



**HKU  
Med** LKS Faculty of Medicine  
School of Nursing  
香港大學護理學院

# Research **POSTGRADUATE** Programme



**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

## Why Joining HKU School of Nursing?

- To graduate from a highly reputable world-class institution
- To develop essential academic skills and profile for becoming an independent scholar
- To broaden research horizon with vibrant and international academic leaders
- To experience multicultural university life



## Thematic Research Areas

### Cancer and Palliative Care

Our thematic research group focuses on a wide variety of empirical interdisciplinary and collaborative research, which contributes toward enhancing the experience and outcomes of cancer patients. Our researchers run major programmes to transform knowledge on symptom assessment, biological mechanisms for symptom management, psychosocial needs of cancer patients, interventions related to supportive care, ethical and legal issues in the practice of advance directives and living will, and end-of-life decision making. Our long-term vision is to develop new knowledge and inform clinical practice to improve the quality and effectiveness of care delivered by nurses and other healthcare professionals.

### Community and Mental Health Nursing

We focus on the development of effective strategies that benefits our communities in mental well-being. We have delved into community projects that cover the areas of child and adolescent health, sexual and reproductive health in young adults, maternal health, and women's health. We have conducted multi-centred randomised controlled trials, population based epidemiological studies, community-based health promotion projects, neurological imaging studies, and other novel designed studies. Our work has influenced policies and clinical recommendations of both national and international agencies in areas such as breastfeeding and scoliosis screening.





## Gerontology and Long-term Care

We focus on the promotion of physical and mental wellbeing for older people and their caregivers, as well as early detection and management of chronic illnesses. We conduct randomised controlled trials on the effectiveness of various interventions like lifestyle modification, mindfulness, and information technology applications on restoring the physical and mental wellbeing of older people and the prevention of burnout among family caregivers. We also conduct large-scale surveys and big data analysis. Our work has benefited the community through various knowledge exchange projects and collaborations with non-governmental organisations.



## Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Control

We are one of the leading research teams internationally on smoking cessation and tobacco control policy. Our smoking cessation research focuses on finding cost-effective, scalable and sustainable interventions for preventing smoking and promoting smoking cessation in adults and adolescents using large pragmatic randomised controlled trials. Our research findings have been published in top international journals with high impacts on clinical applications locally and internationally and widely used to advocate for smoke-free legislation in Hong Kong, and they serve as successful examples of tobacco control measures for mainland China and elsewhere.



## Programme Structure

Degree	Full-time		Part-time	
	Normative study period	Probationary period	Normative study period	Probationary period
MPhil	24 months	12 months	36 months	18 months
3-year PhD	36 months	12 months	54 months	18 months
4-year PhD	48 months	18 months	72 months	24 months

## Scholarships and Awards

Scheme	Eligibility	Details
<b>Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)</b>	New applicants to full-time PhD programmes with outstanding academic performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HK\$25,800/month*</li> <li>• Conference and research-related travel allowance HK\$12,900/year*, up to 3 years</li> <li>• Guaranteed a hall place for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of study by HKU</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> year composition fee of HK\$42,100* will be waived for HKPFS awardees</li> <li>• Entitled to the Faculty's Doctoral Entrance Award of HK\$40,000* in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of study</li> </ul>
<b>University Postgraduate Fellowship (UPF)</b>	New applicants who have applied HKPFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HK\$70,000/award*</li> </ul>
<b>Tuition Waiver Scheme</b>	Local full-time MPhil/PhD students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composition fees of HK\$42,100 per year will be waived</li> </ul>
<b>Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)</b>	Full-time MPhil/PhD students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HK\$17,330/month*</li> <li>• PhD student and whose candidature has been confirmed will receive a higher rate of Scholarship</li> </ul>
<b>Conference and Travel Grants</b>	Full-time MPhil/PhD students who are presenting papers/posters in overseas academic conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum HK\$13,500/travel*</li> </ul>

\* subject to revision by the University



## Joint PhD Programme

The School offers Joint PhD programme with the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing and Midwifery, King's College London (KCL). The research themes are listed as follows:

- Patient and carer experience
- Healthcare workforce, organisation and service delivery
- Health and wellbeing

The Faculty of Medicine would provide a **subsistence allowance** per month for students with HKU being their home institution during the period they are conducting research at KCL.



## Exchange Opportunities

The Faculty of Medicine has established close research collaborative links with many prestigious universities/research institutions overseas. Students may enjoy:

- A maximum duration of exchange for half the period of a student's programme of study.
- Subsistence allowance and travel grant supported by the Faculty.



## Admission Requirements

	MPhil	4-year PhD	3-year PhD
<b>Admission Requirements</b>	Bachelor's degree with Honours at Second Class Division I or above; or Bachelor's degree with Honours at Second Class Division II and a taught Master's degree	Bachelor's degree at First Class Honours preferably with research experience; or Bachelor's degree with Honours at Second Class Division I and a taught Master's degree	Bachelor's degree with Honours at Second Class Division I or above and a research Master's degree (MPhil)
<b>English requirement</b> (for those whose institution's language of teaching and/or exam is NOT English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL: a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test)/ 80 (internet-based test, English as foreign language)</li> <li>• IELTS: a minimum overall band of 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5</li> <li>• GCE/IGCSE/CPE: Grade C or above</li> </ul>		

# Application Closing Dates

Applications are invited in three rounds each year:

Application Round	Application Period
<b>Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)</b>	Initial application to the Research Grants Council (RGC)*: September 1 noon – <b>December 1 noon</b> (Hong Kong Time) Full application to HKU: September 1 – <b>December 1</b>
<b>Main Round</b>	September 1 – <b>December 1</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Clearing Round</b>	December 2 – <b>April 30</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Clearing Round</b>	May 1 – <b>August 31</b>

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## Fees

Caution Money	HK\$350
<b>Composition Fees:</b>	
<b>Full-time</b>	HK\$42,100 p.a.*
<b>Part-time</b>	HK\$63,000 p.a.*

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## Accommodation

Full-time non-local research postgraduate students who register on July 1, 2019 and thereafter are guaranteed a hall place in their first year of study.

## Tips for application

- Search for the proposed supervisor of your mutual research interest from our School website, and contact him/her before submitting an application.
- Non-local students are advised to read the information from CEDARS (<http://www.cedars.hku.hk>) before arrival.



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