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Dear Officer-in-Charge,

### Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

I am delighted to inform you that the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong is launching the third round of Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (the "Scheme"). The Scheme aims to attract top international students to pursue PhD studies in Hong Kong's world-class research institutions. The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,600) and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approx. US\$1,300) per year for a period of three years. About 135 fellowships will be awarded for PhD studies commencing in 2012/13 academic year. The deadline for initial application is 1 December 2011.

I have pleasure to enclose posters and leaflets of the Scheme for your information, and should be much grateful if you would grant assistance in posting or circulating them to interested parties of your university / institution. Electronic version of the above-mentioned publicity materials is available online for download:

Poster: <http://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/Poster2012-13HKPFS.pdf>

Leaflet: <http://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/Leaflet2012-13HKPFS.pdf>

If you or any interested parties require further information, please feel free to contact us at [HKPF@ugc.edu.hk](mailto:HKPF@ugc.edu.hk) or visit the Scheme's website at [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd). Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Roland Chin  
Chairman  
Research Grants Council

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# Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2012/13

Experience world-class academic programmes  
and research opportunities in Asia's world city



Hong Kong is a free and dynamic society where creativity and entrepreneurship converge. Strategically located in the heart of Asia, it is a cosmopolitan city offering global connectivity, security and rich diversity, and is home to a unique network of people who celebrate excellence and quality living.

## Who can apply

Candidates seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in the eight institutions overleaf, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience, and ethnic background.

## About the award

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## How are awardees selected

Shortlisted applications, subject to their areas of studies, will be reviewed by one of the following two Selection Panels:

- Sciences, medicine, engineering and technology
- Humanities, social sciences and business studies.

While candidates' academic excellence is the primary consideration, the Selection Panels will take into account factors such as the candidates' research ability and potential, communication and interpersonal skills as well as leadership abilities.

## How to apply

Eligible candidates should make their **initial application** through the online system at [www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd](http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd) to obtain a reference number before submitting full applications to their selected institutions.

<sup>1</sup> Institutions in Hong Kong normally start their academic year in September.

