

Division of Chinese Language and Literature, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Chinese Language and Literature

Research Postgraduate Programmes





The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Founded in 1963, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a forward-looking comprehensive research university with a global vision and a mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together the East and the West. CUHK aims to cultivate higher degree graduates to serve the increasingly sophisticated needs of the society. CUHK has 8 Faculties offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes covering diversifed fields.

Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts enjoys a unique reputation for integrating Eastern and Western learning, teaching and research. It effects dialogue within the humanities and pioneers research across disciplines. The Faculty comprises 11 departments, Centre for China Studies, 2 language teaching units, and over 30 research centers. There are 16 undergraduate major programmes and 19 MA programmes. In addition, all departments offer research programmes on M.Phil. and Ph.D. levels.

Department of Chinese Language and Literature



The Department is the oldest academic unit at CUHK. The Department offers diversified programmes including PhD, MPhil, MA and undergraduate programmes. The University Core courses of Chinese are also offered by the Department which aim at laying a solid Chinese language foundation for undergraduate students.

There has been a clear position of the Department that sets a foothold in Asia with a global vision. We also aim at combining tradition with modernity, promoting traditional culture while also keeping pace with the progress of our times.

Postgraduate Research Programme

The Division of Chinese Language and Literature offers diversifed programmes leading to such higher degrees as MPhil and PhD. The areas of research studies include Chinese Linguistics, Classical Chinese Texts, Classical Chinese Literature and Modern Chinese Literature.



Programme Design

Chinese Linguistics Classical Chinese Texts

Classical Chinese Literature Modern Chinese Literature

MPhil

Required courses: seminar and MPhil thesis tutorial

Elective courses: at least 3 courses

Thesis writing under guidance of supervisor

PhD

Required courses: seminar and PhD thesis tutorial

Elective courses: at least 4 courses (with a research master's degree) / at least 6 courses (without a research master's degree)

PhD candidacy examination

Thesis writing under guidance of supervisor

Programme	Study Mode	Period of Study
MPhil	Full Time	2-4 Years
	Part Time	3-5 Years
PhD (with a research master's degree)	Full Time	36-84 Months
	Part Time	48-96 Months
PhD (with a taught master's degree)	Full Time	48-84 Months
	Part Time	64-96 Months

Tuition

HK\$42,100 per annum for both MPhil and PhD students

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Established in 2009 by the Research Grants Council (RGC), the scheme aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's universities.

The provisional monthly stipend and the conference travel allowance per year for Postgraduate Studentship are HK\$27,600 and HK\$13,800 respectively for 2023-2024.

Applications which are not selected for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme will be considered to be regular applications.

Applicants are recommended to submit their application based on the research interests, after consulting the intended supervisor to get his or her consent for guidance.



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Studentships & Scholarships

Postgraduate Studentships are available at CUHK for full-time students registered for research degree programmes. Students awarded studentships will receive stipends in return for assisting in the teaching and research work of the Graduate Division. The provisional monthly stipend for Postgraduate Studentship is around HK\$18,360-HK\$18,870 for 2023-2024.

Scholarships available:

Ho Chuk Ping and Ng Chiu Wing Classical Chinese Poetry Writing Scholarships

Hop Wai's Prof. Sheung Chung-ho Memorial Scholarship

Ho Hoi Tin Memorial Scholarship

CK Law Memorial Scholarships



How to Apply?



Application through the website of the Graduate School, CUHK

In addition to the documents required by the Graduate School, applicants should also submit the following documents:

MPhil	PhD	
A personal statement in Chinese (not more than 1,000 characters)		
A sample of academic writing (published or unpublished) in a related field		
Research proposal (strictly limited to 5,000 characters, including the topic, scope, structure and methodology of the research) and a bibliography on a separate sheet	 Research proposal (strictly limited to 8,000 characters, including the topic, scope, structure and methodology of the research) and a bibliography on a separate sheet A copy of the Master's thesis 	

Admissions Requirements

MPhil

General admissions requirements of the Graduate School, CUHK

Having a bachelor's degree in Chinese Language, Chinese Literature or related fields from a recognized university



- General admissions requirements of the Graduate School, CUHK
- Having a master's degree in Chinese Language or Chinese Literature from a recognized university

Application Deadlines for 2024/25 Intake

1 December 2023:

For regular applicants who apply for the MPhil/PhD programmes

1 December 2023(12 noon):

For applicants who apply for the PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

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