Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Research and Knowledge Exchange
The University

The University of Hong Kong (HKU), founded in 1911, is Hong Kong’s oldest university. It is recognized internationally as a dynamic and comprehensive research-led university of world-class standing, and provides a high standard of education at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

HKU stands with the top universities in the world. It has consistently been ranked as one of the best universities in Asia, and is placed 28th in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2014.

The Institute

Established in 2001, the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (Inc. Centre of Asian Studies) (HKIHSS) has a mission to promote innovative, multi-disciplinary, and inter-institutional research and teaching in the humanities and social sciences related to China in the world. Focusing on China in Asia and in the world from historical and contemporary perspectives, it supports diverse platforms for a critical community of scholars to share experience across the globe.

The Institute is also proactively developing new programmes with strategic alliances in the United States, Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East. Key partners include Yale University, New York University, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Association of Asian Studies, Social Science Research Council (New York), Heidelberg University, Needham Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Academia Sinica, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Peking University, Nankai University and Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou).

Our Teaching Experts

Our teaching experts include members from the Institute as well as staff from the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences. Through the Institutional Enhancement Scheme funded by the Lee Hysan Foundation, the Institute will be inviting more Honorary Professors from overseas universities who, together with The University’s Distinguished Visiting Professors in the Humanities, will also participate in postgraduate teaching.

Prof. Angela Ki Che Leung
PhD (Paris)
Director and Chair Professor of History, HKIHSS; Joseph Needham-Philip Mao Professor in Chinese History, Science and Civilization

Area of expertise: history of science, medicine and technology in pre-modern and modern East Asia; modern nutritional science and concepts in the early 20th century; charitable organizations in the Ming-Qing China
Students will be supervised by a member of the Institute or a qualified fellow engaged in research at the Institute. Cross-disciplinary supervision could be arranged with the co-operation of teaching staff from other teaching units at The University.
Our Postgraduate Programmes

The Institute offers Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes to students wishing to conduct cross-disciplinary research on (1) science, technology and medicine in Asia societies; (2) hubs, mobilities and the Asian urban; or (3) spirituality and religion in Asia.

Distinctive Features

- Offering of 2-year MPhil, 3-year & 4-year PhD programmes
- Opportunities to learn under the guidance of leading international researchers
- Chances to take part in overseas training
Curricula

Coursework Requirement
(As at 11 April 2015; subject to amendments made thereafter)

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[1] Please visit the Graduate School’s website for details.
[2] With advice and approval from supervisor(s), a student is required to complete two courses from the MPhil curricular of the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Social Sciences which coincides with the student’s own research areas and disciplines.

Other Requirements
Students are also required to participate in the Institute’s academic activities such as lunchtime seminar series, workshops and public lectures.

Thesis Submission & Oral Examination
With approval from the supervisor(s), a student may submit his or her thesis for examination. S/he is required to pass an oral examination to meet the graduation requirement. Please refer to the Graduate School Handbook for details. Information can also be obtained at Graduate School’s website.
Awards & Financial Assistance

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme
The HKPF Scheme provides financial subsidies for brightest students across the world to pursue their doctoral studies in Hong Kong. Each awardee will receive a monthly stipend of HK$20,000* and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK$10,000* per year for a period of up to 3 years. For HKPF awardees who are admitted to a 4-year PhD programme, The University will provide a monthly scholarship and travel allowance at the same level as the HKPF for their fourth year of study.

HKU University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF)
The UPF scheme is available for selected new PhD candidates with excellent academic performances. The Fellowship is worth HK$70,000* on top of the Postgraduate Scholarships. There is no separate online application form for the UPF. Applicants who have applied for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships will be automatically considered for the award of UPF.

HKU Postgraduate Scholarships (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 Scholarship during the normative study period. Candidates’ results in Master’s degrees may also be considered. The basic level of PGS is HK$15,000 per month.

Lee Hysan-HKIHSS Fellowship
The Fellowship scheme aims to support our postgraduate students to undertake research training at the Institute’s partner institutions.

Scholarships & Financial Support for Conference Attendance/Travel
The University and the Institute offer financial support to students for their conference and research trips. A number of scholarships administered by the University are also available to postgraduate students with outstanding academic achievements.

*subject to revision
General Qualifications for Admission

The basic qualification for admission to the research postgraduate programmes is a good honours degree from HKU or an equivalent qualification from a comparable institution. Qualifying examinations to test the applicant’s abilities and/or interviews may be conducted.

Applicants from a university or a comparable institution outside Hong Kong where the language of instruction and/or examination is not English are required to provide documents to prove their English language proficiency.

Application Period for Admission 2016-17

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) Scheme
Step 1: Initial application to the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC)
Step 2: Full application to HKU

Both applications open in early September 2015. Deadlines will be announced on the respective websites in August 2015.

Main Round Application
September to December 2015*

First Clearing Round
December 2015 to April 2016*

Second Clearing Round
May to August 2016*

* Please refer to the Institute’s website for exact dates and further details.