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# Pursuing PhD Programmes in Lingnan University

## What are the PhD Programmes Offered by Lingnan?

Lingnan University offers PhD programmes\* in the following areas:

### Arts

Chinese, Cultural Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Translation, and Visual Studies;

### Business

*Accounting, Decision Sciences, Finance, Information Systems Management, Insurance, International Business, Management, Marketing, and Operations Management;*

### Social Sciences

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

Across the different disciplines, the University has a considerable strength and depth on topics related to China and Asian Pacific studies.

The normal study period for PhD programmes is three years for candidates who possess a relevant master's degree and four years for candidates without a relevant master's degree.

\*The University has also been offering full-time PhD programmes in collaboration with Mainland universities. 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](http://www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/list-of-programmes).



Collaborative  
Programmes

## What is the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)?

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

Lingnan is one of the universities which can nominate brilliant applicants for the Fellowship award. Each Fellowship awardee will be provided with a Fellowship with an annual stipend of HK\$325,200\* and a conference/research-related travel allowance of up to HK\$13,600/year\* for a maximum period of three years by the RGC.

(\*rate 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.

^Eligible local awardees will be given tuition waiver by the HKSAR Government 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](http://www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/tws.html).



## How to Apply for the HKPFS?

**Application period: from 1 September to 1 December 2022 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)**

### Step 1: Submit an Initial Application to RGC

- ▶ Apply via the HKPFS admission system for initial application at [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd) by **1 December 2022 (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 electronic system at [www.LN.edu.hk/admissions/applyonline/index-rpg.html](http://www.LN.edu.hk/admissions/applyonline/index-rpg.html) by **1 December 2022 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)**
- ▶ Quote the **HKPFS Reference Number** assigned by the RGC for verification

### Step 3: Settle the Application Fee Online



HKPFS

The University will conduct selection of applicants for its PhD programmes and nominate those outstanding and brilliant ones for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships. The RGC will set up selection panels to evaluate/assess the nominations submitted by universities.

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 Postgraduate Studentship awards. The full Postgraduate Studentship for a PhD will be HK\$18,170/month\* (rate subject to annual review). For details of application methods, please refer to "Who can Apply?" section.

\*To be raised to HK\$18,520/month after confirmation of candidature.

## Who can Apply?

Lingnan University welcomes applicants from different parts of the world who:

- 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) have obtained an equivalent qualification of a) or b) above; **or**
- d) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.

In addition to the above, an applicant whose degree is not from a tertiary institution in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country should obtain a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 79 (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a band score of 6.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or an equivalent score in a recognised test, or an equivalent qualification to prove his/her language proficiency which will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are required to fulfil additional requirements, if any, set by the programmes to which they apply for admission.

### Notes:

- 1) For IELTS and TOEFL qualifications for admission to 2020-21 intake and onwards, the University only accepts results that are within the validity period, **viz. 2 years**, from the time of submission of an admission application for the specific intake cohort.
- 2) Some programmes have specified additional requirements. For details, please visit [www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/requirement/additional-admission-requirements](http://www.LN.edu.hk/rpg/admission/requirement/additional-admission-requirements)

Apart from application for admission via the HKPFS, applicants may apply to the University directly, including programmes in collaboration with Mainland institutions **from 1 November 2022 to 20 January 2023**. Please go to [www.LN.edu.hk/rpg](http://www.LN.edu.hk/rpg) for more information and submission of application for pursuing a PhD at Lingnan. Full-time students will normally be awarded either a PhD Fellowship or a Postgraduate Studentship.





## What will You Gain from our PhD Programmes?

Lingnan is a teaching and research liberal arts university. This means that it emphasises both teaching and research. 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.



### Message from the Vice-President cum the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies

**Prof. MOK, Ka Ho Joshua**

Lingnan, a global leader in quality education and high impact research, is recognised globally as a leading liberal arts university offering quality education, richly embedded with internationalisation in research and student learning. It is ranked third globally for “Quality Education” for two consecutive years in *Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings* 2021 and 2022, and is ranked first for “International Faculty”, “Inbound Exchange Students” and “Outbound Exchange Students” in the *QS Asia University Rankings* 2021. In the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020, the University’s academic staff performed very well with an impressive number of their research outputs and research impact cases attaining 4-star (“world leading”) and 3-star (“internationally excellent”) ratings. With strong conviction to promote “Research with Impact: Impact with Care”, our postgraduate students will benefit from the strong research environment. Our research postgraduate programmes are interdisciplinary, offering students innumerable cross-cultural exchange opportunities and co-curricular/extra-curricular activities, thanks to a well-established intercontinental partnership network. Students also enjoy unparalleled opportunities to participate in international conferences and symposiums, attended by outstanding elite scholars, and can apply for internships in a wide range of sectors. Our campus offers a uniquely valuable human experience with teachers and students from all over the world.

# Distinguished Professors as Your Supervisors

Lingnan University's faculty includes many world-class scholars and a large number of fine up-and-coming younger academics. The University has 205 faculty members from 23 countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Cambridge, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Edinburgh, Harvard, NUS, Oxford, Peking, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCL, UCLA, Yale, etc. The diversity of research expertise among staff means that the University can offer expert supervision in many areas, including supervision of interdisciplinary projects.



## Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy

**Prof. MOK, Ka Ho Joshua**

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### Research Interests:

Comparative development and policy studies; Comparative social policy and governance; Comparative and international education; Education policy and governance



## Lee Shau Kee Foundation Chair Professor of Political Science

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### Research Interests:

International relations; International political economy; Globalisation; International organisations; American politics and post-war US foreign policy; Comparative politics of Asia; Economics, politics and society in Asia with focus on South Asia



## Lam Wong Yiu Wah Chair Professor of Visual Studies

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Department of Visual Studies

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### Research Interests:

Film industry and policy; Early Chinese film history; Hong Kong film history; East Asian cinema



## Chair Professor of Computing and Decision Sciences

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### Research Interests:

Game theory (with a focus on cooperative game theory); Operations and supply chain management; Interface between operations and other disciplines



## Chair Professor of Psychology

**Prof. HAYWARD, William Gordon**

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### Research Interests:

Visual Cognition: face perception, object perception, and visual attention, using behavioural techniques; Eye-tracking; EEG



# Distinguished Professors as Your Supervisors



## **Lam Woo & Co Ltd Chair Professor of Applied Psychology**

***Prof. SIU, Oi Ling***

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### **Research Interests:**

Industrial and organisational psychology; Occupation health psychology (Occupational stress, Work-family/Life balance & Psychology of safety); Positive psychology



## **Lee Wing Tat Chair Professor of Chinese Literature**

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### **Research Interests:**

Classical Chinese poetry and poetics; Literary theory; Comparative literature; Aesthetics; Philosophy



## **Chair Professor of Cultural Studies**

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### **Research Interests:**

Migration; Labour; Gender; Social economy; Socialist history; China



## **Sydney S. W. Leong Chair Professor of Economics**

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### **Research Interests:**

Industrial Organization; International trade; Foreign direct investment



## **Tong Tin Sun Chair Professor of English**

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### **Research Interests:**

American literature; Poetry and poetics; Transpacific literature; Translation studies

## Sharing from PhD Students



**Mr GARANCINI, Daniele Bruno**

**Year 3 student**

**PhD in Philosophy**

I am extremely happy studying at Lingnan. As a research PhD student, I was given the liberty to pursue my research as I saw fit and I received extensive financial support. Not only do I receive a generous Postgraduate Studentship, I also receive the Belt & Road Scholarship which waives the tuition for my entire study period. The Research Postgraduate Scholarships supported me to conduct a short-term research visit at University of Oxford. This gives me the freedom to do my research without worrying about financial matters, which is a luxury that -- I am told -- PhD students often don't have.



**Mr OWUSU, Felix**

**Year 3 student**

**PhD in Business**

Hong Kong and, for that matter, Lingnan have opened research, networking, and career opportunities for me to explore. In 2022 alone, I received funding to attend two consecutive in-person international conferences, one in Norway and the other in the USA. The academic environment at Lingnan can best be described as one that ensures excellence in all facets of student development.



**Ms CHIPILI, Mwaba Moono**

**Year 2 student**

**PhD in Psychology [HKPFS awardee]**

Taking my PhD in Psychology at Lingnan has been an exceptional experience. The learning environment is diverse with multidisciplinary research centered on improving quality of life. I have received great learning opportunities to expand my knowledge within and beyond the scope of my target field through mentorship and research programmes.

## Financial Support

The University provides the following financial assistance to our PhD students:

### A) Fellowships and Studentships

A full-time PhD student will normally be awarded with either a PhD Fellowship or a Postgraduate Studentship. Please see details in earlier sections.

### B) Research Postgraduate Student Conference/Field Trip Sponsorships

The Sponsorships aim to provide financial support to students for conference participation and conducting field trips.

The funding limit for supporting conferences, field trips and/or other exceptionally approved academic activities is HK\$25,000 for a regular PhD student during his/her entire period of study. For a PhD Fellowship awardee, he/she can be given a maximum allowance of HK\$13,600/year (rate subject to annual review) for 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  
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# About Lingnan University

## History

Lingnan University, a global leader in quality education and high impact research, is a liberal arts university in Hong Kong and has the longest established tradition among the local institutions of higher education. Its history dates back to 1888 when its forerunner, the prestigious Lingnan University in Guangzhou, China, was founded.

## 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 a main campus and an adjacent secondary campus housing the University's teaching/support facilities and Outdoor Sports Ground respectively.

## Hostels

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

## Research Strength

As a liberal arts university aspiring to international stature, Lingnan is committed to excellence in both research and teaching. Whilst some liberal arts colleges do not require or pride themselves on a high level of staff research, others have earned—as we do—major research reputations by encouraging and/or requiring staff research, often on the assumption that such

research, far from depleting energies that might otherwise be spent on teaching, in fact nourishes and inspires outstanding teaching.

The results of the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020 announced by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in May 2021 amply confirmed Lingnan's strength in research, with the following remarkable achievements:

- 1 More than 50% of Lingnan's outputs were rated 4-star ("World Leading") or 3-star ("Internationally Excellent").
- 2 In terms of 4-star plus 3-star outputs, these two Units of Assessment (UoAs) have achieved notable results:
  - Social Work & Social Policy 54% – The highest
  - Accountancy 65% – Second highest
- 3 In terms of research impact, more than half of Lingnan's Impact Cases were rated 4-star ("Outstanding Impacts") or 3-star ("Considerable Impacts").

In addition to research work at the individual and departmental levels, a number of research centres, institutes and programmes undertake broad-ranging research at the University.

★ **Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Asia for International Faculty and Inbound/Outbound Exchange Students** (*QS Asia University Rankings, 2021*)

★ **Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World for Quality Education for two consecutive years** (*THE University Impact Rankings, 2021 and 2022*)

★ **World's Top 34 for International Faculty** (*QS World University Rankings, 2023*)

★ **Top 10 universities for overall impact in Greater China** (*THE Impact Rankings, 2022*)

★ **Accredited as a Five Stars Institution and received the maximum five stars in the areas of Teaching, Employability, Research, Internationalisation, Facilities, Arts and Culture, and Inclusiveness** (*by QS Intelligence Unit, 2020*)

★ **A Top 10 Liberal Arts College in Asia** (*Forbes, 2015*)

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