

PhD study at the HKU Medical Faculty under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme



Hong Kong PhD Fellowships

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme is newly established in 2009 by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) which aims at recruiting the best and brightest students of any country of origin and ethnic background to pursue PhD study in Hong Kong's institutions. The expected registration date is September 2010. Awardees of this Fellowship scheme will be provided with a **monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (US\$2,564*) and travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (US\$1,282*) per year to a maximum period of three years.**

The **University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine** is now inviting high calibre students, who are planning to engage in full-time PhD studies, to apply for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship scheme **with HKU as their first priority institution**. While academic excellence is of prime consideration, the following criteria will also be taken into consideration:

- research ability and potential;
- communication and interpersonal skills; and
- leadership abilities.

Introducing the Faculty

HKU has been named, by the Quacquarelli Symonds Asian University Rankings, the best university in the whole of Asia (http://www.topuniversities.com/worlduniversityrankings/asianuniversityrankings/asian_university_rankings_top_200_universities/). Being the largest faculty in the University, the Medical Faculty has more than 220 full-time teaching staff, 600 research staff and 550 research postgraduate students undertaking a wide spectrum of research, ranging from studies in frontiers basic medical sciences to cutting-edge clinical research.

With a strong research base, the Medical Faculty has made significant contributions to the understanding and treatment of various diseases for the betterment of mankind. Students of the Faculty, apart from enjoying the benefit of working in technologically advanced laboratories, are also offered opportunities to increase their international exposure by engaging in research exchange overseas.

Other opportunities available

HKU University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)

HKU University Postgraduate Fellowships are available for selected full-time PhD candidates with excellent academic record. The Fellowship is worth HK\$70,000 (US\$8,970*), which is awarded on top of the Postgraduate Studentship (see below).

HKU Postgraduate Studentship (PGS)

Full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree with second-class honours first division (or equivalent) or above are normally considered eligible to receive a Postgraduate Studentship during the normative study period. Candidates' results in Master's degrees will also be considered. The basic level of studentship is HK\$13,100 (US\$1,679*) per month (subject to revision).

Scholarships and conference/travel grants

The University administers a number of scholarships that are awarded to postgraduate students for outstanding academic achievements. MPhil and PhD students are also eligible for conference and/or travel grants.

Further Information

Further details can be found at the links below:-

<http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/hkphd/hkphd.htm>

<http://www.hku.hk/facmed/rpg/>

<http://www.hku.hk/facmed/index.html>

<http://www.hku.hk/gradsch>

(About the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships)

(Research Postgraduate Prospectus of the Medical Faculty)

(About the Medical Faculty of HKU)

(Admission requirement of HKU)

Application

Applications are invited from September 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009, please apply through

<http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/hkphd/hkphd.htm>.

* US\$1=HK\$7.8