

Mainland Collaboration Scheme — Joint PhD Programme

联合培养博士研究生课程

2019-20 Entry

5th

in the World

QS Young University Ranking

QS 全球 50 所最佳年轻大学排名第五位

8th

in Asia

QS Asian University Ranking

QS 亚洲最佳大学排名第 8 位

CityU subjects in QS top 50

城大在 QS 学科排名中居于 50 强的学科：

Linguistics
Communication & Media Studies
Mathematics
Engineering – Civil & Architectural
Social Policy & Administration
Accounting & Finance

55th

in the World

QS World University Ranking

QS 全球最佳大学排名第 55 位



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About CityU

City University of Hong Kong (CityU, 香港城市大学), one of the eight government-funded institutions in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), is a modern, hi-tech institution committed to providing a quality learning environment for its students and the community. It has a vibrant research culture and has gained an excellent reputation for research and innovation in a wide range of disciplines. It has an outstanding team of academics dedicated to advancing knowledge to benefit society and the region. To date, CityU has a student enrolment of around 19,330 (excluding Associate Degree students 不包含副学士学位学生) of which over 6,595 are postgraduates.

Research Degree Programmes

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme is offered in the following academic units covering a wide range of strategic areas to suit individuals' research interests:

- Accountancy
- Architecture and Civil Engineering
- Asian and International Studies
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Chinese and History
- Computer Science
- Creative Media
- Data Science
- Economics and Finance
- Electronic Engineering
- Energy and Environment
- English
- Infectious Diseases and Public Health
- Information Systems
- Law
- Linguistics and Translation
- Management
- Management Sciences
- Marketing
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Media and Communication
- Physics
- Public Policy
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Systems Engineering and Engineering Management
- Veterinary Medicine



Admission Requirements

CityU has adopted a rigorous admission mechanism in selecting high quality research students. Candidates seeking admission to our joint PhD programmes should be current PhD students at home university or will become a PhD student at home university upon commencement of study under the joint PhD programme.

Please note that CityU adopts stringent admission criteria and we only admit students with truly outstanding qualification.



English Proficiency Requirement

Candidates are required to satisfy the University's minimum English proficiency requirement for postgraduate programmes, that is, 550 (paper-based test)/ 79 (internet-based test)/ 59 (revised paper-delivered test; sum of Reading, Listening and Writing section scores) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or an overall band score of 6.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). In addition to the University's requirement, individual Colleges and Schools may set a higher standard suitable for their disciplines.

Programme Duration

The normal duration of the joint PhD programme is 4 years. The commencement date of research degree programmes is the first day of September to align with the beginning of an academic year.

During the candidature of the joint PhD programme, students will study at home university, CityU's main campus in Hong Kong and designated study locations in Mainland China (which currently includes USTC–CityU Joint Advanced Research Centre (Suzhou) (中国科学技术大学 — 香港城市大学联合高等研究中心 (苏州)) and CityU Shenzhen Research Institute, (CityUSRI, 香港城市大学深圳研究院)).



Programme Structure

To be eligible for the award of a PhD degree, students are required to complete the coursework requirements of 14 credit units (including at least 9 credit units of core courses and at least 2 credit units of research methodology and ethics course at postgraduate level) and to submit a thesis. Student may apply for credit transfer from courses taken at home university, subject to approval of CityU.

Individual Departments and Schools may stipulate a higher credit unit requirement.

Medium of Instruction/ Assessment and Thesis Presentation

The normal medium of instruction and assessment at CityU is English. Research students should write and present their theses in English.

Supervisory Arrangements

Students will follow a dual supervisor system (双导师制). CityU and the home university will each designate an academic staff member to be the student's supervisor. These two supervisors will jointly discuss and decide on course selection, research direction and thesis title and so on for their student.



Tuition Fees

The tuition fee for full-time non-government funded research degree programme is HK\$7,016* (~USD900) per month during studies at Hong Kong main campus of CityU. CityU will provide a tuition grant to cover 50% of the tuition fee and the remaining 50% will be deducted from the monthly studentship.

Students are not required to pay the tuition fee to CityU during their studies at home university or CityU's designated study locations in Mainland China.

** subject to revision*

Financial Assistance

Postgraduate Studentship is available for eligible research students. The monthly rate is HK\$16,500[®] (~US\$2,115) during studies at Hong Kong main campus of CityU and RMB2,700[®] during studies at CityU's designated study locations in Mainland China. To foster academic exchange, an annual PhD Student Workshop is organized and students under the joint PhD programme can receive a subsidy which covers accommodation and travel expenses during the activity period.

In addition, to help widen students' academic exposure, CityU offers the Peter Ho Conference Scholarships (何稼楠学术会议奖学金) at RMB10,000 to students under the joint PhD programme in support of attending overseas conferences.

® rates for 2018/19; subject to approval/revision every year.

Student Accommodation

During studies in Hong Kong, students are responsible for arranging accommodation on their own. During studies at CityU's designated study locations in Mainland China, CityU provides accommodation to students, subject to availability.



Personal Accident and Medical Insurance/ Travel Insurance

All non-local students are required to purchase a personal accident and medical insurance / travel insurance policy during their study period at CityU. The insurance policy shall be arranged on behalf of the students by the Global Services Office (GSO). The estimated insurance premium per annum is around HK\$254 (~US\$33) [rate for 2018/19] which will be charged after enrolment.

Cost of Living

Non-local students are required to pay for their own travel expenses to and from Hong Kong, including airfare. The estimated average cost of living for a single student in Hong Kong is around HK\$11,000 (~US\$1,410) per month to cover tuition fees, food, lodging and general living expenses.

The Postgraduate Studentship for research degree students should be sufficient to support students' daily living expenses. Students will start receiving their studentship at the end of the first month after commencement of their study with CityU.



Support to Students' Studies

The Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS, 周亦卿研究生院) aims to provide better coordination and strategic direction to ensure the continued development of postgraduate studies at CityU. SGS offers a training course to prepare students to undertake a limited teaching role. Besides, SGS also runs a Postgraduate Forum on a regular basis with an aim to support students' research studies. It also compiles publications relating to graduate studies to recognize their hard work and perseverance.

The Global Services Office (GSO) provides assistance and support to non-local students, including visa application, orientation programmes, on-arrival assistance, and pastoral care and advice on personal and learning related issues. The website of GSO (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/gso/>) contains useful information about studying in Hong Kong and at CityU.

Student Development Services (SDS) is committed to enriching students' educational experience and whole person development, through lectures and training courses on counselling, career development, wellness, leadership development, inter-personal relationship, communication, and stress management.

Assessment of Doctoral Thesis and Conferment of Degrees

A joint examination panel (联合答辩委员会) will be formed after students have submitted the doctoral theses, which consists of examiners invited by both CityU and home university. A method of "Voting by both sides in one oral defense" (一次答辩·两边投票) will be employed to fulfill the prescribed requirements of a doctoral degree.

Students studying in the joint PhD Programme must satisfy the requirements of both CityU and home university in order to be awarded with a graduation certificate and a PhD degree certificate. Upon fulfillment of the programme requirements and passing the thesis oral defense prescribed by both universities, a student can then apply for the PhD degree certificates awarded by the two universities. CityU and home university will separately issue the graduation/degree certificate in accordance with their own sets of rules and regulations (CityU's award certificate will indicate that the PhD programme is jointly offered by CityU and home university 城大的学位证书将注明与具体某内地高校联合培养相关字样), and a student of the joint programme can attend graduation ceremonies at both universities.





How to look for a research supervisor at CityU?

1. Visit the official website of City University of Hong Kong at www.cityu.edu.hk
2. Point to "Offices and Department" at the top
3. Choose "Academic Departments"
4. Click on the academic unit that fits your discipline / research area and you will be directed to the relevant website
5. Point to "People (or similar term)"
6. Click on "Faculty (or similar term)"

A list of faculty members will be shown and you can check the profiles, as well as their contacts.

Alternatively, you may visit CityU's webpage for admission to research degree programme (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/research-degree-programmes>), from which you can find the research areas of all the academic units. Please note that online application is NOT applicable for joint PhD programme and that some information on the admission page is NOT applicable to students under the joint PhD programme.

You should have discussed with your research supervisor at home university and have contacted a proposed CityU research supervisor before submitting the application for the joint PhD programme. It is highly recommended that the two supervisors should reach an initial agreement for you to join the joint PhD programme. Otherwise the process of your application will be delayed.

Application Procedures

Announcement will be made by the Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of the home university. Applications will be open in early November of a year for commencement of the joint PhD programme in September of the following year, and the deadline is usually set in mid-January. All applications must be submitted to and endorsed by the Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of the home university. Students must NOT submit their applications to CityU directly.

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