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Meaning of the *Lingnan Emblem*

The mountain, river, trees and path illustrated in the University logo each symbolises a profound principle:

- The White Cloud Mountain depicts the highest aspiration in life;
- The Pearl River represents the wide dissemination of Lingnan education;
- The lychee trees - with ripe fruit hanging in clusters - represent the commitment to realise the precept "For God, for Country, and for Lingnan";
- The path represents the road to the future by virtue of hard work;
- The panoramic view of the campus in the emblem "reminds alumni and friends of Lingnan of their loyalty wherever they may be. The red and grey colours of the emblem help nourish the sentiment; they are 'blood-red and iron-grey', symbolising loyalty and steadfastness. The red and grey reflect the Lingnan spirit, a spirit inspiring them to lay the foundations for a splendid future forever" [1].

[1] Lee, Sui-ming. A Phoenix of South China: The Story of Lingnan (University) College Sun Yat-sen University. Hong Kong: The Commercial Press, 2005.

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Message from the

Vice-President (Research and Innovation)

With a long and distinguished history and a commitment to excellence, Lingnan University is undergoing transformative changes and is becoming a research-intensive liberal arts university. While maintaining our century-old strengths in arts, business and social sciences, we are emerging as a powerhouse in data science and artificial intelligence (AI) research.

Our recently established School of Data Science and Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study have attracted some of the world's most distinguished scholars, including the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) fellows, fellows of national academies and recipients of prestigious international awards. This newfound strength in data science and AI has elevated our traditional research to a new height, fostering a number of new interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research areas emerging within the University. Our partnerships with businesses, NGOs, policymakers, and local communities enable us to develop innovative solutions with both local relevance and global impact.

Our recent transformative changes and enhanced research capabilities have significantly benefited our postgraduate programmes in terms of both depth and breadth. As a student at Lingnan University, you will have unparalleled opportunities to interact closely with world-leading scholars on campus and explore diverse career prospects across academic research, business or NGOs. Our interdisciplinary postgraduate programmes provide gateways to cross-cultural exchanges, internships, and participation in international conferences. Our campus provides a uniquely valuable human experience, bringing together academic scholars, researchers, lecturers and students from diverse backgrounds around the world.

PhD and MPhil programmes are at the heart of our drive to international research excellence. We provide a wide range of strong support, both intellectually and financially, to our PhD/MPhil students for them to grow and shine. We warmly invite prospective students to contact potential supervisors at our University and discuss opportunities of pursuing your PhD/MPhil at Lingnan. Our resources are ready to support outstanding students. Join our vibrant community at Lingnan University for a transformative postgraduate educational experience that equips you with the skills, knowledge, and global perspective needed for the future. Embrace the opportunity to become part of a dynamic institution that values interdisciplinary collaboration, cultural diversity, and academic excellence.



Professor Xin YAO

Tong Tin Sun Chair Professor of Machine Learning

Message from the

Dean of the School of Graduate Studies

Rooted in a prestigious 1888 heritage from Guangzhou, Lingnan University is forging a path as a global leader in quality education and impactful research. Transitioning to a liberal arts research university, we seamlessly blend tradition with digital innovation, and prioritise a reimagined liberal arts education, advancing postgraduate studies, and research with real-world impact. Our initiatives anticipate the evolving global landscape, preparing leaders who are responsible, entrepreneurial, and globally minded. Investment in our community, infrastructure, and expansion underscores our role as an educational pioneer, especially within the Greater Bay Area.

Our commitment to quality education has won widespread recognition in recent years, making us an exceptional choice for postgraduate studies. At Lingnan, we offer a unique blend of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and a supportive learning environment. The University boasts a diverse and distinguished faculty, many of whom are leaders in their respective fields. Their expertise spans various disciplines, providing students with access to a wealth of knowledge and research opportunities. This exposure is particularly beneficial for postgraduate students seeking to engage in innovative research or to work on real-world projects that make a difference.

Besides, our University's strong emphasis on research and community engagement enriches the academic experience. There are various research centres and initiatives that encourage students to collaborate on projects that address societal issues. This focus on practical application not only enhances academic learning but also prepares students for future careers in academia, industry, or public service. Besides, we also prioritise student well-being and support services. From academic advising to mental health resources, we are dedicated to ensuring that students have the tools they need to succeed both academically and personally. This supportive atmosphere is crucial for postgraduate students who may face the challenges of advanced study and research.

Overall, Lingnan University offers a holistic educational experience that combines rigorous academics, a supportive community, and a vibrant cultural environment. For prospective postgraduate students, it represents an ideal destination to pursue their academic and professional aspirations.



Professor Sam KWONG

Associate Vice-President (Strategic Research)
J.K. Lee Chair Professor of Computational Intelligence

Lingnan
at a Glance

Rank 1st in the World
for Quality Education
(THE Sustainability Impact Ratings, 2026)

Rank 1st in the World
for Quality Education
(THE Impact Rankings, 2025)

Rank 257th in the World
out of 2,297 universities
(THE World University Rankings, 2027)

Rank 1st in Hong Kong **and** **65th** in the World
for No Poverty
(THE Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026)

Rank 2nd in the Asia
for International Faculty
(QS Asia University Rankings, 2025)

Rank 3rd in Hong Kong **and** **20th** in the Asia
for Philosophy
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026)

TOP40 in the World
for International Faculty
(QS World University Rankings, 2027)

TOP50 in the World
for International Outlook
(THE World University Rankings, 2026)

TOP100 in the World
for International Students
(QS World University Rankings, 2027)

TOP100 in the World
for 7 SDGs
(THE Sustainability Impact Rantings, 2026)

Rank 84th in the Asia
out of 929 universities
(THE Asia University Rankings, 2026)

TOP600 in the World
over 8,800 high education institutions
(QS World University Rankings, 2027)

Quality Education and Research | A leading **Liberal Arts Research University** in Hong Kong, China

Received nearly **HKD$27 million** for **49 GRF/ECS/HSSPFS Projects**
Funding Exercise 2026/27 by the Research Grants Council (RGC))

36 **Research Postgraduate (RPg) Programmes**
and a number of Collaborative PhD Programmes with Chinese Mainland Universities

Cumulative Downloads from Digital Repository:
6 MILLION+ **Times** from **200+** **Countries/Regions**
(as at April 2026)

3 Faculties
Arts, Business & Social Sciences

3 Schools
Data Science, Graduate Studies & Interdisciplinary Studies

332 Faculty from **29 Countries**
with **PhD** and **other advanced degrees** from Cambridge, Chicago, Columbia, Edinburgh, Harvard, Imperial, Melbourne, NTU Singapore, NUS, Northwestern, Oxford, Peking, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford, Sydney, Toronto, Tsinghua, UC Berkeley, UCL, UCLA, UNSW, Yale, etc.

54 Lingnan Scholars/Fellows
in the World's Top 2% Scientists
(published in 2026 by Stanford University in the US)

1 Lingnan Scholar
received the worldwide 2025 H. George Frederickson Award for Career Contributions to Public Management Research
(Public Management Research Association)

16 Awards
for 14 inventions
(Silicon Valley International Invention Festival 2026)

14 Awards
for 13 inventions
(51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva)

PhD
Exchange Scholarships

PEER-TYPE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS
with Academics

CLOSE AND SUPPORTIVE
Thesis Supervision

HIGH
Completion Rate

General Information
on Research Postgraduate Studies



Introduction of Lingnan University

Lingnan University, formerly Lingnan Xuexiao (or Lingnan College), has the longest established tradition among the local institutions of higher education with a rich heritage that dates back its founding in 1888 in Guangzhou. The University was incorporated on 30 July 1999 following the enactment of the Lingnan University Ordinance. It is forging a path as a global leader in quality education and impactful research, and is aspired to evolve into a distinguished research-focused liberal arts university for the digital era, equipping students with critical thinking skills and digital literacy and ensuring our students are well-prepared to face the modern world's challenges.

Critical Thinking **Postgraduate Advancement** **Digital Era**

Global Leadership **Interdisciplinary Innovation**

In the most recent 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings, Lingnan comes 84th in its first entry has marked an important milestone, demonstrating the University's growing ascendancy and recognition in the Asian academic landscape.

In 2026, Lingnan retained its global number one position in SDG 4: Quality Education, further consolidating its leadership and reinforcing its commitment to excellence and sustainability in higher education. In the THE Impact Rankings in 2025, Lingnan has marked a historic milestone with its worldwide first for SDG 4: Quality Education, the first time a higher education institution in Hong Kong, China, has reached the top position internationally in any Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) category, demonstrating the University's valuable contributions to advancing quality education and advocating the United Nations SDGs.

The University originally comprises of three academic Faculties, i.e. Arts, Business and Social Sciences, and in the recent years, it has established three new academic Schools, i.e. Data Science, Graduate Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies. All six Faculties/Schools offer RPg programmes in various disciplines.

Apart from the establishment of new academic Schools, the University has also established the Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study (LUIAS) in March 2024 to attract leading scholars and well-known experts from different academic fields worldwide, crossing the disciplinary boundaries of arts and sciences, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, and integrating cutting-edge technology with whole-person education for interdisciplinary data analysis, working together to publish research with greater social impact. All these new developments are testament of Lingnan's commitment to excel as a leading liberal arts research university in the digital age.

Research Postgraduate (RPg) Education

The University has developed its RPg programmes in stages. It accepted its first batch of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) students in Social Sciences and Translation in September 1995.

In 1997, MPhil programmes in Chinese and Business were added to the portfolio. Then in 2000, the University launched its Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes taking into account that it had successfully produced MPhil graduates and strengthened its staff profile. In the same year, as the University had staff expertise in research areas outside the disciplines of the existing programmes, the domain of its postgraduate programmes was expanded.

The degree of MPhil or PhD will be awarded by the University when a candidate has successfully completed an approved programme of supervised research, has presented a written thesis satisfying the requirements specified for that award, has successfully defended the thesis in the presence of the examiners, and has satisfied other requirements as stipulated by the University authorities.



Programmes of Studies

The University invites applications for RPg programmes at master's and/or doctoral levels in the following disciplines:

Arts
MPhil/PhD in Chinese
MPhil/PhD in Cultural Studies
MPhil/PhD in English
MPhil/PhD in Film and Visual Arts
MPhil/PhD in History
MPhil/PhD in Philosophy
MPhil/PhD in Translation

Business
MPhil/PhD in Business

(including Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, Marketing, Operations Management, Risk Management and Insurance)

Data Science
MPhil/PhD in Data Science

(including Artificial Intelligence, and Industrial Data Science)

Science/Interdisciplinary Studies
MPhil/PhD in Environmental Science
MPhil/PhD in Sustainability

Social Sciences
MPhil/PhD in Economics
MPhil/PhD in Government and International Affairs
MPhil/PhD in Psychology
MPhil/PhD in Sociology and/or Social Policy
MPhil/PhD in Urban Studies

Both MPhil and PhD programmes lead to in-depth study in specific research areas.

The University recruits mainly full-time students. As the University Grants Committee no longer funds part-time students, part-time students have to be self-financed.

List of Programmes

Programmes in Collaboration with Chinese Mainland Universities

The University will also be offering the following full-time PhD programmes in collaboration with Chinese Mainland universities in the 2027/28:

FACULTY OF BUSINESS

Programme and Collaborating University	Double PhD Degree Programme in Business with South China University of Technology (SCUT)	Double PhD Degree Programme in Mathematics and Business with Renmin University of China (RUC)
Programme Duration	3 years (with an MPhil degree) or 4 years (without an MPhil degree)	3 or 4 years (depending on the academic qualifications on admission)
Study Pattern	3 years • 1st and 3rd years at Lingnan • 2nd year at SCUT 4 years • 1st and 3rd years at SCUT • 2nd and 4th years at Lingnan	3 years • 1st and 3rd years at Lingnan • 2nd year at RUC 4 years • 1st and 3rd years at RUC • 2nd and 4th years at Lingnan
Supervisory Arrangement	At least one supervisor each from SCUT and Lingnan	One Chief Supervisor and one Co-supervisor from each Lingnan and RUC
Financial Support	Studentships by SCUT when studying at SCUT and by Lingnan while studying at Lingnan	Eligible for applying for studentships from RUC when studying at RUC (and provision is subject to academic performance), and eligible for receiving studentships from Lingnan while studying at Lingnan
Application Methods and Selection	• Current MPhil/ PhD student in a relevant programme in SCUT to submit an individual application to Lingnan • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and SCUT	• Selected candidates from RUC to submit an individual application to Lingnan • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and RUC
Award of Degree	PhD Degree in Management by SCUT and PhD Degree in Business by Lingnan *(subject to successful obtainment of the SCUT PhD degree)*	PhD Degree in Mathematics by RUC and PhD Degree in Business by Lingnan *(subject to successful obtainment of the RUC PhD degree)*



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programme and Collaborating University	Double PhD Degree Programme in Economics with Shandong University (SDU)	Double PhD Degree Programme in Economics with Wuhan University (WHU)
Programme Duration	5 years	5 years
Study Pattern	• First 3 years at SDU • Last 2 years at Lingnan	• First 3 years at WHU • Last 2 years at Lingnan
Supervisory Arrangement	At least one supervisor each from Lingnan and SDU	A Chief Supervisor from Lingnan and a Co-supervisor from WHU
Financial Support	• Studentships by SDU throughout the study duration and by Lingnan while studying at Lingnan in 4th and 5th years • Sponsorships may be offered by the Department of Economics at Lingnan to support part of the tuition and/or hostel fees when studying at Lingnan	• Studentships by WHU while studying at WHU and by Lingnan while studying at Lingnan • Sponsorships may be offered by the Department of Economics at Lingnan to support part of the tuition and/or hostel fees when studying at Lingnan
Application Methods and Selection	• Submit individual applications to **both** Lingnan and SDU • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and SDU	• Submit individual applications to **both** Lingnan and WHU • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and WHU
Award of Degree	PhD Degrees in Economics, one each from Lingnan and SDU	PhD Degrees in Economics, one each from Lingnan and WHU

Some new collaborative programmes are also in the pipeline. For further details and updates on our newly launched collaborative programmes, please visit our website at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/list-of-programmes/collaborative-programmes.

Collaborative Programmes

SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE

Programme and Collaborating University	Double PhD Degree Programme in Data Science with Chongqing University (CQU)	Double PhD Degree Programme in Data Science with Shandong University (SDU)
Programme Duration	3 years (with a master's degree) or 4 years (without a master's degree)	3 years (with a master's degree and completed 1 year of doctoral studies at SDU) or 4 years (without a master's degree and completed 1 year of master's/doctoral studies at SDU)
Study Pattern	3 years* • 1 year at CQU and 2 years at Lingnan 4 years* • 2 years at CQU and 2 years at Lingnan **The actual study pattern will be determined on admission*	3 years* • 1 year at SDU and 2 years at Lingnan 4 years* • 2 years at SDU and 2 years at Lingnan **The actual study pattern will be determined on admission*
Supervisory Arrangement	• One primary Supervisor each from Lingnan and from CQU • One Co-supervisor from Lingnan	• One primary Supervisor each from Lingnan and from SDU • One Co-supervisor from Lingnan
Financial Support	• Studentships by Lingnan while studying at Lingnan • When studying at CQU, the same rights and benefits shall be entitled as other full-time doctoral students of CQU • Students may apply for Chinese Mainland scholarships or exchange programme funding from CQU based on individual circumstances.	Studentships by SDU while studying at SDU and by Lingnan while studying at Lingnan
Application Methods and Selection	• Selected candidates from CQU to submit an individual application to Lingnan • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and CQU	• Selected candidates from SDU to submit an individual application to Lingnan • Attend joint interview selection by **both** Lingnan and SDU
Award of Degree	PhD degree in Data Science, one each from Lingnan and CQU *(the conferral of the PhD degree from Lingnan is subject to successful obtainment of the CQU PhD degree)*	PhD degrees in Data Science, one each from Lingnan and SDU *(the conferral of the PhD degree from Lingnan is subject to successful obtainment of the SDU PhD degree)*

Period of Study

Academic Year

The University academic year starts at the beginning of September and ends at the end of August in the following calendar year.

Duration of Study

Students are expected to complete their programme of research leading to the degree of MPhil or PhD within the normal period. Exceptionally, the period of registered research may be shortened or extended according to the minimum and the maximum durations specified as follows:

Degree	Normal Period	Minimum Period	Maximum Period
MPhil	2 years (full-time) 3 years (part-time)	18 months (full-time) 30 months (part-time)	36 months (full-time) 48 months (part-time)
PhD* *(with a relevant master's degree)*	3 years (full-time) 5 years (part-time)	30 months (full-time) 42 months (part-time)	60 months (full-time) 84 months (part-time)
PhD* *(without a relevant master's degree)*	4 years (full-time) 6 years (part-time)		72 months (full-time) 96 months (part-time)

** Not applicable to the PhD collaborative programmes with Chinese Mainland Universities*

Transfer of Research Studies and Recognition of Previous Research Work

If an MPhil/a PhD student who is currently registered in a research programme in a recognised university wishes to transfer to Lingnan to continue his/her research study, the student can submit an admission application to a related MPhil/PhD programme of Lingnan as a new student following the standard admission procedures and timelines.

If a candidate (including transfer candidate) has undertaken part of a research programme as a registered candidate for a research degree in a university or such other recognised institution of higher education, he/she may make an application explaining what work has been done and its relevance to the University programme. The maximum credit to be given to such work, in the event such application has been approved, shall not exceed 50% of the normal period of research.

If the student is selected for admission with his/her previous research work recognised by Lingnan, he/she will be given a shorter normal study period based on the recommendation of the host department/unit.

Supervision by Distinguished Scholars

The University's faculty includes many world-class scholars and a large number of fine up-and-coming younger academics. The University has 332 faculty from 29 countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Cambridge, Chicago, Columbia, Edinburgh, Harvard, Imperial, Melbourne, NTU Singapore, NUS, Northwestern, Oxford, Peking, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford, Sydney, Toronto, Tsinghua, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UNSW, Yale, etc. Our faculty has brought ground-breaking honors to Lingnan as well. 43 Lingnan scholars/fellows are included in the World's Top 2% Scientists published in 2025 by Stanford University in the US. The diversity of research expertise among staff means that the University can offer expert supervision in many areas, including supervision of interdisciplinary projects.

Upon admission, each MPhil student will be assigned a Supervisor (may be with one or more Co-supervisor(s) where appropriate), while a PhD student will be assigned a Chief Supervisor and at least one Co-supervisor. Supervisors will closely guide their students in the early phases of their research and thereafter will be responsible for helping them to work independently.

A student and his/her supervisor should from the outset of the MPhil/PhD study discuss and agree on a provisional thesis topic and the coursework to be taken if necessary. A student may be required to take some undergraduate/postgraduate course(s) or courses listed under a collaborative scheme established by the eight universities in Hong Kong in order to strengthen his/her academic background.

Course Taking and Cross-institutional Course Enrolment Scheme

Progress

The candidature of an MPhil or a PhD student is regarded as provisional during the initial period of study. A student must prepare by the stipulated timeline an outline paper for presentation at a topic-defence seminar before an Assessment/Qualifying Panel and submit a report on research progress for assessment of confirmation of candidature, and fulfil also other general programme requirements at different stages of his/her studies. For details, please refer to the indicative timeframe available from the University website https://www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/for-current-students/research-postgraduate-studies/indicative-timeframe-for-some-general-requirements-for-rpg-students.

Provisional Student ▸ Research Plan ▸ Topic Defence ▸
Progress Review ▸ Candidature Confirmed ▸ Complete Requirements ▸
Graduate

Additional requirements have been specified for some programmes for the award of MPhil or PhD degree. Details are available from the University website www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/supervision-and-progress-of-students.

Summary of Programme Requirements with Indicative Timeframe

Additional Programmes Requirements for some MPhil and PhD Programmes

Residence Requirements

The University deems it important for each student to interact with his/her supervisor(s) and with peer students. A student, full-time or part-time, is required to participate in seminars and other academic activities of the University.

More details are available from the University website
www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/requirement/residence-requirement

Residence Requirements

Concurrent Registration

A full-time student of the University is not allowed to pursue simultaneously any programme at another tertiary institution without the prior permission of the University. A student in breach of this regulation is subject to having his/her studies at the University discontinued.

Financial Support

The University has endeavoured to provide RPg students with financial assistance to enable them to devote full efforts to their studies and to facilitate their research studies and professional development.

LU Presidential PhD Scholarship for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) Awardees

This prestigious top-up scholarship aims to support brilliant HKPFS candidates who are admitted through the Research Grants Council (RGC)'s HKPFS Scheme in the 2027/28 admission intake:

Award	HK$40,000 per year for the entire duration of the study, up to four years of normative study period
Tuition Fee Waiver	Full waiver for the whole normative study period
Additional Scholarship	Up to HK$60,000 per year (performance-based)
University Accommodation	Guaranteed hostel accommodation place for three years

Fellowships and Studentships

A full-time PhD student will normally be awarded with either a PhD Fellowship or a Postgraduate Studentship. A full-time MPhil student will normally be awarded a Postgraduate Studentship. The award normally will not exceed the prescribed period of study, i.e. two academic years for MPhil students, three or four academic years for PhD students.

a) PhD Fellowships

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

PhD Fellowship awardees will be provided with a Fellowship with a monthly stipend for a maximum period of three years. The monthly stipend for 2026/27 is HK$28,700 (subject to annual review). For awardees with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of Fellowship for their fourth year of study.

An awardee's eligibility for the Fellowship will be reviewed on an annual basis during the fellowship period, which is based on the awardee's academic performance, supervisor's evaluation, and the degree of intellectual well roundedness as assessed by the institution.

b) Postgraduate Studentships (PGSs)

PGSs are awarded to full-time MPhil/PhD students to support their daily subsistence, tuition fees and other expenses that may incur during the course of their studies.

Amount of Full Studentships	
MPhil Student	HK$19,010* per month
PhD Student	HK$19,280* per month (before confirmation of candidature) HK$19,660* per month (after confirmation of candidature)

**Rates in 2026/27, subject to annual review*

Financial Support

A partial studentship which is a fraction of the amount for a full studentship (i.e. 25%, 50%, 75%) may be awarded. The award is renewable on an annual basis, subject to good performance and the availability of funds.

As part of the training for postgraduate degree studies, fellowship or studentship recipients are required to perform, under supervision, teaching duties and/or research support duties of up to 12 hours per week on average. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of PGSs and PhD Fellowship on our website for details.

Research Postgraduate Student Conference/Field Trip Sponsorships

The University deems it important to provide support to RPg students in academic activities, mainly conference attendance and conducting field trips, to nurture their academic and/or professional growth. Conference attendance is an important part of their educational experience and professional development. It may also be necessary for them to conduct field trips for their research studies.

The funding limit for supporting conferences, field trips and/or other exceptionally approved academic activities is shown below:

Maximum Amount	
MPhil Student	HK$19,000 (during the entire period of study)
Regular PhD Student	HK$25,000 (during the entire period of study)
PhD Fellowship Awardee	HK$14,400 per year*

**The rate in 2026/27, subject to annual review and will be provided to a PhD Fellowship awardee during his/her normal study period.*



Research Postgraduate Scholarships for Overseas Research Visits

In alignment with its goals on internationalisation and to enhance students' international learning experience, the University has set up the captioned Scholarships which aim to encourage PhD students to undertake a short-term research visit for a term and up to six months normally at an overseas institution and to attract overseas students to come to conduct research at Lingnan for a short period of time.

Depending on the destination and duration 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.

Scholarship ranges from HK$25,000 to HK$50,000

Other Scholarships

In addition, RPg students are also eligible for a number of scholarships, which are normally awarded based on academic merits and recommendation of the department/unit concerned.

Other Scholarships from the Office of Student Affairs





Tuition Waiver

Eligible Local Full-time MPhil/PhD Students

The Government of the HKSAR provides tuition waiver for all eligible local students enrolled in UGC-funded research postgraduate programmes under the scheme of **Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate Students**. The waiver scheme covers the tuition fees for the normative study period of UGC-funded research postgraduate programmes, viz. two years for MPhil students, three years for PhD students with a research master's degree and four years for PhD students without a research master's degree.

For details, please visit www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/tws.html.

Tuition Waiver



Admission
to MPhil/PhD Programmes



Admission Criteria and Requirements

The admission of a student to the University is based on academic suitability and potential for a programme. There is no discrimination on the grounds of sex, age, race, religion, ethnic origin or physical disability or others.

General Admission Requirements

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of **MPhil** should normally:

a) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard awarded by a tertiary education institution recognised for this purpose by the University; **or**

b) have obtained an equivalent qualification; **or**

c) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.

Global Connections

Empowering Futures

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of **PhD** should normally:

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) hold a bachelor's degree with first class honours or an equivalent qualification at a recognised tertiary education institution, and have evidence of substantial research achievement; **or**

d) have obtained an equivalent qualification of a) or b) above; **or**

e) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.

English Language Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, an applicant whose degree is not from a tertiary institution where English is used as the medium of instruction (MOI) for all courses for the degree mentioned should also fulfill the English language requirements set by the University.

For admission to Lingnan PhD programmes via the HKPFS, the RGC stipulated that for an applicant from a non-English speaking university, unless he/she provides proof that English is the language of instruction for all courses for the entrance qualification(s) of his/her proposed PhD programme(s), he/she is required to attach score results of TOEFL or IELTS in the PhD application. This requirement (mandatory submission of TOEFL/IELTS score results) can be exempted for applicants whose proposed PhD studies are specifically in non-English medium, e.g. Chinese. However, the applicants still have to meet the language requirements of the University.

Admission Criteria and Requirements

Additional Admission Requirements

Some programmes may have specified additional requirements for admission. For details, please visit our website at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/requirement/additional-admission-requirements.

Additional Admission Requirements

Language Requirements for Thesis Writing

The language for writing a thesis shall be determined at the time of admission. A thesis should be written in English except for candidates in the Department of Chinese or those who are otherwise approved to write their theses in Chinese or another language. An applicant who intends to write his/her thesis in a language other than English shall indicate such in the application form for admission for consideration of the relevant department.

Application for Admission

★ Apply for PhD Programmes via the HKPFS

Application Period	
Initial Application to RGC	1 September to 1 December 2026 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)
Full Application to Lingnan	1 September to 1 December 2026 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)

Apply via HKPFS

Late applications will NOT be accepted

Step 1 **Submit an Initial Application to RGC**

- Apply via the HKPFS admission system for **initial application** at www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd **by 1 December 2026 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)**
- Obtain a **HKPFS Reference Number**

Step 2 **Submit a Full Application to Lingnan**

- Submit a full application directly to Lingnan's Online Admission System at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/application-for-admission/online-application **by 1 December 2026 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)**
- Quote the **HKPFS Reference Number** assigned by the RGC for verification

Step 3 **Settle the Application Fee Online**

The University will conduct selection of applicants for its PhD programmes and nominate those outstanding and brilliant ones for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships. 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 PGS awards.

★ Apply for MPhil/PhD Programmes to Lingnan via Direct Admissions

Application Period[1]	
Main Round*	1 September 2026 to 15 January 2027 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)
1st Clearing Round*^2	16 January to 30 April 2027 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)
2nd Clearing Round*^3	1 May to 31 August 2027 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)

Apply via Direct Admissions

**For admission to September 2027 intake*
^For admission to January 2028 intake

Notes
1. *Though applications are received up to the end of August 2027, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible in the Main Round.*
2. *Applications will be considered in the 1st Clearing Round subject to availability of places after the September intake Main Round.*
3. *Applications will be considered in the 2nd Clearing Round subject to availability of places after the September intake Main and 1st Clearing Rounds.*

Step 1 **Submit an Application via Direct Admissions**

- Apply via the Online Admission System https://apply.ln.edu.hk/

Step 2 **Settle the Application Fee Online**

- The University reserves its rights to nullify applications for the same programme and accordingly forfeit any payments concerned.

Online applications via the HKPFS and via Direct Admissions to the University will only be accepted upon online payment of the application fee by a Visa or MasterCard credit card; or UnionPay.

Additional Information for Applying for Collaborative Programmes via Direct Admissions to Lingnan

To apply for PhD collaborative programmes via Direct Admissions, please visit the University website for more details at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/list-of-programmes/collaborative-programmes.

Applying for Collaborative Programmes

Admission Timeline

1 September 2026 *(Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)*	Application period for admission to PhD programmes via HKPFS begins
1 September 2026	Application period for Main Round of Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the September 2027 intake begins
1 December 2026 *(Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)*	Deadline for HKPFS applicants to submit initial applications to the RGC
1 December 2026 *(Hong Kong Time 11:59 pm)*	Deadline for HKPFS applicants to submit full applications to Lingnan
15 January 2027	Deadline for Main Round of Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the September 2027 intake
16 January 2027	Application period for the 1st Clearing Round Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the September 2027 intake begins
30 April 2027	Deadline for the 1st Clearing Round Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the September 2027 intake
1 May 2027	Application period for the 2nd Clearing Round Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the January 2028 intake begins
May 2027	Announcement of results to the HKPFS applicants at the RGC website
31 August 2027	Deadline for the 2nd Clearing Round Direct Admissions to MPhil/PhD programmes for the January 2028 intake

The entire application process must be completed independently by the applicant.
Disclaimer: The School of Graduate Studies of Lingnan University has NOT AUTHORISED any third-party for admissions/recruitment work of RPg students.



Programme Choice

An applicant is expected to submit one application indicating one programme choice. An applicant may apply for **a maximum of two programmes**. This restriction also applies to a PhD applicant submitting applications in both ways, i.e. via the HKPFS and via Direct Admissions to the University. It is however expected that applicants will apply through either one of the two ways.

It is permissible for an applicant to apply for two PhD programmes, one via the HKPFS and one via Direct Admissions to the University, as long as the applicant does not apply for the same programme in two ways.

The programme choice(s) **cannot** be changed after submission. Application for more than two programmes or applications for the same programme may lead to disqualification of all the applications concerned and any fees paid will be forfeited.

Application Fee

The application fee is HK$300 per programme. The School of Graduate Studies will process applications only upon the settlement of requisite payment concerned.

Procedures for Online Application

Access to Online Admission System

Uploading Documents

Provision of Confidential Reference

Payment of Application Fee and Acknowledgement from the University

Indication of Application Priority

Conducting Plagiarism Checks

Online Admission System

Current Final-year Undergraduate Students

Current final-year undergraduate students may apply for admission to the MPhil programmes or the PhD programmes (If to obtain a first class honours). They are required to submit the transcripts showing the academic results of courses they have achieved so far. Conditional offers of admission will be made if the final results are not yet confirmed.

Submission of Information Afterwards

If the results of GMAT, TOEFL, GRE or other tests/examinations are not yet available at the time of application submission, the applicant may submit the result reports afterwards. He/She should submit them as soon as they are available.

Notes: For an applicant who wishes to ask the relevant authority to send his/her result report(s) to the University, please note relevant codes for the university are: TOEFL-C456, GMAT-7113, and GRE-9303.

Applicants should inform the School of Graduate Studies of any subsequent changes of their personal particulars, if any, by email or post quoting their application numbers and full names.

Notes: The online forms are retrievable for viewing the information submitted but not for processing of changes once online payment has been made.

Selection

All applications for admission will be considered on the basis of academic and/or professional qualifications, research topics, working experience, suitability, potential and so on.

Applicants may or may not be required to attend an interview during the course of the selection. Individual notifications will be sent to applicants who are shortlisted for interviews.



Applicants from Outside Hong Kong

Applicants from outside Hong Kong, China, are advised to submit their applications for admission as early as possible and should not wait until the deadline. They should make sure that they are eligible to apply for a proper visa/an entry permit to stay in Hong Kong, China, for the entire period of study at the University. The University will act as a sponsor for non-local students and assist them in applying for student visa/entry permit.

Applicants with Physical or Other Disabilities

Applicants with disabilities are assessed in accordance with the same admission criteria as those for the other applicants. It is the intention of the University to provide aid and support to students with disabilities as far as possible. Applicants are therefore invited to contact the School of Graduate Studies for information concerning existing facilities for disabled persons at the University. If they think necessary, they may write to the School of Graduate Studies at the time of submitting their applications indicating the nature and extent of their disabilities. It is useful for the University to know in advance the nature and the degree of any disabilities so that the University can discuss with the applicants any special provisions or facilities that may be required. It should nevertheless be noted that although the University will try to give as much help as possible, there may be problems which cannot be overcome.



Disabilities Support



Research at Lingnan



Current Research Areas

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN ARTS

Chinese
- Chinese classics and Chinese linguistics
- Classical Chinese literature
- Comparative literature
- Creative writing and media writing
- Literary theory
- Literature and cinema
- Modern and contemporary literature in Chinese (from Greater China Region)

Cultural Studies
- Arts, literature & research-creation
- Capitalism, class & labour
- Creative industries
- Digital cultures
- Food, environment & sustainability
- Gender and sexualities
- Global China
- Hong Kong
- Inter-Asia
- Media & popular cultures
- Migration, mobilities & ethnicities
- Subjectivities & identities
- Urban commons
- Youth cultures

International collaborations

Interdisciplinary research

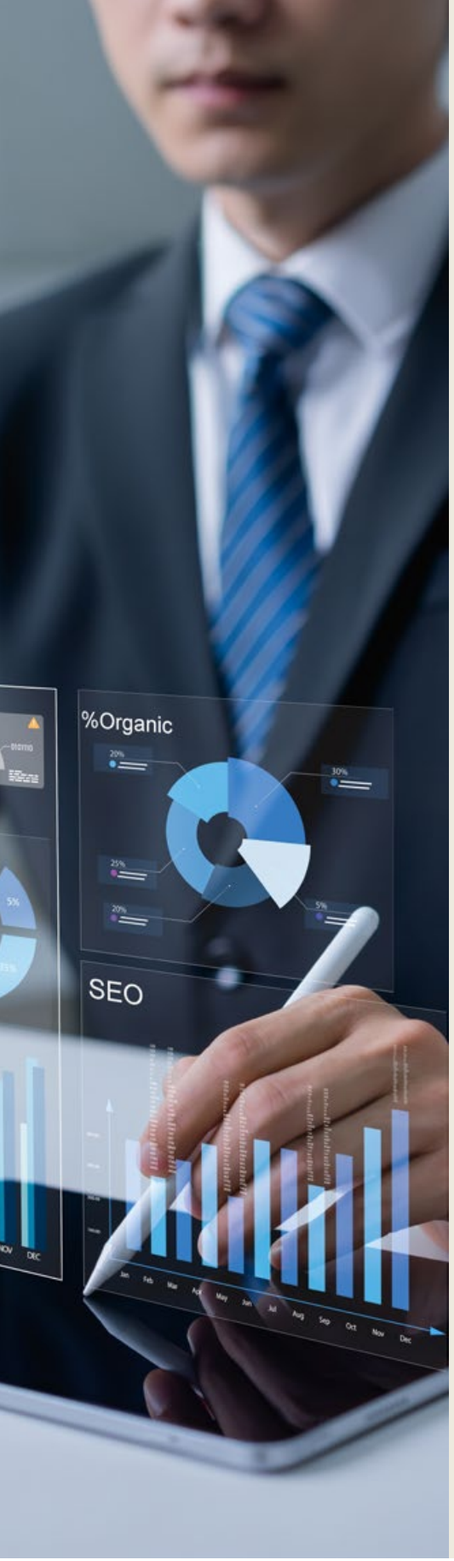
English
- **Language Studies:**
  - » Corpus linguistics
  - » Discourse analysis and critical discourse analysis
  - » English in Hong Kong
  - » Language and diversity
  - » Language and ethnicities
  - » Language and identity
  - » Language ideology
  - » Linguistic landscapes
  - » Metaphor studies
  - » Second language pronunciation
  - » Sociolinguistics
  - » World Englishes and English as a Lingua Franca
- **Literary Studies**
  - » Asian literatures in English
  - » China-west relations
  - » Critical theories
  - » Cross-cultural studies of literature
  - » Cultural cold war
  - » Literature in adaptation
  - » Modernism
  - » Tragic drama and tragic discourse
  - » Travel writing

Film and Visual Arts
- Chinese cinema
- Creative and media industries in East Asia
- Digital art
- Film industry and policy
- Hong Kong cinema
- Media and AI
- Museum studies
- Taiwan cinema

History
- Anglo-American history
- British imperial history
- Early Chinese history
- Economic history
- Environmental history
- Historical geography
- History of architecture
- Hong Kong history
- Media history
- Middle-period Chinese history
- Modern Chinese history
- Modern European history
- Pacific history
- The United States in the world
- Urban history

Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Applied ethics
- Artificial intelligence
- Confucianism
- Daoism
- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Future of humanity
- Metaphysics
- Personal identity
- Philosophical logic
- Philosophy of language
- Philosophy of literature
- Philosophy of mind
- Philosophy of psychology
- Philosophy of science
- Political philosophy
- Well-being

Translation
- Adaptation studies
- Asian translation traditions
- Comparative translation studies
- Interpreting
- Literary translation
- Theatre and translation
- Translation and genre studies
- Translation and popular culture
- Translation and the media
- Translation history
- Translation theory and criticism



CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN BUSINESS

- Actuarial science
- Artificial intelligence
- Asset pricing
- Auditing
- Bank management
- Business analytics
- Business ethics
- China business studies
- Chinese financial market
- Comparative aspects of international business
- Conflict management
- Consumer behaviour
- Corporate finance
- Corporate governance
- Corporate social responsibility
- Credit rating agencies and risk assessment
- Cross-cultural consumer and behaviour studies
- Data analytics and predictive modeling
- Data science
- Digital economy
- E-commerce
- Empirical studies in finance
- Entrepreneurship
- ESG and sustainability
- Financial accounting and reporting
- Financial engineering
- FinTech/InsurTech/RiskTech
- Human-AI interaction
- Human resource management
- Information system and computer science
- International business and economics
- Investment and financial institutions
- Leadership and teamwork
- Manufacturing and service operations management
- Market microstructure
- Marketing management in Asia
- Operations research and management science
- Organisational behaviour
- Organisational theory
- Risk and insurance
- Service marketing
- Small business management
- Social media marketing
- Strategic issues in marketing
- Strategic management
- Supply chain management
- Taxation
- Tourism
- Wealth management
- Work aging and retirement
- Work-family interface and workplace

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN DATA SCIENCE

Category 1: AI, Generative AI and Intelligent Computing

- Agentic AI and multi-agent systems
- AI for art
- AI for education
- AI for science
- AI-enhanced decision making
- Artificial intelligence and generative AI
- Cognitive computing and intelligent systems
- Computer vision, image and video processing
- Data mining and social computing
- Evolutionary algorithms and computational intelligence
- Foundation models and multimodal intelligence
- Human-AI interaction
- Large language models and vision-language models
- Machine learning and deep learning
- Natural language processing and computational linguistics
- Robotics and embodied AI
- Smart health and bioinformatics
- Trustworthy AI, responsible AI and AI security

Category 2: Industrial Data Science, Control, Smart Cities, Chemical Engineering and Applied Mathematics

- Applied mathematics and mathematical modelling
- Chemical engineering data science
- Chemical process modelling and simulation
- Control theory and applications
- Cyber-physical systems and digital twins
- Differential equations and dynamical systems
- Graph theory, network science and complex systems
- Healthcare analytics and smart health systems
- Industrial data science and industrial data analytics
- Intelligent systems, guidance, navigation and control
- Internet of things, AIoT and agentic AIoT
- Learning control systems and adaptive control
- Mathematical optimisation and convex / non-convex optimisation
- Materials informatics and AI for materials discovery
- Mobile computing, edge computing and ubiquitous computing
- Numerical analysis and scientific computing
- Numerical and computational mathematics
- Operational research and management science
- Optimisation and decision science
- Parallel computing and high-performance computing
- Process control, process monitoring and fault diagnosis
- Process systems engineering
- Reaction engineering and computational chemistry
- Renewable energy systems and smart grid analytics
- Robotics and industrial automation
- Smart cities and urban data science
- Smart connectivity and information fusion
- Smart logistics and supply chain analytics
- Smart manufacturing and industrial intelligence
- Statistics, probability and stochastic processes
- Sustainable process design and energy systems

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN SCIENCE/INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Environmental Science

- **Geographical Information System, Urban Climate and Environmental Health**
  - » Urban sensing and GeoAI application
  - » Environmental and social impact assessment (urban climate and air/noise pollution)
  - » Environmental epidemiology and health technologies
  - » ESG and environmental education
- **Renewable Energy and Application**
  - » Control, modelling, and monitoring of Lithium-ion battery systems
  - » Second-life utilisation of Lithium-ion batteries in renewable energy systems
  - » Hybrid power systems consist of Lithium-ion batteries and other devices
- **Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation**
  - » Applied ecology and conservation
  - » Behavioural ecology, thermal ecology, and eco-physiology
  - » Eco-evolutionary genomics
  - » Environmental DNA (eDNA) ecology
  - » Freshwater and terrestrial ecology
  - » Intertidal and marine ecology
  - » Nature-based greening solution
  - » Organismal response to global change
  - » Phylogenetics and population genetics
  - » Recreation ecology
  - » Symbiosis and nutritional mutualisms
  - » Urban ecology and invasive species
  - » Wildlife trade in Asia and wildlife forensic science

Sustainability

- **Clean Energy and Energy Storage**
  - » Energy storage
    - ▹ Advanced battery materials
    - ▹ All-solid-state battery
    - ▹ Battery management system
    - ▹ Flexible battery
    - ▹ Flow battery
  - » Clean energy
    - ▹ CO2-to-fuel conversion
    - ▹ Nanofluidic energy conversion
    - ▹ Perovskite solar cells
    - ▹ Waste energy harvesting
- **Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality**
  - » Carbon dioxide mitigation
    - ▹ Carbon farming
    - ▹ CO2 fuel cell and catalyst
    - ▹ CO2 sink build materials and solid waste
    - ▹ Direct air capture of carbon dioxide
    - ▹ Flue gas carbon dioxide capture - Clean energy
  - » System level integration of carbon dioxide capture, utilisation, and sequestration
    - ▹ Carbon monitoring and footprint analysis
    - ▹ Carbon trading and economy
    - ▹ Economical conversion of CO2 into useful products
- **AI-Driven Design of Smart Materials and Biomedical Network**
  - » AI and machine learning-driven discovery of new functional materials
    - ▹ AI4Materials and material genomics
    - ▹ Functional material design
    - ▹ Green manufacturing
    - ▹ MaterialGPT and fundamental material language
    - ▹ Smart materials for energy sustainability
    - ▹ Programmed material synthesis and mechanical self-assembly
  - » AI for biomedical network
    - ▹ AI and digital healthcare
    - ▹ Biomedical informatics
    - ▹ Brain-computer interface
    - ▹ Flexible sensors and biomedical devices
    - ▹ Morphogenesis and mechanobiology
    - ▹ Single cell automation micro-operation and cell images
    - ▹ Soft robots, biological micro and nanobot system
- **Sustainable Environment/Infrastructure of AI Adoption**
  - » Sustainable infrastructure
    - ▹ AI for wireless
    - ▹ Geographical information system
    - ▹ Intelligent transportation system
    - ▹ Smart traffic network and ISAC
  - » Sustainable environment
    - ▹ Bio-degradable sensors for environmental detection and protection
    - ▹ Biomedical informatics, system identification and system dynamics
    - ▹ Evolutionary biology and conservation genetics
    - ▹ Intelligent patient and environment monitoring
    - ▹ Urban climate and environmental health

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Economics

- Bargaining and auction theory
- Behavioural and experimental economics
- Competition and industrial economics
- Development economics
- Economics of the digital society
- Economics of the family
- Environmental economics
- Financial economics
- Financial institutions and global financial markets
- Health economics
- Housing market and housing policy
- Intellectual property and innovation
- International trade and investment
- Labour market and education policy
- Law and economics/finance
- Macroeconomics
- Population economics and ageing issues
- Public economics

Government and International Affairs

- AI governance, regulation, and ethics
- Asian and international political economy
- Asian Pacific and East Asian international relations
- Behavioural public administration
- Chinese politics and Chinese foreign policy
- Conflict and peace studies
- Contentious politics and political movement
- Cross strait relations
- Electoral politics, party development and legislative dynamics
- Ethnicity, religion, nationalism and national identity
- Global politics and foreign policy decision-making
- Hong Kong politics
- Politics of data, platforms and algorithms
- Political theory
- Public governance and institutional design
- Regional economic and security cooperation
- Science and technology policy
- Strategy, innovation and performance in public service organisations

Psychology

- Adolescent and adult development
- Ageing and older workers
- Biological psychology
- Clinical psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Cognitive neuroscience
- Cognitive training
- Communication
- Confidence and metacognition
- Consumer psychology
- Counselling psychology
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Early childhood education
- Economic and social decision-making
- Educational psychology
- Emotional labour
- Executive functions
- Family and parenting
- Health psychology
- Human-AI interaction and user experience
- Human-computer interaction and applied cognition
- Human factors and human error
- Industrial and organisational psychology
- Learning and adaptation
- Literacy development
- Mathematics development
- Mental health and well-being
- Occupational stress
- Placebo analgesia
- Positive psychology
- Psychology of safety
- Sensation and perception
- Social neuroscience
- Social psychology
- Stereotyping
- Visual perception
- Work-life balance
- Youth mental health

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Sociology and Social Policy
(Department of Sociology and Social Policy, and Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies)

- Ageing and social gerontology
- Ageing in Place in Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong, China
- Antisocial behaviour
- Carers' policies in China and East Asia
- Children and young people
- Collective memory
- Community development
- Comparative and global social policy
- Comparative culturology
- Computational social science
- Consumption
- Cultural values
- Culture, cognition and knowledge
- Digitisation, gig economy and platform labour
- Disadvantaged populations
- Disasters, displacements and climate action
- Economic sociology
- Education policy and governance
- Education skills and labour supply
- Ethnic studies
- Family
- Gender
- Globalisation and international development
- Historical Sociology
- Housing policy
- Intergenerational care and relations
- International and comparative education
- Marriage
- Media Studies
- Mental health
- Migration, mobilities and transnationalism
- Modernisation and cultural change
- Multidimensional well-being
- Political sociology
- Poverty in Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong, China
- Poverty, welfare and social security
- Reproductive politics
- Research methods
- Sexuality
- Silver economy
- Social entrepreneurship and innovation
- Social inclusion
- Social security in Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong, China
- Social stratification and inequality
- Social theory
- Sociology of science and technology
- Survey experiments
- Transitional justice
- Violence in intimate and family relationships
- Work and employment

Sociology and Social Policy
(School of Graduate Studies)

- Ageing and social gerontology
- Ageing in place
- Carers
- Children and young people
- Cities and urban governance
- Comparative social policies
- Cross-cultural adaption and communication of international studies
- Culture and knowledge
- Education/higher education
- Education inequalities
- Education mobilities
- Education policy and governance
- Education skills and labour supply
- Environmental governance
- Family
- Financial counselling and planning
- Financial intervention/education
- First-year learning experiences and positive learning outcomes
- Gender
- Generic skills development
- Health
- Health and society
- Heritage and sustainable development
- Housing
- Informal carers
- Intergenerational caregiving
- International and comparative education
- Labour
- Migration and transnationalism
- Multidimensional well-being
- Nonprofit management
- Old-age income protection
- Personal finance management
- Political economy of welfare state
- Poverty, welfare and social security
- Research methods
- Residential education
- Social capital and social exclusion
- Social policy
- Social theory
- State-society relations
- Social work practices
- Technology and social services
- Technology-enhanced language learning and teaching
- Well-being
- Welfare policies
- Work and employment

Urban Studies

- Accessible cities
- Affordable housing
- Cities and social exclusion
- Comparative housing policy
- Conservation and adaptative reuse of heritage
- Digital platform and transformation
- Digital urban analytics and geocomputation
- Digital urban resilience and sustainability
- Displacement
- Discrimination and prejudice
- Gated communities
- Gentrification
- Global value chain/production network
- Homeowners associations
- Housing activism
- Housing financialisation
- Housing for the elderly
- Identity and belonging
- Inclusive cities
- Industrial development and transformation
- Informal housing
- Infrastructure
- Land use and zoning
- Migration and mobility
- Multiowned properties
- Neighbour conflicts
- Neighbourhood and community
- Neighbourhood and place attachment
- Place branding
- Property rights
- Real estate economics
- Regional development
- Residential mobility
- Segregation
- Social justice
- Third-sector housing
- Tourism and sustainable development
- Transportation research and policy analytics
- Urban and rural enclaves
- Urban governance
- Urban inequalities
- Urban movements
- Urban political ecology
- Urban poverty and deprivation
- Urban renewal and regeneration
- Urbanisation and infectious disease
- Urbanisation and urbanism
- Walkable cities
- Waste management in cities



Research Institutes and Centres

In fostering a vibrant research culture, the University has research institutes and centres at the Institutional, Faculty and Departmental levels that shape the research landscape of the University. Together they initiate innovative projects, promote inter disciplinary research and accelerate international collaborations.



Institutional Research Institutes/Centres

- Lingnan University Cognitive Science Research Centre
- Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study
- Lingnan University Shenzhen Research Institute
  - » Lingnan University Creative and Cultural Innovation Research Institute

Faculty/School Research Institutes/Centres

Faculty of Arts
- The Advanced Institute for Global Chinese Studies

Departmental Research Institutes/Centres
- Centre for Cultural Research and Development
  - » Kwan Fong Cultural Research and Development Programme
- Centre for Environmental History and Development
- Centre for Film and Creative Industries
- Hong Kong and South China Historical Research Programme
- Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre

Faculty of Business
- Hong Kong Institute of Business Studies
  - » Lingnan University-Guangdong University of Technology Research Centre for eBusiness and Logistics
  - » Lingnan University-Jinan University Joint Research Centre for Financial Inclusion and Digital Economy
  - » Lingnan University-South China University of Technology Joint Research Centre for Management and Decision Sciences
  - » Dr Raymond Wong Research Centre for Arts Technology and Business

Departmental Research Institutes/Centres
- Institute of Insurance and Risk Management

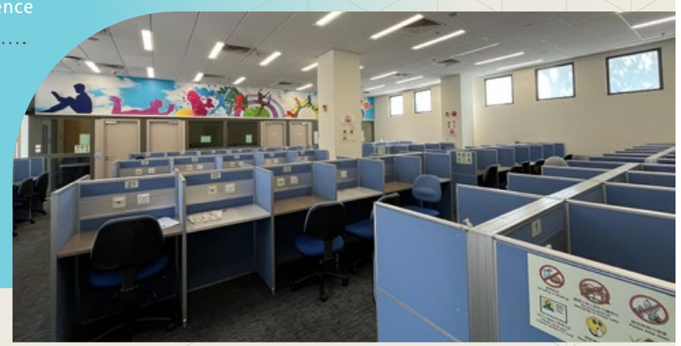
Faculty of Social Sciences
- Pan Sutong Shanghai-Hong Kong Economic Policy Research Institute
  - » China Economic Research Programme
  - » STEAM Education and Research Centre
- Wofoo Joseph Lee Consulting and Counselling Psychology Research Centre

Departmental Research Institutes/Centres
- Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies
- Public Governance Programme

School of Data Science
- LEO Dr David P. Chan Institute of Data Science

School of Graduate Studies
- Institute of Policy Studies

Research Institutes and Centres



Learning Enhancement Activities



A commitment is made by the University to deliver world-class postgraduate studies programmes. A wide range of research and postgraduate courses is offered, with collaboration among various departments and units to foster a robust learning and research environment. Excellence in postgraduate studies is supported through comprehensive services provided by the Postgraduate Studies Research and Learning Hub and the E-learning Hub, accessible to all research postgraduate students.

Learning Enhancement and Aspiration Pathways (LEAP)

The Learning Enhancement and Aspiration Pathways (LEAP) initiative has been introduced by the School of Graduate Studies (GS) to support students' academic and professional growth. Learning opportunities are provided to enhance students' learning experiences and foster their personal and professional development.

E-learning Hub

Academic Excellence

"A Personal Perspective on Doing Good Research" Seminar Series

The seminar series **"A Personal Perspective on Doing Good Research"** organised by the School of Graduate Studies is designed specifically for research postgraduate students. Presentations by senior management, academic leaders, and distinguished scholars of Lingnan University are featured. A platform is provided for sharing insights and experiences from academic journeys, with engaging discussions on effective research practices fostered and direct interaction with leading scholars enabled. Additionally, a variety of events and activities have been organised to enrich students' academic experiences, including:

- Lingnan Postgraduate Orientation
- Postgraduate Conference on Interdisciplinary Learning
- GS Graduation Dinner
- Postgraduate Summer School

Upcoming Events



Fees

Tuition Fees

Tuition fee for the 2027/28 academic year for individual full-time MPhil/PhD programmes is HK$49,500, payable by two equal instalments of HK$24,750 each. The first instalment is payable on first registration while the second one before the start of the second term. Self-financed students are required to pay HK$99,000* (full-time) and HK$56,134 (part-time) for the 2027/28 academic year.

** Some collaborative programmes may charge a higher rate, which is subject to review on an academic yearly-basis. Please refer to individual programme pages for more information.*

For details on tuition waiver, please visit our website at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/financial-support.

Deposit

A deposit of HK$600 (subject to adjustment) is payable by all students on first registration and is refundable only when a student has completed at least one academic year and, withdraws officially from the University or his/her study is discontinued by the University. A deduction will be made by the University for outstanding debts not previously settled.

Administrative Fee for Student Visa Application

A non-refundable administrative fee of HK$700 (visa fee of HK$330 inclusive) is payable by all students for each student visa application.

Graduation Fee

A graduation fee of HK$600 (subject to adjustment) is payable upon approval for graduation. In accordance with the practice of the University, the full amount or the balance of the deposit paid on first registration is used to pay this graduation fee. Where the balance is insufficient to pay the entire HK$600, a student must pay the difference before the degree is awarded.

Other Information

The 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 various teaching, learning and sports facilities to provide the best learning experience for our students.

In addition to the Main Campus in Tuen Mun, Lingnan University has established Lingnan@WestKowloon, located at M+ in the West Kowloon Cultural District, to support various teaching and research activities.

More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/ocdm/facilities.

Campus Facilities

Student Hostels

The University has ten student hostels providing a total of 2,600 residential places to eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students. The student rooms are equipped with beds, desks, closets, air-conditioning and LAN ports/ Wi-Fi. Each student floor of the hostel blocks has a lounge area, a pantry and shared lavatory/shower facilities. Other facilities include common rooms, study rooms and laundry rooms. Each hostel has its own warden, senior tutor and tutors looking after the welfare of the residents. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/osa/residential-life/student-hostel.

On-campus Student Hostels



Library

The Fong Sum Wood University Library is committed to becoming the knowledge hub and intellectual heart of Lingnan to advance its scholarly pursuits. The Library provides a suite of learning, teaching and research support services ranging from information literacy workshops, course readings, research consultation service, copyright support, digital publishing service to scholarly communication services to support the learning and research journey of both students and faculty. The Research Support team is ready to provide support for the learning and research needs of postgraduates and researchers. The renovated Library is a place for study, research, creation, knowledge exchange, crystallisation of innovative ideas and experiential learning. More details are available at www.library.LN.edu.hk.

Library

The Library's collections include:

- over **457,000+** volumes of print books
- over **4.5 million+** e-books
- over **187,000+** online journals; and
- over **270+** electronic databases

Information Technology Services Centre

The Information Technology Services Centre (ITSC) is committed to developing enabling solutions and leveraging cutting-edge technology to transform and modernise the academic support and administrative systems, solutions, applications, and platforms and to operate them on a robust, secure and high-performance network and communication infrastructure to create a technology-enabling environment to support for students' pursuit of academic excellence.

ITSC

Our priorities are:

- Support for students' learning
- Building of an advanced network and database infrastructure
- Enterprise-wide application development
- Establishment of High Performance Computing (HPC) infrastructure

More information about the ITSC and its services is available at www.LN.edu.hk/itsc.

Student Services

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) aims to identify and cater for students' needs in support of their academic pursuit; and facilitate students' whole-person development through a wide range of services and co-curricular programmes. The University provides a residential environment on campus conducive to the intellectual and social development of students; and enhance students' leadership qualities through students' active participation in student organisations and formal representation on university committees. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/osa.

OSA

Launched in the 2024/25 academic year, the **"Pathways to Empower Research Postgraduates in Career Preparation" programme** aims at facilitating RPg students to better prepare for their future career plan and development. By adopting a four-stage approach, RPg students will be encompassed with necessary assessment tools, one-on-one professional coaching, trainings, guidance, and opportunities to excel in their future career planning and execution. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/osa/career/pgstudents/rpg.

Career Advising Services

Campus Map



校園地圖 Campus Map

① 陳德泰大會堂	Chan Tak Tai Auditorium	AUD
② 黃氏行政大樓	Wong Administration Building	AD
③ 李運強教學大樓 ▪ 鄺森活圖書館 ▪ 梁方霭雲藝術廊 ▪ 少雪齋藝術展覽館	Patrick Lee Wan Keung Academic Building ▪ Fong Sum Wood Library ▪ Leung Fong Oi Wan Art Gallery ▪ Chamber of Young Snow Art Exhibition Hall	MB
④ 綜合運動大樓 ▪ 田家炳游泳池	Indoor Sports Complex ▪ Tin Ka Ping Swimming Pool	
⑤ 何善衡樓	Ho Sin Hang Building	HSH
⑥ 梁銶琚樓	Leung Kau Kui Building	LKK
⑦ 林炳炎樓	B. Y. Lam Building	LBY
⑧ 黃玉蘭樓	Dorothy Y. L. Wong Building	WYL
⑨ 劉仲謙樓	Lau Chung Him Building	LCH
⑩ 劉李婉嫻康樂樓	Lau Lee Yuen Haan Amenities Building	LYH
⑪ 郭少明伉儷樓	Simon and Eleanor Kwok Building	SEK
⑫ 潘蘇通運動場 ▪ 和富李宗德學生活動中心	Pan Sutong Sports Ground ▪ Wofoo Joseph Lee Student Activity Centre	
⑬ 校長官邸會議中心	President Lodge Conference Centre	PLCC
⑭ 訪客宿舍	Visitors' Quarters	
⑮ 伍絜宜嶺南坊	Wu Jieh Yee Lingnan Hub	WLH
⑯ 菁雋	T Plus	TPL
Ⓐ 永安廣場	Wing On Plaza	
Ⓑ 現代花園	Contemporary Garden	
Ⓒ 乾新坊（天幕）	Kin Sun Square (Skylight)	
Ⓓ 有蓋停車場入口	Covered Car Park Entrance	
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學生宿舍	Student Hostels
S1. 蒙民偉樓 東亞堂	William M. W. Mong Hall The Bank of East Asia Hall
S2. 香港崇正總會樓 霍藻棉樓	Tsung Tsin Association Hall Fok Cho Min Hall
S3. 忠信堂 逸民堂	Chung Shun Hall Yee Min Hall
S4. 林護堂	Lam Woo Hall
S5. 賽馬會堂	The Jockey Club Hall
S6. 賽馬會博雅堂	The Jockey Club New Hall
S7. 黃浩川堂	Wong Hoo Chuen Hall
S8. 伍絜宜堂	Wu Jieh Yee Hall

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