



College of Engineering

香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong

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Hong Kong PhD Fellowship

The College of Engineering now invites applications for admission to PhD programmes at City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) in 2027/28.

2027/28

Why College of Engineering?

International Rankings

- Most International Universities in the World 2024 & 2025 & 2026 (THE)
- One of the two universities in Hong Kong which ranked top 100 in four major ranking systems (QS, THE, ShanghaiRanking, U.S. News)

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings



By Subjects - Worldwide

Materials Sciences	39 th
Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	71 st
Engineering - Civil & Structural	51 st -100 th

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings



By Subjects - Worldwide

Engineering	58 th
Computer Science	61 st
Physical Sciences	65 th

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking



By Subjects - Worldwide

Library & Information Science	3 rd
Metallurgical Engineering	9 th
Automation & Control	11 th
Environmental Science & Engineering	14 th
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	18 th
Chemical Engineering	44 th
Energy Science & Engineering	9 th
Materials Science & Engineering	34 th
Mechanical Engineering	37 th
Instruments Science & Technology	38 th
Biomedical Engineering	50 th
Transportation Science & Technology	20 th
Telecommunication Engineering	22 nd
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	22 nd
Civil Engineering	36 th
Robotic Science & Engineering	41 st
Computer Science & Engineering	47 th
Artificial Intelligence	51 st - 75 th

U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings



By Subjects - Worldwide

Materials Science	5 th
Physical Chemistry	6 th
Condensed Matter Physics	7 th
Energy & Fuels	8 th
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	8 th
Optics	9 th
Chemical Engineering	22 nd
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	27 th
Engineering	17 th
Green and Sustainable Science & Technology	23 rd
Mechanical Engineering	25 th
Computer Science	23 rd
Artificial Intelligence	26 th
Civil Engineering	47 th

Our Academic Units

- Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering
- Department of Electrical Engineering
- Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Department of Systems Engineering



About Ranking



Major Research Laboratories and Centres

State Key Laboratory

- State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves (City University of Hong Kong)

Chinese National Engineering Research Center

- Hong Kong Branch of National Precious Metals Material Engineering Research Center

Joint Laboratories with the Chinese Academy of Sciences

- Joint Laboratory of Nanomaterials and Nanomechanics (with Institute of Metal Research)
- Joint Laboratory for Robotic Research (with Shenyang Institute of Automation)



Research Centres

- Research Centre for Advanced Structural Materials
- Research Centre for Biosystems, Neuroscience, and Nanotechnology
- Research Centre for Complexity and Complex Networks
- Research Centre for Functional Photonics
- Research Centre for Nature-Inspired Engineering
- Research Centre for Robotics and Automation
- Research Centre for Smart Energy Conversion and Utilization
- Research Centre of Super-Diamond and Advanced Films
- Research Center for Advanced Nuclear Safety and Sustainable Development



What the Fellowship and CityUHK Offer?

HKPFS provides the following for each awardee for three years:

- Monthly stipend: HK\$28,700 (~US\$3,680)
- Yearly travel allowance: HK\$14,400 (~US\$1,840) for conference and research-related activities

Additional financial support by CityUHK for each awardee:

- Entrance scholarship: HK\$111,300 (~US\$14,270) to pay for full-time tuition fees and university hall accommodation fees for the first year of study
- Monthly stipend: HK\$28,700 (~US\$3,680) for the fourth year of study
- Additional travel allowance for conference and research-related activities





How to Apply to CityUHK?

Applications to the Fellowship Scheme are invited from 1 September 2026 – 1 December 2026. Applicants are required to submit online applications to both Research Grants Council (RGC) and CityUHK.



STEP
01

RGC's Application Deadline:

1 December 2026 (by 12:00 HKT)

Applicants:

Obtain an RGC reference number by registering at RGC's Online Application System



STEP
02

CityUHK's Application Deadline:

1 December 2026 (by 23:59 HKT)

Applicants:

Submit full application, together with supporting documents, to CityUHK's Online Admission System, quoting the RGC reference number



Entrance Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to PhD studies at CityUHK should satisfy the following minimum entrance requirements:

- Hold a higher degree by research (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- Hold a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- Hold a Bachelor's degree with first class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

English Proficiency Requirements

Applicants from an institution where the language of teaching is not English should satisfy the following minimum English proficiency requirements:

- A total score of 79 (internet-based test) or 4.5 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards) in TOEFL; or
- An overall band score of 6.5 in IELTS

TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date and must be valid at the time of submission of application.



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Useful Information

More information about our College and
the Scheme is available on the following websites:

CityUHK's website on
Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme
www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/hkphd



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www.cityu.edu.hk/ceng

