About Hong Kong

Hong Kong, a metropolitan city with a population that exceeds 7 million, is strategically situated on the south coast of China. The unique blend of eastern and western influences, matched by diverse attractions and stunning countryside, make Hong Kong a renowned global metropolis in Asia. English, alongside Chinese are both official languages of the city. As for developments in tertiary education, Hong Kong has a thriving world-class academic community with a strong commitment to promoting intellectual discourse, research innovation and the knowledge economy. Its degree programs and academic qualifications are internationally recognized. Hong Kong’s close proximity to the Mainland is another significant advantage which distinguishes her from other cities in Asia.
The Fellowship

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Fellowship Duration: 3 years

Award Amount: HK$240,000 (~USD30,000), and a conference travel allowance of HK$10,000 (~USD1,300) per year.

Application Requirements:
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- a recognized Bachelor’s degree or above;
- outstanding academic records and excellent research skills;
- high proficiency in both written and spoken English, and
- a global outlook and strong leadership skills.

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- 1st in Asia’s Top 200 Universities

Times Higher Education – World University Rankings 2011
- 62nd in the World’s Top 200 Universities
- 28th in the World’s Top 50 Universities in Engineering and Technology

Research Excellence

As a front-running research university, HKUST has identified 5 high-impact areas to continue building on its already first-rate competencies for the advancement of the world. The areas are: Nano-science and Nano-Technology, Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Electronics, Wireless and Information Technology, Environment and Sustainable Development, Management Education and Research. These fields are of important scientific significance and are expected to add value to the social and economic development of Hong Kong, the Pearl River Delta region and beyond.

World-Class Faculty

Our international academics include renowned names in their respective fields and rising stars. All faculty members have PhDs and 80% of them are drawn from the World’s exclusive establishments. Their work is frequently published in leading academic journals and is widely recognized by top international honors.

- Caltech
- Cambridge
- Carnegie-Mellon
- Chicago
- Columbia
- Cornell
- Harvard
- Illinois
- Imperial
- London
- Michigan
- MIT
- Northwestern
- Oxford
- Princeton
- Purdue
- Stanford
- Toronto
- UBC
- UC Berkeley
- UCLA
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Yale

Excellent Supporting Facilities

HKUST provides a wide range of facilities for students to enrich their academic skills and potentials. The 5-storey library houses in excess of 770,000 printed books, journals and microform plus 37,000 media items, coupled with a high-speed, reliable computer network that provides users with the latest sophisticated technology. In addition to classrooms and laboratories, the campus also provides student accommodation and recreational facilities. Other facilities include restaurants, a bookstore, a supermarket, visitors’ lodgings and banks. Built on hillside along a beautiful shoreline in East Kowloon, HKUST is undoubtedly an invigorating place to study yet with all the conveniences of an urban center.

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Increasing Impact in Mainland China

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Figures at a Glance

Established: 1991
Total students: over 10,000
Postgraduate students: over 3,800
Faculty: approx. 500, 100% with PhDs
Schools and IPO:
- Science
- Engineering
- Business & Management
- Humanities & Social Science
- Interdisciplinary Programs Office
- HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School
Research Institutes: 9
Research Centers: 44

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