

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND TRANSLATION

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PhD STUDENTS

The Department of Linguistics and Translation (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lt>) 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 47th in 2011 to 18th 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.

The Department's reputation attracts students and scholars from different regions of the world. It welcomes applications for graduate research studies from non-local and local students.

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2016-17

Background

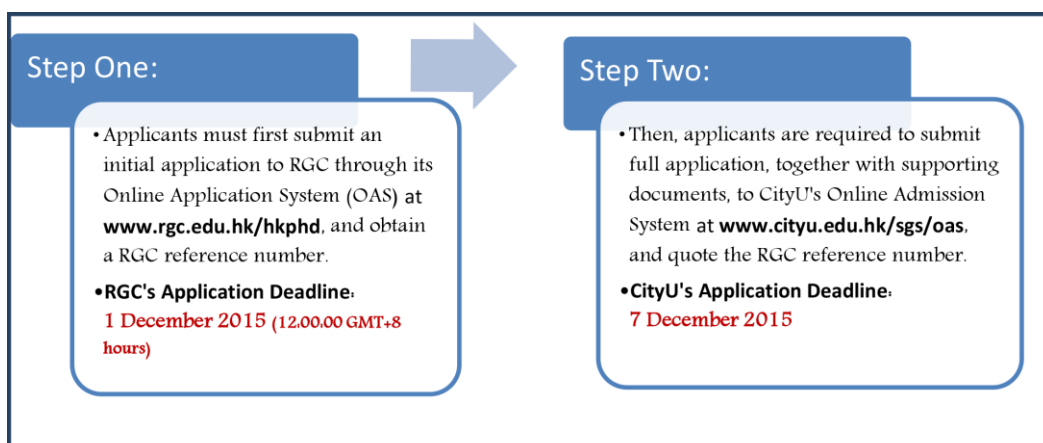
1. Established in 2009 by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC), the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's institutions.

Eligibility

2. Applicants who are seeking admission as new full time PhD students in UGC-funded institutions of Hong Kong, 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.

Application Procedure and Deadlines

3. Applications for the Fellowship Scheme are invited from 1 September 2015 - 1 December 2015 (by noon). Applicants are required to submit online applications both to the RGC and CityU.



4. Late applications will not be processed.

- Each applicant may choose up to two programmes in one institution or two programmes in two different institutions for PhD study when applying for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship at the RGC. This year, RGC allows applicants to make changes to their programme choices on RGC's Initial Application Form by the close of RGC's application deadline.

Fellowship and Award

- 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 2016-17, 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 be awarded *Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarship*. The Scholarship, at the value of HK\$69,096 (approximately US\$8,858), covers students' tuition and on-campus hostel accommodation fees in their first year of research studies.

Admission Procedures and Requirements

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).

Notification of Results

The RGC will notify the successful applicants of the results in March 2016.

Website

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>

Further Information

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

Please contact the programme coordinator:

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Department website: <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lt>