

PhD PROGRAMMES IN LINGNAN UNIVERSITY 2021/22

*Global
Connections*



*Research
Excellence*



*Supportive
Supervision*



*Diverse
Research Areas*

Pursuing PhD Programmes in Lingnan University

What are the PhD Programmes Offered by Lingnan?

Lingnan University offers PhD programmes in the following areas:



Arts

Chinese, Cultural Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Translation, and Visual Studies;



Business

Accounting, Decision Sciences, Finance, Information Systems Management, Insurance, International Business, Management, Marketing, and Operations Management;



Social Sciences

Economics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology and/or Social Policy.



Across the different disciplines, the University has a considerable strength and depth on topics related to China and Asian Pacific studies.

The normal study period for PhD programmes is three years for candidates who possess a relevant master's degree and four years for candidates without a relevant master's degree.

What is the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)?

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, the HKPFS aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong's universities.

Lingnan is one of the universities which can nominate brilliant applicants for the Fellowship award. Each Fellowship awardee will be provided with a Fellowship with an annual stipend of HK\$319,200[#] and a conference/research-related travel allowance of up to HK\$13,300/year[#] for a maximum period of three years by the RGC.

(*rate subject to annual review) (US\$1 = HK\$7.8)

In addition, the full tuition fee for a Fellowship awardee[^] will be waived by Lingnan for his/her first year of study. For an awardee with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of Fellowship and conference/research-related travel allowance for his/her fourth year of study.

[^] Eligible local awardees will be given tuition waiver by the HKSAR Government under the scheme of **Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate Students** for their normal study period. For details, please visit the RGC website at www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/tws.html.





How to Apply for the HKPFS?

Please login the Admission System of the RGC at www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd from **1 September to 1 December 2020**. Each applicant should submit one **initial application** with basic information such as his/her personal particulars and two chosen programmes/institutions through RGC's HKPFS electronic system **on or before 1 December 2020 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)**. Each applicant will be allocated a reference number. An applicant who wishes to pursue a PhD programme at Lingnan with a PhD Fellowship awarded by the RGC shall submit a **full application** to Lingnan's electronic system at www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/onlineapp.php **on or before 2 December 2020 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)** by quoting the reference number assigned to him/her by the RGC.

The University will conduct selection of applicants for its PhD programmes and nominate those

outstanding and brilliant ones for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships. The RGC will set up selection panels to evaluate/assess the nominations submitted by universities.

Those who are nominated but are not finally offered the Fellowship, and those not selected for nomination for the Fellowship, will be given consideration for admission as PhD students at Lingnan taking up places assigned to the University with Postgraduate Studentship awards. The full Postgraduate Studentship for a PhD and an MPhil student will be respectively HK\$18,090/month* and HK\$17,830/month (rates subject to annual review). For details of application methods, please refer to "**Who can Apply?**" section.

* To be raised to HK\$18,440/month after confirmation of candidature.

Who can Apply?

Lingnan University welcomes applicants from different parts of the world who:

- a) hold a master's degree awarded by a tertiary education institution recognised for this purpose by the University; **or**
- b) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard, and have registered in a programme of study for a master's degree at a recognised tertiary education institution for at least one year and have evidence of research achievement; **or**
- c) have obtained an equivalent qualification of a) or b) above; **or**
- d) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.

In addition to the above, an applicant whose degree is not from a tertiary institution in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country should obtain a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 79 (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a band score of 6.5 or above in the International

English Language Testing System (IELTS), or an equivalent score in a recognised test, or an equivalent qualification to prove his/her language proficiency which will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are required to fulfil additional requirements, if any, set by the programmes to which they apply for admission.

Notes: For IELTS and TOEFL qualifications for admission to 2020-21 intake and onwards, the University only accepts results that are within the validity period, viz. 2 years, from the time of submission of an admission application for the specific intake cohort.

Some programmes have specified additional requirements. For details, please visit www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/add-require.php.

Outstanding and brilliant applicants may seek admission to Lingnan via the HKPFS. Alternatively, applicants may apply to the University directly **from 2 November 2020 to 22 January 2021**. Please go to www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad for more information and to apply to do a PhD at Lingnan. Full-time students will normally be awarded either a PhD Fellowship or a Postgraduate Studentship.

What will You Gain from our PhD Programmes?

Lingnan is a teaching and research liberal arts university. This means that it emphasises both teaching and research. Like many American liberal arts colleges, and like the colleges at Cambridge and Oxford, Lingnan believes that the ethos of liberal arts education requires limited student numbers and an intimate campus setting. One of the key values of liberal arts education is student-centred learning. Student-centred learning ensures close and supportive thesis supervision, while at the same time encourages candidates to exercise intellectual creativity in their research endeavours.



As the University community is small, familiar and collegial, postgraduate students at Lingnan do not get “lost in the system”. They establish peer-type working relationships with academics in their departmental homes; they have generous opportunities to gain undergraduate teaching experience; and they experience a strong sense of membership of a campus-wide postgraduate community.



Message from the President

Prof. CHENG, Leonard K

As a leading liberal arts university in Asia, Lingnan University (Lingnan) is committed to research excellence. Combining the best of Chinese and Western liberal arts traditions, we strive to provide a vibrant academic environment for postgraduate students to pursue their studies.

The University inculcates the values of free inquiry, critical thinking and social responsibility into our students and promotes interdisciplinary research. We provide rigorous research training and enable our students to consolidate their research knowledge and skills through interaction with leading scholars. Our faculty members help students cope with challenges in their studies through close supervision and guidance.

I encourage you to discover the many research opportunities offered by Lingnan and find the one that best suits your interest and ability.

Message from The Vice-President

Prof. MOK, Ka Ho Joshua

Lingnan University is recognised globally as a leading liberal arts university offering quality education, richly embedded with internationalisation in research and student learning. Most recently, Lingnan came second worldwide for “Quality Education” in the latest *Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2020*, and leaped 20 places in the overall **QS World University Rankings 2021**. Citations per faculty are up 20 places, and 77 places in “International Students”. As well as being in the top 35 in “International Faculty”, our taught and research postgraduate programmes are interdisciplinary, offering students innumerable cross-cultural exchange and co-curricular/extra-curricular activities, thanks to an intercontinental partnership network. Students also enjoy unparalleled opportunities to participate in international conferences and symposiums, attended by outstanding elite scholars, and can apply for internships in a wide range of sectors. Our campus offers a uniquely valuable human experience with teachers and students from all over the world.

Distinguished Professors as Your Supervisors

Lingnan University's faculty includes many world-class scholars and a large number of fine up-and-coming younger academics. The University has 165 faculty from 20 countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, NUS, Oxford, Peking, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Yale, etc. The diversity of research expertise among staff means that the University can offer expert supervision in many areas, including supervision of interdisciplinary projects.



Chair Professor of Economics

Prof. CHENG, Leonard K

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Research Interests:

Applied game theory; Market structure; Currency crisis; International trade and investment; Technological innovation and imitation; China's inward and outward foreign direct investment



Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy

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Research Interests:

Comparative development and policy studies; Comparative social policy and governance; Comparative and international education; Education policy and governance



Lee Shau Kee Foundation Chair Professor of Political Science

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Research Interests:

International relations; International political economy; Globalisation; International organisations; American politics and post-war US foreign policy; Comparative politics of Asia; Economics, politics and society in Asia with focus on South Asia



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Research Interests:

Film industry and policy; Early Chinese film history; Hong Kong film history; Media industry; East Asian cinema

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Industrial and organisational psychology; Occupation health psychology (Occupational stress, Work-family/Life balance & Psychology of safety); Positive psychology



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Research Interests:

Classical Chinese poetry and poetics; Literary theory; Comparative literature; Aesthetics; Philosophy



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Industrial organisation; International trade; Foreign direct investment



Tong Tin Sun Chair Professor of English

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American literature; Poetry and poetics; Transpacific literature; Translation studies

Sharing from PhD Students



Mr VILLENA SALDAÑA, David (Year 3 student)

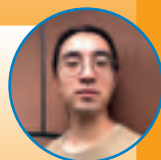
PhD in Philosophy [HKPFS Awardee]

Pursuing a PhD at Lingnan is an exceedingly enriching experience in both professional and cultural terms. The constant seminars and workshops each department offers create a vibrant academic climate and motivate graduate students to engage in innovative research, while the extraordinary cultural diversity across the campus invites them to develop broader and more pluralistic worldviews.

Mr ZHANG, Ji (Year 3 student)

PhD in Business

As one of the best liberal arts universities in Asia, Lingnan offers everything I need to become a remarkable researcher: the opportunities to meet with eminent professors in the field, the essential knowledge and skills for conducting researches acquired through course taking at Lingnan and other universities in Hong Kong, the platform to connect with other research students in Hong Kong and overseas, and the research environment to foster the development of researchers.



Mr ABREFA BUSIA, Kwaku (Year 2 student)

PhD in Sociology and Social Policy [HKPFS Awardee]

The Department of Sociology and Social Policy combines both disciplines in a manner that promotes interdisciplinary and cross-cutting teaching and research. This makes it an academic powerhouse for enormous opportunities and enriching academic experiences. Besides, Lingnan University also offers an intimate campus, top-notch faculty, guaranteed accommodation and generous stipends and sponsorships to support student maintenance, research and conferences.

Financial Support

The University provides the following financial assistance to our PhD students:

A) Fellowships and Studentships

A full-time PhD student will normally be awarded with either a PhD Fellowship or a Postgraduate Studentship. Please see details in earlier sections.

B) Research Postgraduate Student Conference/Field Trip Sponsorships

The Sponsorships aim to provide financial support to students for conference participation and conducting field trips.

The funding limit for supporting conferences, field trips and/or other exceptionally approved academic activities is HK\$25,000 for a regular PhD student during his/her entire period of study. For a PhD Fellowship awardee, he/she can be given a maximum allowance of HK\$13,300/year (rate subject to annual review) for his/her normal study period.



C) Research Postgraduate Scholarships for Overseas Research Visits

The Scholarships aim to encourage Lingnan students to undertake a short-term research visit at an overseas institution and to attract overseas students to come to conduct research at Lingnan for a short period of time under the co-supervision by Supervisors from the home and the host institutions.

Depending on the duration and the destination of the visit of the Lingnan student/the country from which the overseas student is from, the amount of each Scholarship ranges from HK\$25,000 to HK\$50,000. The Scholarships are offered on a competitive basis.

D) Other Scholarships

Research postgraduate students are also eligible for a number of scholarships, which are normally awarded based on academic merits and recommendation.

About Lingnan University

History

Lingnan University is the only liberal arts university in Hong Kong and has the longest established tradition among the local institutions of higher education. Its history dates back to 1888 when its forerunner, the prestigious Lingnan University in Guangzhou, China, was founded.

Campus

The University campus is located in the northern part of Tuen Mun and is connected to the central business district in a 40-minute subway ride. It has a total area of about 11 hectares and consists of a main campus and an adjacent secondary campus housing the University's teaching/support facilities and Outdoor Sports Ground respectively.

Hostels

As the only fully residential university in Hong Kong, Lingnan offers affordable accommodation for all its undergraduate and research postgraduate students in ten hostels on campus. Full-time research postgraduate students may apply for on-campus hostels.

Research Strength

As a liberal arts university aspiring to international stature, Lingnan is committed to excellence in both research and teaching. Whilst some liberal arts colleges do not require or pride themselves on a high level of staff research, others have earned—as we do—major research reputations by encouraging and/or requiring staff research, often on the assumption that such research, far from depleting energies that might otherwise be spent on teaching, in fact nourishes and inspires outstanding teaching.

The results of the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2014 announced by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in January 2015 amply confirmed Lingnan's strength in research, with the following remarkable achievements:

1

Lingnan has rating as high as 15% scoring "world leading" standard (4-star) which compares well with the sector-wide attainment.

2

Lingnan was ranked third among all the eight UGC-funded institutions in its 4-star rating at 13% in Economics, which was above the sector-wide 11%.

3

Lingnan's History, Philosophy, Translation and Visual Studies departments proved their strengths by demonstrating outstanding research performance in terms of the aggregate percentage for the 4-star and "internationally excellent" (3-star) outputs together.

In addition to research work at the individual and departmental levels, a number of research centres, institutes and programmes undertake broad-ranging research at the University.

A Top 10 Liberal Arts College in Asia

(Forbes, 2015)

Ranked 2nd in the World for Quality Education

(THE University Impact Rankings, 2020)

World's Top 35 for International Faculty

(QS World University Rankings, 2021)

Accredited as a Five Stars Institution and received the maximum five stars in the areas of Teaching, Employability, Research, Internationalisation, Facilities, Arts and Culture, and Inclusiveness (by QS Intelligence Unit)

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