

## **Last Call for Applications for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2017-18**

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

The Department of Linguistics and Translation (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lt>), City University of Hong Kong (CityU), is now inviting applications for the Scheme. The Dept has an exemplary record of teaching excellence and is internationally recognized for its world-class research. The QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) ranking for Linguistics of CityU rose from 47<sup>th</sup> in 2011 to 29<sup>th</sup> this year. CityU becomes the top-ranked university in Hong Kong in Linguistics. More than 20 faculty members conduct empirically based and theoretically informed research in the areas of theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, intelligent linguistics applications, translation, language and law, and translation studies.

Applicants who are seeking admission as new full time PhD students in the Dept., irrespective of their country of origin and ethnic background, should be eligible to apply. Applicants should demonstrate outstanding qualities of academic performance, research ability/potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities. The minimum academic qualification for the research degree programs is a first-class honours degree (or the equivalent) or a CGPA over 85 (out of 100). Applicants whose first language is not English must have a TOEFL score of at least 593 points in the paper-based test or 243 in the computer-based or 95 in the internet-based, or an overall band score of 7.0 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A research proposal setting out the aims, outlines, and methods of the proposed research should be submitted with the application. Shortlisted candidates will be invited by the Department for an admission interview (either face-to-face or via Skype).

The Fellowship awarded by the RGC provides a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (approximately US\$2,600) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approximately US\$1,300) per year for the awardees for a maximum period of three years. For Fellowship awardees who are admitted to a 4-year PhD programme in 2017-18, CityU will provide a monthly studentship at the same level as the Fellowship awarded by the RGC for their fourth year of study. Fellowship recipients at CityU will also be awarded scholarship at the value of HK\$ HK\$71,496 (approximately U US\$9,170), covers students' tuition and on-campus hostel accommodation fees in their first year of research studies.

Applicants must first submit an initial application to RGC through its Online Application System (OAS) at [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd), and obtain a RGC reference number by **1 December 2016 (12:00:00 GMT+8 hours)**. Then, applicants are required to submit full application, together with supporting documents, to CityU's Online Admission System at [www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/oas](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/oas), and quote the RGC reference number by **6 December 2016**. Late applications will not be processed. The RGC will notify the successful applicants of the results in March 2017.

Details of the Scheme and online application forms can be found in the following websites:

Research Grants Council website - <http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkpfs>

City University of Hong Kong website – <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/hkphd/index.htm>

We encourage applicants to consult the Department when preparing their applications.

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