Additional Funding for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) Awardees

1. Starting from the 2019/20 academic year, the University Grants Committee (UGC) of the HKSAR Government has approved an additional funding to strengthen the support to PhD students under the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS).

2. The additional funding is applicable for both current and new HKPFS awardees within the three year fellowship period as stipulated by UGC’s terms and conditions. Depending on the annual budgets of the HKSAR Government, the additional funding arrangement is not guaranteed.

3. Apart from the monthly stipend and conference and research-related travel allowance in the standard fellowship award package, the University has decided to utilize the additional funding from the UGC to provide the following financial assistance to eligible students:

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| (a) Additional Stipend                        | Year 1 Student: HK$5,000 per month
Year 2 Student: HK$5,500 per month
Year 3 Student: HK$6,000 per month             | July 2020 (2019/20 Academic Year)                                                 |
| (b) Equipment Procurement                     | HK$8,000 per student per academic year (to be released at the beginning of the academic year) | 2020/21 Academic Year           |
| (c) Academic Performance Award (GPA >= 3.5)   | HK$10,000 at the end of each academic year                                        | 2020/21 Academic Year           |
| (d) Qualifying Exam Award                     | HK$15,000 upon passing the Qualifying Exam                                         | 2020/21 Academic Year           |
| (e) Conference and Research Related Allowance | (i) Poster Conference: HK$4,000 per conference
(ii) Oral Conference: HK$8,000 per conference
(iii) Prestigious Conference Award: HK$10,000 per conference, maximum 3 awards in the entire fellowship period
(iv) Research Activity Fund: HK$8,000 per month, maximum 6 months | 2020/21 Academic Year |

4. Payment of the subsidies and awards listed in items (a) through (d) will be arranged by the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies for eligible students. No applications are required. For item (e), students are required to submit the application during the designated periods. The terms and conditions are prescribed in the next section.
Terms and Conditions for the Conference and Research Related Allowance

5. Each HKPFS awardee, in the three-year fellowship period, may receive the prestigious conference award (item e-iii in the above table) for a maximum of three times (once per year on average), subject to the College/School Dean’s approval and availability of quota.

6. For the same conference, only one type of allowance / award (items e-i, e-ii or e-iii) will be granted.

7. For the same conference, students may simultaneously apply for the HKPFS conference travel allowance, and the CityU Conference Grant, on reimbursement basis. The “Guidelines for the Award of Conference Grants” applies. For details, students should refer to the Application Form “Application for Use of Conference and Research Related Travel Allowance (Applicable to Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Recipients only / Form HKPFS08”).