

MPhil & PhD Programmes in Lingnan University

哲學碩士及博士學位課程

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Lingnan 嶺南大學
University 香港 Hong Kong



**SCHOOL OF
GRADUATE STUDIES**
研究生院

> About *Lingnan University*

A leading Liberal Arts Research University in Hong Kong, China

History

Lingnan University 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, China. **In the most recent Times Higher Education (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.

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 students. There are also two off-campus learning hubs with state-of-the-art educational resources at Lingnan@WestKowloon in M+ West Kowloon and Union Park Learning Centre in Prince Edward.

Hostels

Lingnan offers affordable accommodation for eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students in ten hostels on campus with around 2,600 residential places.



Rank 1st
in the World

for Quality Education
(THE Impact Rankings, 2025)

Rank 1st and **41st**
in Hong Kong and in the World

for No Poverty
(THE Impact Rankings, 2025)

Rank 2nd
in the Asia

for International Faculty
(QS Asia University Rankings, 2025)

Rank 2nd and **18th**
in Hong Kong and in the Asia

for Philosophy
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025)

TOP40
in the World

for International Faculty
(QS World University Rankings, 2026)

Rank 3rd and **14th**
in Hong Kong and in the Asia

for Social Policy and Administration
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025)

TOP50
in the World

for International Outlook
(THE World University Rankings, 2026)

Rank 301-350
in the World

out of 2,191 universities
(THE World University Rankings, 2026)

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.



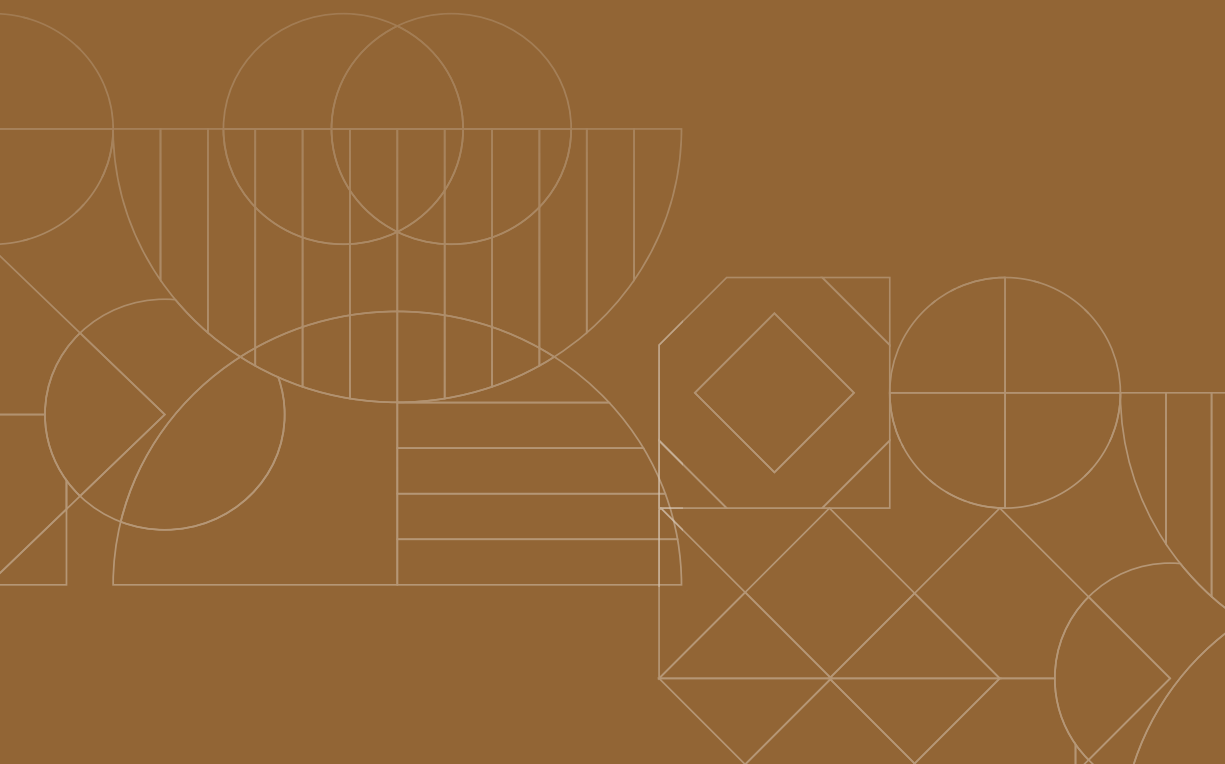
Prof YAO Xin

**Tong Tin Sun Chair Professor
of Machine Learning**

Our newly established School of Data Science and Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study have attracted some of the world's most distinguished scholars. 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 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.

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. Join our vibrant community at Lingnan University for a transformative postgraduate educational experience.





Prof Sam KWONG

J.K. Lee Chair Professor of
Computational Intelligence

Message from the

Dean of the School of Graduate Studies

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, advanced postgraduate studies, and research with real-world impact.

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.

Besides, our University's strong emphasis on research and community engagement enriches the academic experience. There are various research centers and initiatives that encourage students to collaborate on projects that address societal issues. 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.

Overall speaking, 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.



Diverse Research Areas

36 exciting MPhil/PhD programmes to explore



Arts

Chinese, Cultural Studies, English, Film and Visual Arts, History, Philosophy, and Translation



Business

Accounting, Finance, International Business, Management, Marketing, Operations Management, Risk Management and Insurance



Data Science

Data Science



Science/Interdisciplinary Studies

Environmental Science, Sustainability



Social Sciences

Economics, Government and International Affairs, Psychology, Sociology and/or Social Policy, and Urban Studies

The normal study period for full-time MPhil programmes is two years; while for full-time PhD programmes is three years for candidates who possess a relevant master's degree or four years for candidates without a relevant master's degree.



List of Programmes



A sustained commitment to high-impact, innovative

Lingnan University is committed to research excellence and making positive societal impact, endeavours to contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As we transition to a research-intensive comprehensive university in arts and sciences in the digital era, we are committed to blending tradition with digital innovation, boosting international interdisciplinary research, and advancing postgraduate studies and research with real-world impact.

In the 2025-26 Research Grants Committee (RGC) funding exercise, Lingnan won 49 competitive projects, bringing in nearly 30 million dollars—our highest ever. The University recorded the largest year-on-year increase among universities in Hong Kong, China.

In 2025, the University won 14 awards for 13 inventions at the Silicon Valley International Inventions Festival, including 8 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals, and a special award – Prize of the International Federation of Inventors' Association (IFIA). Our University is the higher education institution in Hong Kong, China, with the most awards this year.

At the International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva, the University won 5 awards, including the first-ever Gold Medal with Congratulations of the Jury, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals.



Research &
Innovation

Research Excellence

Global Research Collaboration

The University will also be offering the following full-time PhD programmes in collaboration with universities in Chinese Mainland in the 2026/27:



Faculty of Business

- Double PhD Degree Programme in Business with South China University of Technology
- Double PhD Degree Programme in Mathematics and Business with Renmin University of China



Faculty of Social Sciences

- Double PhD Degree Programme in Economics with Shandong University
- Double PhD Degree Programme in Economics with Wuhan University



School of Data Science

- Double PhD Degree Programme in Data Science with Shandong University



What Will You Gain from Our MPhil/PhD Programmes?

Lingnan is transforming from a traditional teaching and research liberal arts university into a research-focused liberal arts university under the digital age. This means that it not only emphasises both teaching and research, but also commits to developing students the essential 21st-century skills and equipping them with digital literacy to tackle current challenges and excel in the digital era with integrity.

Like many American liberal arts colleges, and like the colleges at Cambridge and Oxford, Lingnan believes that the ethos of liberal arts education requires relatively smaller 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 intimate, 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 or even postgraduate teaching experience; and they experience a strong sense of membership of a campus-wide postgraduate community.



**Critical
Thinking**



**Global
Leadership**



**Digital
Era**



**Postgraduate
Advancement**



**Interdisciplinary
Innovation**



**Global
Connections**



Financial Support

Generous funding to fuel your research ambitions

A) 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.

B) Research Postgraduate Student Conference/Field Trip Sponsorships

The Sponsorships aim to provide financial support to students for conference participation and conducting field trips, and exceptionally, participating in other academic activities.

Maximum amount of funding limit	
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\$14,200 per year*

**The rate in 2025-26, subject to annual review and will be provided to a PhD Fellowship awardee during his/her normal study period.*

C) Research Postgraduate Scholarships for Overseas Research Visits

The Scholarships 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 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.



Financial Support





Supervision by Distinguished Scholars

Quality Education
and Research



307 Faculty **28** Countries
from

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.



43 Lingnan Scholars/Fellows

in the World's Top 2% Scientists

(published in 2025 by Stanford University in the US)



4 Lingnan Scholars

named Best Computer Science Scientists

(2024 Edition of the Ranking of Best Computer Science Scientists by Research.com)



18 Lingnan Scholars/Fellows

recognised as National Best Scientists

(2024 Edition of the Ranking of National Best Scientists by Research.com)



1 Lingnan Scholar

received the worldwide 2025 H. George Frederickson Award

for Career Contributions to Public Management Research

(Public Management Research Association)



1 Lingnan Scholar

received Prize of the International Federation of Inventors' Association (IFIA)

(11th Silicon Valley International Invention Festival 2025)



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