

I. Normative Duration of Study and Postgraduate Studentships

II. Academic Advisors

III. Graduate Thesis Titles

IV. Graduate Placement Records

1. MPhil Graduates

2. PhD Graduates

V. Application

1. Supporting Documents

2. Steps for Applying to Postgraduate Programs

VI. Contact Us

I. Normative Duration of Study and Postgraduate Studentships

Normative duration of study for research postgraduate programs

Research Postgraduate Program		Normative Duration of Study	Postgraduate Studentships
PhD	Full-time	4 years; or 3 years (if a relevant research master's degree was earned prior to entering the PhD program)	36 months of studentship
	Part-time	6 years	No studentship
MPhil	Full-time	2 years	24 months of studentship
	Part-time	4 years	No studentship

Tips:

1. Successful applicants will be awarded a studentship. The amount for the academic year of 2026/2027 is **HK\$19,135** per month and is subject to periodic review.
2. Selected applicants may be recommended for the [Asian Future Leaders Scholarship \(Bai Xian Scholarship\)](#). Please note that the new arrangements for 2027/28 intake will be confirmed later by HKUST FYTGS.
3. Competitive applicants for the PhD program are encouraged to apply for [the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme \(HKPFS\)](#).

II. Academic Advisors (available to supervise new MPhil or PhD students in 2027/2028)

Name	Position	Research interests
Prof. Chi-keung CHAN 陳志強	Assistant Professor	Song–Ming Neo-Confucianism; Classical Confucianism; Contemporary New Confucianism; Chinese philosophy; Comparative philosophy; Interdisciplinary studies
Prof. David Cheng CHANG 常 成	Associate Professor	War as social, political, and military history: • World War II (China-Burma-India Theatre; wartime education and migration; interpreters) • The Chinese Civil War; • The Korean War and POWs • The Cold War; History of US-China relations

Prof. Pui Yee CHEE 朱佩儀	Assistant Professor	STS studies History of Medicine Animal studies East Asia (China and Japan) studies Conservation and Environmental History
Prof. Yan Hon Michael CHUNG 鍾恩瀚	Assistant Professor	Qing history Military history Manchu Studies Text-mining AI/ML, Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
Prof. Joshua DERMAN 杜哲士	Associate Professor	Modern European history Modern Germany Intellectual history
Prof. Daisy Yan DU 渡 言	Associate Professor	Animation; Film; Media; Feminist film criticism; Critical race/ethnicity studies; Transnational film studies; Visual culture in modern and contemporary China; Women/Children/Animal/Machine/Technology; Travel/Migration/Diaspora; Modernity/Modernism studies
Prof. Giulio ONGARO	Assistant Professor	Medical anthropology; animism and shamanism; ritual healing; anthropological theory; ethnography of highland Laos. Cultural psychiatry; philosophy of psychiatry; philosophy of mind and cognitive science. Global history; philosophy of history
Prof. Jenny HUNG 洪真如	Assistant Professor	Daoist and Buddhist philosophy; Personal Identity and Ontology; Self, Consciousness, Awareness; Philosophy of Mind; Metaphysics
Prof. Huan JIN 金 環	Assistant Professor	Late imperial literature; Fiction and drama; Religion and violence; Book history; Media studies
Prof. Jianmei LIU 劉劍梅	Chair Professor	Modern Chinese fiction; Gender studies; The relationship between literature and religion; Popular culture; Films studies
Prof. Junmin LIU 劉雋敏	Assistant Professor	Cultural heritage; Migration and mobility; Ethnicity; Folklore; Urban anthropology

Prof. Jianxiong MA 馬健雄	Associate Professor	Ethnicity; Kinship; Anthropology of borderland; Ethnic minorities in China and in highland Southeast Asia
Prof. Xiaolu MA 馬筱璐	Associate Professor	Comparative literature and world literature; Translation theory; Narratology and spatial narrative; autobiography and life writing; modern Chinese literature; Russian literature
Prof. Eric S NELSON 埃里克·尼爾森	Chair Professor	Critical Social Theory, Hermeneutics, Phenomenology; Daoist and Buddhist Philosophy, Comparative and Intercultural Philosophy; Philosophy of Nature and Environmental Philosophy
Prof. Thorben PELZER	Assistant Professor	Computational history; History of technology & engineering; Historical GIS; Social history (20th century); Mobility and transportation; Network analysis & prosopography
Prof. Baryon Tensor POSADAS	Associate Professor	Modern Japanese Literature and Culture; Film, Animation, and Media Studies; Science Fiction; Fan Culture Studies; Politics of Genres and Cultural Forms
Prof. Quentin Zhen QIN 秦 震	Associate Professor	Chinese Tones; Psycholinguistics; Phonetics; Second Language Acquisition (experiment-oriented); Learning and Memory; Bilingualism and Aging
Prof. Yafeng SHAN 單亞峰	Assistant Professor	Philosophy of Science; History and Philosophy of Biology; Philosophy of Social Science; Metaphilosophy; Epistemology
Prof. James SIMPSON	Acting Head & Professor	Language and migration; Language education; Multilingualism
Prof. Mi TIAN 田謐	Assistant Professor	Chinese painting and Calligraphy; Material culture; Art and technology; Artistic exchange within and beyond East Asia

Prof. Simon Man-ho WONG 黃敏浩	Associate Professor	Confucianism; Neo-Confucianism; Taoism; Chinese Buddhism
Prof. Kok Thong WONG 黃國唐	Assistant Professor	videogames, animation, digital media, media industries, nation states, regional production, Global South, postcolonialism
Prof. Shengqing WU 吳盛青	Professor	Modern and contemporary Chinese literature; Chinese intellectual thoughts and aesthetics; Studies of emotion and senses; Image-text relationship, history of Chinese photography and media studies
Prof. Carine Yuk-man YIU 姚玉敏	Associate Professor	Chinese linguistics (with a focus on Cantonese); Chinese dialectal grammar; History of Chinese dialects; Semantics; Syntax; Typology
Prof. Lawrence L C ZHANG 張樂翔	Associate Professor	Late imperial and modern Chinese history; Social mobility in China; Office purchase in China; History of tea in East Asia
Prof. Min ZHANG 張 敏	Associate Professor	Chinese linguistics; Chinese historical grammar; Chinese dialectology; Cognitive semantics and syntax
Prof. Tobias Benedikt ZÜRN 陶全恩	Assistant Professor	Early and medieval Chinese literature and religions; Daoism (Han and Six Dynasties); Multimedia Reception of the <i>Zhuangzi</i> ; <i>Huainanzi</i> ; Intertextuality; Image-text relations; Media studies

III. Graduate Thesis Titles

[Master Theses](#)

[Doctoral Theses](#)

IV. Graduate Placement Records

a. MPhil Graduates

Further study	<u>PhD program</u> Harvard University (USA); Ohio State University (USA); University of California, Los Angeles (USA); University of California, San Diego (USA); Columbia University (USA); University of Chicago (USA); Northwestern University (USA); University of Pennsylvania (USA); Washington University in St. Louis (USA); University of Kansas (USA); University of Cambridge (UK); University of Manchester (UK); University of Sheffield (UK); McGill University (Canada); University of Calgary (Canada); University of British Columbia (Canada); University of Toronto (Canada); Nanyang Technological University of Singapore; National University of Singapore; Australian National University; National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan); The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; The Chinese University of Hong Kong; City University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong Baptist University etc.
---------------	--

Employment	Government	Senior Assistant Archivist (Government Records Service); Liaison Officer (Home Affairs Department, HKSAR Government); Executive Officer (HKSAR Government); Education Officer (Correctional Services Department, HKSAR Government); Correctional Worker (Correctional Services Department, HKSAR Government); PR Coordinator(宣傳秘書) (Bureau of Commerce, Municipal Government, Shenzhen(深圳市工商局)); Heritage Officer (Town of Vincent, Perth, Australia) etc.
	Education	Secondary School Teacher; Research Associate (Hong Kong Baptist University); Assistant Lecturer (Yale-China Chinese Language Centre of CUHK); Assistant College Lecturer (The Community College of Lingnan University); Teaching Fellow (Hong Kong Institute of Education); Part-time Lecturer (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKU SPACE Community College; Tung Wah College; Caritus Institute of Higher Education) etc.
	Administration	Director (Trading Company); Executive Secretary (Trade Association); Manager (Apple Asia Pacific, Hong Kong Economic Journal Company Ltd., Sing Pao, Optima Capital Ltd. Etc.); Head (New Asia College Ch'ien Mu Library, CUHK); Executive Officer (Vocational Training Council, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies of CUHK etc.); Project Manager (Development Solutions (Beijing), Merck Serono China); 銷售運營主管(易車(Yiche)營銷策略中心) etc.
	Editor	Associate Editor (Institute of Chinese Studies, CUHK); Editor (The Commercial Press (H.K.) Ltd.; 《廣州日報》; 北京《環球時報》 etc.); Project Editor (Pearson Education Asia Ltd.); Chief Editor (Fleurs des Lettres) etc.
	Others	Project Coordinator (New People's Party); Assistant Librarian; Freelance Translator; Academic Assistant to C.E.O. (Academic Department, Hunan Tianjun IT Co. Ltd.); Program Researcher (Foshan Fukang Social Work Service Institution) etc.

b. PhD Graduates

Overseas	Associate Professor The University of Tokyo; The National University of Singapore Assistant Professor The University of Iowa (USA); The National University of Singapore Post-doctoral Fellow Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
Hong Kong	Associate Professor The Chinese University of Hong Kong The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Assistant Professor Hong Kong Institute of Education; Hong Kong Metropolitan University Research Assistant Professor Hong Kong Baptist University Senior Lecturer The Chinese University of Hong Kong Lecturer The Chinese University of Hong Kong; The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; School of Professional Education and Executive Development, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Hong Kong Community College, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; School of Continuing Education, Hong Kong Baptist University; Hang Seng Management College Assistant Lecturer The Chinese University of Hong Kong Senior Instructor Hong Kong Community College, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Teaching Fellow Hong Kong Polytechnic University;

	The Education University of Hong Kong
Macau	Resident Fellow University of Macau
Mainland China	Professor Nankai University; Jinan University Associate Professor Capital Normal University; East China Normal University; Fudan University; Remin University of China; Shandong University; Tsinghua University; Wuhan University; Zhongnan University of Economics and Law Assistant Professor East China Normal University, Shanghai; Fudan University; Peking University; Shanghai Normal University; Sun Yat-Sen University; Shandong University; Wuhan University; Southeast University; Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen) Research Associate Guangxi University for Nationalities Assistant Fellow Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Lecturer East China National University; Foshan University Instructor Guangdong University of Foreign Studies Post-doctoral Fellow

	Jinan University, Guangzhou; Peking University; Shanghai Jiaotong University; Shanxi University; Zhejiang University
Non-academic	Editor (The Chinese University Press, CUHK); Secretary (China Merchants Group); Financial Consultant (Prudential Hong Kong) etc.

V. Application

1. Supporting Documents:

- ✓ Research Proposal (研究計劃)
- ✓ At least two references (推薦信)
- ✓ Transcripts (成績證明)
- ✓ Academic Certificate; Diploma (學歷證書, 學位證書)
- ✓ IELTS/TOEFL* (IELTS: 總分不低於 6.5, 單項分不低於 5.5)
- ✓ Certificates (可提供在校期間相關證書)
- ✓ Sample Writings (例如, 在校期間發表的學術期刊論文對於申請有參考作用)

* It is compulsory for applicants whose first language is not English and whose degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution where the medium of instruction was not English to meet the university IELTS/TOEFL requirements.

Tips:

1. For more information regarding a specific research program, please refer to the respective program details: [Master of Philosophy](#) and [Doctor of Philosophy](#).
2. [Research Proposal Guidelines](#) provide a framework in which the research proposal should be written.
3. IELTS/TOEFL scores are valid for two years from the test date.
4. Official Score Report of IELTS/TOEFL must be sent directly by the issuing authority.
5. Documents not in English must be accompanied by officially certified English translations. The translator should sign and stamp on the translation and certify that the document is a true translation of the original which should be attached for reference.

2. [How to apply?](#)

Application Deadline: 28 January 2027

VI. Contact Us

Program Inquiry

MPhil & PhD in Humanities:

hmrpg@ust.hk

Tel: (852) 2358-7811 or (852) 3469-2845