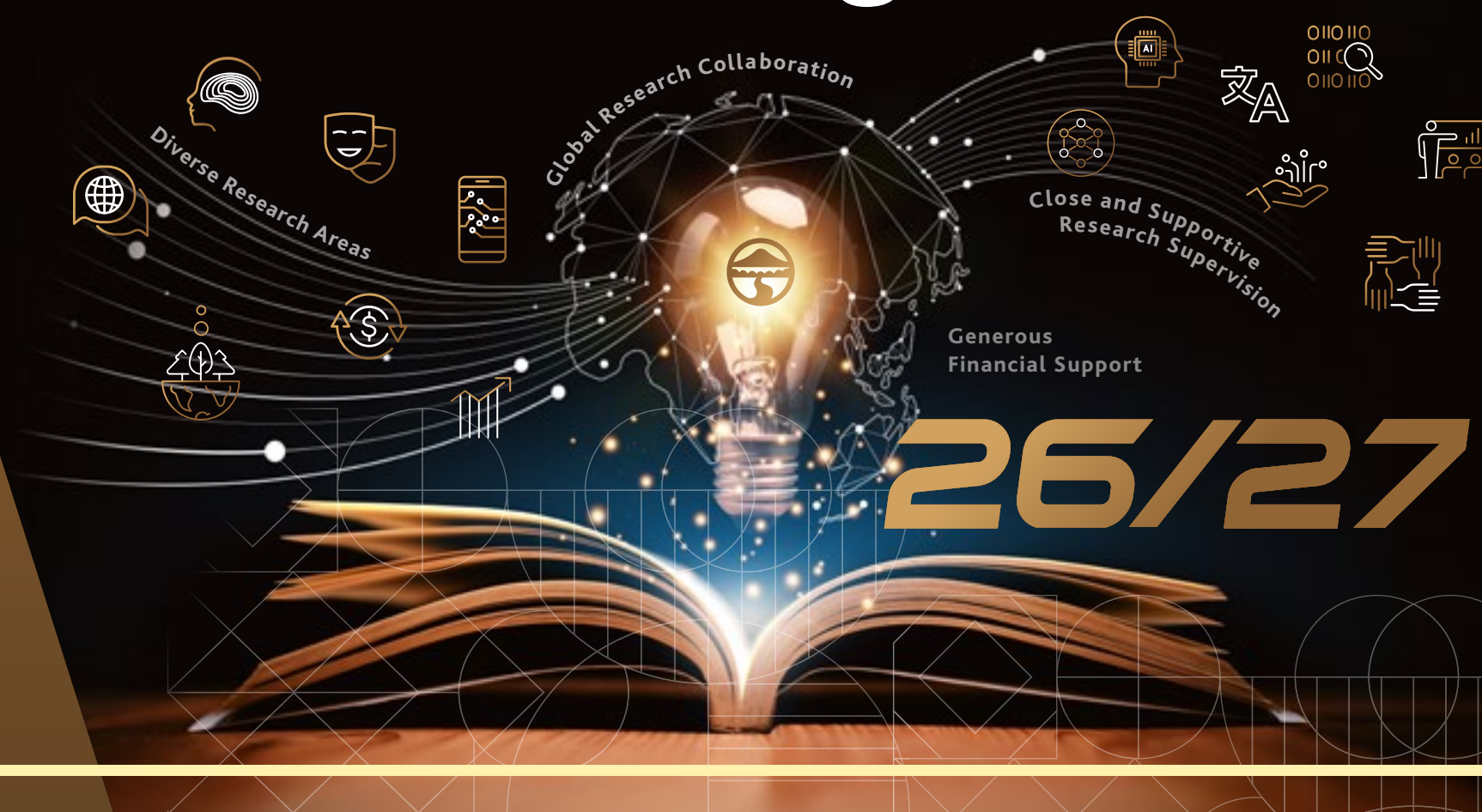


Lingnan University is forging a path as a global leader in quality education and impactful research, and is aspired to evolve into a distinguished research-focused liberal arts university for the digital era, equipping students with critical thinking skills and digital literacy and ensuring our students are well-prepared to face the modern world's challenges. **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.

We are well-known for our emphasis on teaching and research, student-centred learning, and an intimate campus setting. Our faculty includes world-class scholars who offer expert, close and supportive thesis supervision to MPhil/PhD students.

ADMISSION TO MPhil & PhD Programmes



Programme of Studies

Lingnan seeks high calibre candidates for the following MPhil and PhD⁺ programmes to pursue in-depth study in specific research areas.



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

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Science/ Interdisciplinary Studies

Environmental Science, Sustainability



Social Sciences

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

* The University has also been offering full-time PhD programmes in collaboration with universities in Chinese Mainland. For further details and updates on our collaborative programmes, please visit our website at www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/list-of-programmes.

Application Methods

Apply for PhD Programmes via the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

Application period

Initial Application to RGC	1 September to 1 December 2025 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon)
Full Application to Lingnan	1 September to 1 December 2025 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 p.m.)

No late application will be accepted

Step 1:	Step 2:	Step 3:
Submit an Initial Application to RGC at www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd	Submit a Full Application via Lingnan's Online Application System at http://apply.ln.edu.hk/	Settle the Application Fee Online 

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

Lingnan is one of the universities which can nominate brilliant applicants for the Fellowship to be granted by the Research Grants Council (RGC) through the HKPFS. Each Fellowship awardee will be provided with an annual stipend of HK\$340,800[^] and a conference/research-related travel allowance of up to HK\$14,200/year[^] for a maximum period of three years by the RGC.
(* Rate for 2025-26 subject to annual review)
(US\$1 = HK\$7.8)

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

Apply for MPhil/PhD Programmes via Direct Admissions

Application period¹

Main Round*	1 November 2025 to 16 January 2026 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 p.m.)
1st Clearing Round²	17 January to 30 April 2026 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 p.m.)
2nd Clearing Round³	1 May to 31 August 2026 (Hong Kong Time 11:59 p.m.)

* For admission in September 2026 intake

[^] For admission in January 2027 intake

Step 1:	Step 2:
Apply via Lingnan's Online Admission System at https://apply.ln.edu.hk/	Settle the Application Fee Online 

Full-time students will normally be provided with Postgraduate Studentships. The full Postgraduate Studentships for an MPhil student and a PhD student are HK\$19,010/month and HK\$19,280/month* respectively (rates for 2025-26, subject to annual review).

* To be raised to HK\$19,660/month after confirmation of candidature

Notes: 1. Though applications are received up to the end of August 2026, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible in the Main Round.
2. Applications will be considered for the Clearing Round, subject to the availability of places after the September intake Main Round.
3. Applications will be considered for the Clearing Round, subject to the availability of places after the September intake Main and Clearing Rounds.



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