Who Can Apply?

Lingnan University welcomes applicants from different parts of the world.

General Admission Requirements
An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of MPhil or PhD should meet Lingnan's admission criteria and requirements.

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 fulfil the English language requirements set by the University.

Programme-Specific Admission Requirements
Some programmes have specified additional requirements for admission.

For details, please visit our website at **www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/requirement/additional-admission-requirements**.

Admission Criteria and Requirements

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

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How to Apply for 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)

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 **https://apply.ln.edu.hk/** **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 the selection of applicants for its PhD programmes and nominate those outstanding applicants for the HKPFS awards. The RGC will set up selection panels to evaluate/assess the nominations submitted by universities.

Those who are nominated but are not ultimately offered the Fellowship, as well as those not selected for nomination, will be considered for admission as PhD students at Lingnan under places allocated to the University, with Postgraduate Studentship awards.

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School of Graduate Studies, October 2026



Admission to MPhil/PhD Programmes 2027/28

Apply for PhD Programmes via the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

HKPFS

What is the HKPFS?

Established by the Research Grants Council (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 studies at the universities in Hong Kong, China.

Lingnan is one of the universities which can nominate outstanding applicants for the HKPFS award.

HKPFS Package at Lingnan

Annual Stipend*	HK$344,400#
Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance*	HK$14,400 per year#

**For a maximum period of three years by the RGC. 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.*
#Rates for 2026/27, subject to annual review (US$1 = HK$7.8)

LU Presidential PhD Scholarship

(Prestigious top-up scholarship for HKPFS awardees)*

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

**Applicable to HKPFS awardees for the 2027/28 admission intake*



Apply for MPhil/PhD Programmes to Lingnan via

Direct Admissions

Applicants may seek admission to the MPhil/PhD programmes by applying to the University via Direct Admissions. 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 2026/27, subject to annual review).

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

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)

**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 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 Application via Direct Admissions

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

Step 2: Settle the Application Fee Online

Direct Admissions



Sharing from Our Students



Faculty of Arts

Mr Patric Hagen HARTING
PhD in Philosophy (Year 2)

Lingnan: Breaking Boundaries through Interdisciplinary Connections

Lingnan is a great place for interdisciplinary study. My department is very diverse, with scholars from many different countries. I enjoy attending the many interesting academic events hosted by the University, too. Research postgraduate students can also visit and study at the other big universities in the Hong Kong SAR, which is great for building relationships. Finally, there are further opportunities across the Greater Bay Area to get involved in the wider field.



Faculty of Business

Mr Joseph Maxwell ASAMOAH
PhD in Business (Year 3)
[Belt and Road Scholarship awardee]

Mentorship, Global Reach, and Family Belonging

Studying for my PhD in Accounting at Lingnan has been deeply rewarding. I have benefited from my supervisors' generous mentorship, a vibrant Faculty of Business research community, and opportunities to engage with scholars beyond Hong Kong SAR, including a six-month visiting appointment at Washington University in St. Louis. Lingnan's funding has allowed me to focus fully on my research, while Hong Kong SAR has become a welcoming home for my young family.

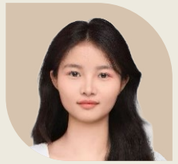


Faculty of Social Sciences

Mr SUEN Chun-kit
PhD in Sociology and Social Policy (Year 3)
[HKPFS awardee]

Guided Excellence, Global Insight, Lasting Belonging

My PhD journey in Sociology and Social Policy at Lingnan has been truly rewarding. As an HKPFS awardee, I have benefited from the invaluable guidance of my Chief Supervisor, Prof Stefan KÜHNER, and Co-supervisor, Prof CHEN Xi, in exploring youth belonging in the region amid multidimensional political, economic, and societal challenges. Hong Kong SAR's vibrant academic environment, together with Lingnan's generous support, has made this journey unforgettable. I warmly invite prospective students to join us.



School of Data Science

Ms JIA Zhenzhen
PhD in Data Science (Year 2)

Where Liberal Arts Meet Data Science, Inspiring AI for Real-World

Pursuing my PhD at Lingnan University has been a genuinely joyful and inspiring experience. Lingnan offers a supportive learning environment where liberal arts and data science meet naturally. The University and the School continue to invite distinguished visiting professors and experts from diverse fields, bringing valuable academic resources and wider intellectual exposure. Guided by energetic and passionate professors, I am pursuing new research directions and translating AI research into practical industrial applications.



School of Graduate Studies

Ms HO Wai-ki
MPhil in Sociology and Social Policy (Year 2)

Global Connections, Local Belonging, Lifelong Gratitude

Two years in one's 20s could create tremendous lifelong changes. I am certain that I will carry my utmost gratitude throughout my adulthood for having pursued my postgraduate research degree at Lingnan University in this promising world-class city. Lingnan has provided international connections with strong rootage in Chinese Mainland and global perspectives, allowing me to think globally and act locally. Especially for my research on social tourism in later life, which is globally relevant yet strongly contextual, the resources and support I gained from my supervisors and colleagues have inspired my critical and interdisciplinary thinking, while the calm campus environment in a remote part of the city has brought me peace and focus in my studies.



Wu Jieh Yee School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Ms GU Yu
PhD in Sustainability (Year 2)

Close Mentorship, Global Networks, Interdisciplinary Growth

Pursuing my PhD at Lingnan has given me very close supervision and generous support from my supervisors, including regular meetings and opportunities to join external projects and conferences. I also benefit from cross-institutional courses that broaden my training and connect me with peers across Hong Kong SAR. The interdisciplinary environment and supportive community here make it an ideal place to develop as an early-career researcher.