

Field 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 look for a research supervisor at CityUHK?

- Step 01** Visit www.cityu.edu.hk/academic/colleges-schools-and-departments
- Step 02** Choose the academic unit that fits your discipline/ research area of interest
- Step 03** Go to "People" (or similar term), then "Academic Staff" (or similar term)
- Step 04** Select the faculty members to see their profiles and contact information

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Mainland Collaboration Schemes – Joint Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme Entry 2026



About City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK)

Located in the heart of Hong Kong, CityUHK has a well-earned reputation as an innovative hub for research and professional education and for addressing global issues and empowering positive change.

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Most International
Universities in the
World 2024 & 2025

10th

[QS]

Asia University
Rankings 2025

75th

[THE]

World University
Rankings 2026

54th

[U.S.News &
World Report]

2025-2026 Best
Global Universities
Rankings

4th

[THE]

Young University
Rankings 2024

16th

[THE]

Asia University
Rankings 2025

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 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 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 (Advanced Rate after Candidature Confirmation)
Expenses	
Tuition Fee	HK\$3,708 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)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home university;• CityUHK (Main Campus) in Hong Kong; and• CityUHK's designated study locations in Mainland China: USTC–CityUHK Joint Advanced Research Centre (Suzhou)(中国科学技术大学 — 香港城市大学联合高等研究中心 (苏州)) or CityUHK Shenzhen Research Institute (CityUSRI, 香港城市大学深圳研究院).
Medium of Instruction / Assessment	English
Programme Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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; and• Fulfill a minimum cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 3.0 in the prescribed coursework.
Supervisory Arrangement	Dual supervisor system (双导师制) with supervisors from CityUHK and the home university.
Thesis Assessment Arrangement	Joint examination panel (联合答辩委员会) with examiners from both CityUHK and the 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.

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

Financial Support	
Studentship	RMB 5,000 (Shenzhen) RMB 3,000 (Suzhou)
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.

