Fields of PhD Studies at CityUHK

The PhD programme is offered in the following academic units, covering a wide range of strategic areas to suit individuals' research interests:

Science, Medicine, Engineering and Technology

- Architecture and Civil Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biostatistics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy and Environment
- Infectious Diseases and Public Health
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Systems Engineering
- Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies

- Accountancy
- Chinese and History
- Creative Media
- Decision Analytics and Operations
- Economics and Finance
- English
- Information Systems
- Law
- Linguistics and Translation
- Management
- Marketing
- Media and Communication
- Public and International Affairs
- Social and Behavioural Sciences

How to search for a research supervisor at CityUHK?

1 Visit

2 Choose the academic unit that fits your discipline/ area of research interest

3 Go to "People" (or similar term), then "Academic Staff" (or similar term)

4 Select the faculty members to see their profiles and contact information

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Mainland Collaboration Scheme Joint Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme Entry 2027

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#47 *[U.S.News & World Report] 2026-2027 Best Global Universities Rankings*

#52 *[QS] World University Rankings 2027*

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Admission Requirements

Candidates seeking admission should:

- Be current or soon-to-be PhD students at the home university upon commencement of study; and
- Satisfy CityUHK's minimum English proficiency requirement: a total score of 79 (old scale) or 4.5 (new scale) in TOEFL (internet-based test) or an overall band score of 6.5 in IELTS within two years.

Financial Summary

(All figures are for 2026 entry and subject to annual review and adjustment.)

During the study at CityUHK (Main Campus):

Financial Support

Studentship	HK$ 19,100 per month (Basic Rate before Candidature Confirmation) HK$ 19,600 per month (Advance Rate after Candidature Confirmation)

Expenses

Tuition Fee	HK$ 3,916 per month after 50% subsidized by CityUHK
Accommodation	On-Campus: Not guaranteed Off-campus: ~HK$ 50,000 - 60,000 per 2 semesters
Insurance Coverage	HK$ 153 per year (for personal accident, medical insurance and travel)

During the study at CityUHK's designated study locations in Chinese Mainland:

Financial Support

Studentship	RMB 5,000 or RMB 3,000 (depending on the designated study location)

Expenses

Tuition Fee	100% subsidized by CityUHK
Accommodation	Not included

* CityUHK also offers Peter Ho Conference Scholarships (何稼楠学术会议奖学金) at RMB15,000 to support students under the Joint PhD Programme for attending overseas conferences.

Application Procedures

Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of the home university will make further announcement and collect applications between October and early December for commencement of study in September of the following year. Please discuss with your proposed supervisors at both universities before applying, and do **NOT** apply online.

Joint PhD Programme Structure

Duration
4 years (full-time)

Study Locations
- Home university; and
- CityUHK (Main Campus) in Hong Kong, or designated location

Medium of Instruction and Assessment
English

Programme Requirements
- Pass the Qualifying Report, Oral Presentation and Qualifying Examination for candidature confirmation;
- Submit Annual Progress Reports after candidature confirmation;
- Obtain a minimum of 14 credit units (including core courses, research methodology courses and ethics course);
- Complete a compulsory online training course on research integrity;
- Fulfill a minimum cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 3.0 in the prescribed coursework; and
- Pass the Thesis Examination

Supervisory Arrangements
Dual supervisor system (双导师制) with supervisors from CityUHK and home university.

Thesis Assessment Arrangement
Joint examination panel (联合答辩委员会) with examiners from both CityUHK and home university for "Voting by both sides in one oral defense" (一次答辩、两边投票).

PhD Degree/Graduation Award Certificate
Subject to the fulfilment of the graduation requirements of the respective universities, students may receive PhD degree/graduation award certificates and attend graduation ceremonies at both universities.

