials and Sensing Technology, Life Sciences and Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, and Advanced Manufacturing.

Prestigious Scholarships

PolyU is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of researchers. A range of attractive PhD scholarships is offered to empower students to excel in their PhD journeys.

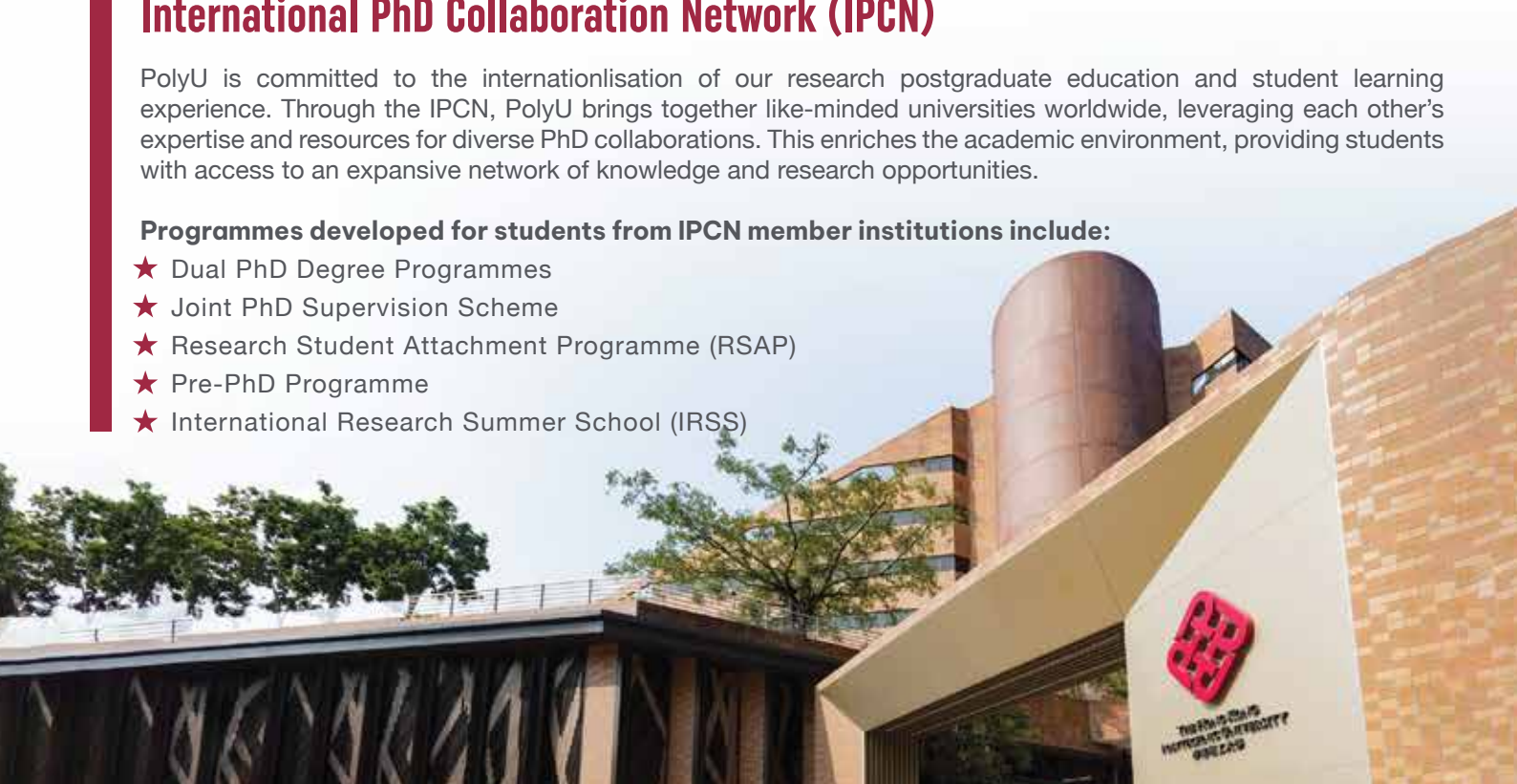
Worldwide Reach

International PhD Collaboration Network (IPCN)

PolyU is committed to the internationalisation of our research postgraduate education and student learning experience. Through the IPCN, PolyU brings together like-minded universities worldwide, leveraging each other's expertise and resources for diverse PhD collaborations. This enriches the academic environment, providing students with access to an expansive network of knowledge and research opportunities.

Programmes developed for students from IPCN member institutions include:

- ★ Dual PhD Degree Programmes
- ★ Joint PhD Supervision Scheme
- ★ Research Student Attachment Programme (RSAP)
- ★ Pre-PhD Programme
- ★ International Research Summer School (IRSS)



Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of the HKSAR Government, the HKPFS is the most recognised PhD Scholarship that aims at supporting the best and brightest students worldwide to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong.

HKPFS candidates nominated by PolyU to RGC will be offered a PhD place with the award of a PolyU scholarship (mutually exclusive with HKPFS).

WE ARE LOOKING FOR :

Candidates seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in Hong Kong who demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, strong research ability and potential, rich cultural diversity, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, exceptional leadership qualities, and devoted societal responsibility.

POLYU-HKPFS PACKAGE 2025/26

In addition to the HKPFS package, PolyU offers generous top-up to further support students throughout their normal PhD study period.

- ▲ MONTHLY STIPENDS
- ▲ CASH AWARDS
- ▲ TUITION FEE WAIVER
- ▲ CONFERENCE GRANT
- ▲ GUARANTEED 2-YEAR UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Total Package Up To

HKD1.67M (~USD215,040)

RGC APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 DEC 2024 12:00 (GMT+8)

POLYU APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 DEC 2024 23:59 (GMT+8)



Applicants must submit an HKPFS application (with PolyU as the preferred choice) to the RGC and a full PhD application to PolyU to be considered.



PolyU Presidential PhD Fellowship Scheme (PPPFS)

Designed for top candidates from around the world with exceptional academic and research achievements, the PPPFS is a highly prestigious and competitive scholarship, offering a package comparable to the esteemed Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS).

WE ARE LOOKING FOR :

Full-time PhD candidates who demonstrate exceptional academic achievements, high-quality international publications, outstanding references, strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

PPPFS PACKAGE 2025/26

(for the entire normal study period)

- ▲ MONTHLY STIPENDS
- ▲ CASH AWARDS
- ▲ TUITION FEE WAIVER
- ▲ CONFERENCE GRANT
- ▲ ELIGIBLE HALL PLACE FOR 1 YEAR

Total Package Up To

HKD1.63M (~USD209,135)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 DEC 2024 23:59 (GMT+8)



PPPFS applicants are strongly encouraged to apply also for the HKPFS to maximise the chances of receiving a scholarship.



International PhD Fellowship Scheme (IPFS)

Designed for high-calibre international students, the IPFS is a distinctive scholarship that aims to support talented PhD candidates from around the world to pursue research in Hong Kong.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR :

Full-time international PhD candidates who have achieved excellent academic results from reputable universities and demonstrate strong research ability and potential, leadership abilities and potential to contribute to the internationalisation of the University.

IPFS PACKAGE 2025/26

(for the entire normal study period)

- ▲ MONTHLY STIPENDS
- ▲ CASH AWARDS (subject to allocation)
- ▲ TUITION FEE WAIVER
- ▲ CONFERENCE GRANT
- ▲ ELIGIBLE HALL PLACE FOR 1 YEAR

Total Package Up To

HKD1.2M (~USD155,220)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 DEC 2024 23:59 (GMT+8)



IPFS applicants are strongly encouraged to apply also for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme to maximise the chances of receiving a scholarship.



Dual PhD Degree Programmes

THE PROGRAMME

In an equally split study pattern, the Dual PhD Degree Programmes provide full-time PhD students the opportunity to conduct research at PolyU and a prestigious partner university, benefiting from the academic and research excellence of both universities.

FEATURES

*Two PhD degrees,
one from each university*

*Attractive
stipend/ scholarship*

*Joint supervision by two
Chief Supervisors*

ELIGIBILITY

Current PhD students at partner universities

*Prospective or Year 1 PolyU PhD students
(to overseas partner universities only)*



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Joint PhD Supervision Scheme

THE PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to support the joint supervision of international full-time PhD students from world-renowned universities to conduct research at PolyU as a Research Assistant for a period of 12 months. Monthly financial support will be provided by PolyU during the students' appointment period. Students will have the exciting opportunity to engage in collaborative research projects under the guidance of supervisors from both universities, fostering a rich exchange of ideas and expertise.

FEATURES

*Joint Research Projects with
Top Scholars in a
Multi-cultural Setting*

Attractive Funding Support

*Co-supervision and Shared
Research Excellence*

ELIGIBILITY

*Full-time international PhD students from
selected universities*

*The 12-month Research Assistant
appointment period at PolyU must fall
within the study period of the student*



Pre-PhD Programme

THE PROGRAMME

A taster programme designed to support international Master's students from selected overseas universities to conduct research at PolyU as a Research Assistant under a PolyU host supervisor and experience PolyU's research environment. During the appointment period, the host supervisor will assess the student's suitability to pursue a PhD at PolyU and work towards establishing an early-stage supervisory relationship with the student.

FEATURES

3 to 6 months of research internship at PolyU

Mobility Grants to support travel & accommodation expenses

Guidance to prepare for PhD studies

ELIGIBILITY

International Master's student from selected overseas universities, whose degree requires a dissertation as an award requirement

Hold a nationality other than Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau or Hong Kong

Demonstrate strong academic performance and high research potential

Have a genuine interest in pursuing a PhD



Research Student Attachment Programme

THE PROGRAMME

Designed to enhance students' global exposure and encourage international research collaborations, the Research Student Attachment Programme (RSAP) supports PhD students to conduct attachment studies both to and from leading universities worldwide ranging from 3 months to 1 year under the guidance of a host supervisor. Currently, the RSAP connects PolyU with a vast network of over 300 institutions in 40 countries, facilitating opportunities for both outgoing and incoming PhD students.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Outgoing Visit:

Subsistence allowance of HK\$250/day (up to 180 days) and a travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (by reimbursement)

Incoming Visit:

Subsistence allowance of HK\$400/day (up to 180 days)

ELIGIBILITY

Outgoing Visit:

Current PolyU PhD students with good academic standing

Incoming Visit:

Current PhD students with good academic standing, whose home institutions are overseas (except mainland China, Macau and Taiwan)



OUTGOING VISIT



INCOMING VISIT





PolyU International Research Summer School



Experience Research Studies at PolyU!

The PolyU International Research Summer School (IRSS) is a two-week PhD taster programme that brings together students from around the globe to experience PolyU's dynamic and vibrant research environment.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with esteemed academics, acquire new research skills, explore advanced research facilities, expand global networks, enjoy cultural activities, and forge lasting friendship with peers from different backgrounds. This unique experience is open to all exceptional senior undergraduates and master's students around the world. Join us and prepare for research studies at PolyU!

Who is Eligible?

- ▶ Penultimate or final year undergraduate students of any discipline; or
- ▶ Master's students of any discipline; and
- ▶ Able to attend all sessions of the Summer School in person on PolyU campus

What to Expect?



Possible nomination for an offer of admission through the International PhD Fellowship Scheme (IPFS)



Consultation with professors in different research areas



Exploration of PolyU and cultural experience in Asia's world city

Other financial assistance

Cash allowance for selected participants

Full subsidy for Hong Kong study visa fee

Free student hall accommodation during the Summer School

How to apply?

The application period typically opens in January and closes in February. Details will be announced on <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs>.