

Lingnan University 2024/2025 SDG Report

SDG 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION



1st in HK in THE Impact
Rankings 2025



115
Undergraduate Courses



77%
First-Generation Students



140
Research Projects and Grants

Lingnan University believes that quality education is fundamental to transforming lives and fostering sustainable development. Ranked Top 1 Worldwide for Quality Education (SDG 4) in the THE Impact Rankings 2025, Lingnan exemplifies its unwavering commitment to advancing inclusive, equitable, and high-quality learning experiences. As a research-intensive liberal arts university in the digital era, Lingnan integrates teaching excellence, student engagement, and community service to nurture global citizens who are socially responsible and lifelong learners. The University's pursuit of academic innovation and impactful knowledge transfer continues to promote equality in education and contribute to a more just and sustainable society.

Funding Support to Promote Education Equality

In support of SDG 4, Lingnan University is committed to promoting equal access to quality education by offering a wide range of funding schemes based on academic merit and financial need. These initiatives provide research and taught postgraduate students from around the world with opportunities to enhance their international learning experiences and participate in academic exchanges [\[Link\]](#). In the 2024/25 academic year, 6 PhD students received financial support from the University's Scholarship Scheme. Through these funding schemes, Lingnan ensures that talented students, regardless of their background, can pursue advanced education and contribute to the global academic community.

Engaging Students in Academic Exchange through Global Academic Events

Lingnan University actively promotes quality education and knowledge exchange in alignment with SDG 4 by organising diverse academic events such as the Postgraduate Summer School and Postgraduate Conference. The Postgraduate Conference 2025 attracted 430 postgraduate students, researchers, and academics from Australia, China, Finland, Hong Kong SAR, India, Malaysia, Norway, and the United Kingdom. Serving as a dynamic platform for global dialogue, the conference enabled research and taught postgraduate students to share their research progress, future projects, and transformative learning experiences. Through these initiatives, Lingnan fosters a vibrant international academic community, equips students with global perspectives, and enhances the inclusiveness and excellence of higher education.

[\[link\]](#).



The three-week **Postgraduate Summer School 2025**, co-organised by **Lingnan University** and the **University of Oxford**, features academic exchange, research collaboration, and workshops led by renowned scholars, fostering a vibrant global community of postgraduate learners. The programme attracts over 100 postgraduate students from local and international universities, including 24 outstanding Lingnan students who received top scholarships to participate. [\[link\]](#).



Experiential Learning and Raising Awareness of the SDGs

The **Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative (LEI)** provides students with diverse experiential learning opportunities to develop their problem-solving abilities and entrepreneurial skillsets. Beyond engagement with local communities, students also gain regional and global exposure, enabling them to apply and transfer knowledge in real-world contexts aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Lingnan University Entrepreneurship Fund (LUEF) provides seed funding and support to foster innovation and entrepreneurship within the Lingnan community. It is open to current students, recent alumni, and faculty/staff, offering up to HKD500,000 in funding for innovative and meaningful entrepreneurial initiatives based on the project's stage of development [\[link\]](#).

The Innovation and Impact Fund provides seed funding and support to foster innovation and entrepreneurship within the Lingnan community. It is open to all full-time students, offering up to HKD30,000 in funding for innovative and meaningful entrepreneurial initiatives [\[link\]](#).

Lingnan University also offers both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in environmental education. The **Minor in Environmental and Scientific Literacy** focuses on cultivating science literacy as a lifelong skill applicable to a broad range of scientific and technological issues, rather than promoting content mastery in a single discipline. Participants strengthen their critical thinking, communication, and debate skills through the core curriculum and complete a **Capstone Experience** in their final year.

At the postgraduate level, Lingnan offers a unique **Environmental Science programme** that integrates the expertise of the Science Unit with the three faculties—Arts, Social Sciences, and Business—and collaborates with local and international NGOs. This programme provides a strong theoretical foundation in environmental science while equipping students with diverse hands-on, experiential learning opportunities essential for success in this field.

Lifelong and Professional Learning Opportunities

In alignment with SDG 4 (Quality Education), the Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) is dedicated to promoting equity in education by ensuring equal access to lifelong learning opportunities for diverse groups of learners. LIFE offers a range of programmes and initiatives that support inclusive and continuing education.

A prominent example is the **LingnanU Elder Academy**, which enables older adults to pursue personal enrichment and intergenerational learning through sit-in opportunities in undergraduate courses and other practical programmes [\[link\]](#). In addition, LIFE conducts **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** training to empower the elderly to participate actively in the digital society. These initiatives reflect Lingnan University's commitment to inclusive education, lifelong learning, and social integration across generations [\[link\]](#).

Advancing Sustainability through Education and Research

Lingnan University actively advances SDG 4 (Quality Education) by integrating sustainability principles into its teaching, research, and community initiatives. The University currently has 24 research profiles aligned with SDG 4 [\[link\]](#), with related projects and outputs covering topics such as artificial intelligence, health inequality and the digital divide, digital competence, environmental education, education qualifications and employability, and quality assurance in higher education [\[link\]](#).

Sustainability is embedded within Lingnan's academic programmes, with specialised curricula in energy materials and technologies designed to prepare students to address global environmental challenges. The University's research initiatives pursue innovative solutions in critical areas such as carbon capture and utilisation, contributing to advancements in direct air capture technologies and the development of a carbon-negative industrial park.

Lingnan also fosters strategic partnerships with industry, government, and international institutions to enhance the impact of its sustainability-focused education and research. Through these efforts, the University continues to strengthen its commitment to advancing quality education, promoting sustainable development, and nurturing future leaders who will drive positive global change.

Enhancing Educational Opportunities and Community Engagement at Lingnan University

Lingnan University is committed to advancing Quality Education (SDG 4) through a wide range of initiatives that expand educational opportunities and strengthen community engagement. Key projects include the **Lingnan University Elder Academy Sit-in Programme**, which promotes intergenerational learning; **the Secondary School Engagement Programme**, which offers tailored activities to inspire younger students; and the **Digital Commons**, a free online learning platform that provides open access to valuable educational resources.

In addition, **the Gerontechnology Practitioner Training Course** addresses the challenges of an ageing population by equipping participants with relevant knowledge and practical skills, while the **Youth Ambassador Programme** connects students with community service opportunities that help them develop leadership and civic responsibility [\[link\]](#).