



School of Law

香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong



RESEARCH DEGREES

研 究 生 學 位

Master of Philosophy &
Doctor of Philosophy



Financial Aid

Research degree students may be eligible for, and can apply to, a number of financial support schemes, such as Postgraduate Studentships, Research Tuition Scholarships, Conference Grants and support from the Research Activities Fund.



Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, aims to attract the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their research degrees in a Hong Kong institution.

For further details of HKPFS, please visit <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/hong-kong-phd-fellowship-scheme>.

Student Accommodation

Full-time research students in UGC-funded programmes are eligible to apply for on-campus accommodation.

Visiting Research Students

For students who wish to apply for visiting research study at CityUHK School of Law:

- you must be enrolling in a postgraduate programme in a legal discipline in a recognised university; and
- you should identify a faculty member who agrees to be your supervisor before submitting the application; and
- you should satisfy the minimum English language proficiency requirements stated above if your qualification is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English.

The final decision on the assignment of supervisors for successful applicants rests with the Law School.

For the application period and procedures, please visit <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/visiting/visiting-research-students>.

Applications and Enquiries

Apply online at <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/research-degree-programmes/apply-now>.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact potential supervisors in their subject area before submitting an application, to ensure that appropriate supervision will be available for a given research project. Applications must be accompanied by a research proposal.

Further details on the application procedures, programme requirements and tuition fee are obtainable from

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/research-degree-programmes/steps-and-procedures>.

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THE PROGRAMME

Research Degrees – Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy

CityUHK School of Law offers two research degrees: Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Research postgraduate students are encouraged to be active members of the Law School's research community. Supervision is available under regional and international experts in a diverse array of subject areas, including public law, human rights, criminal law, private law, comparative law, international law and maritime law.

Research in the School of Law

CityUHK School of Law is a boutique institution with an outstanding reputation as a leading law school. We foster a culture of integrated research and teaching, drawing on the expertise of our faculty and a diverse student body. Our research contributes to the betterment of society in Hong Kong, Greater China and beyond. We encourage both theoretical and applied research with local, regional or international significance. If you wish to join the Law School's research community and benefit from our established research culture, our MPhil / PhD programme is a good choice for you!



Programme Structure

To be recommended for the award of an MPhil or PhD degree, students must successfully fulfil the coursework requirements, and they must satisfy the examiners in respect of their submitted thesis, an oral defense on the thesis and area of study concerned, and any required written or practical examinations.

Study Period

Programme	Full-time	Part-time
MPhil	2 years	3 years
PhD	4 years	6 years

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to a research degree programme must satisfy the following minimum entrance requirements:

1. MPhil

- hold a relevant Bachelor's degree with first or second class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

2. PhD

- be a current MPhil student in the University who seeks transfer to PhD candidature; or
- hold a higher degree by research (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- hold a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university; or
- hold a Bachelor's degree with first class honours (or equivalent qualification) from a recognised university.

Equivalent qualifications mentioned above shall include relevant professional qualifications or other scholarly achievements recognised by the University.

In addition to the above, applicants whose entrance qualification was obtained from an institution where the language of teaching is not English should satisfy the following minimum English proficiency requirements:

- a total score of 97 (internet-based test) in TOEFL; or
- an overall band score of 7 in IELTS; or
- a score of 520 in Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6 (CET-6).

(TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date and must be valid at the time of submission of application. CET-6 scores should be obtained within three years immediately preceding an application to the Law School.)

STUDENT TESTIMONY



**Dr Sarfaraz
Ahmed KHAN**

PhD Graduate 2017

“ My PhD journey at CityUHK has been an amazing experience. The strong ties between supervisors and researchers and opportunities to attend seminars by internationally acclaimed scholars and academics not only developed my research capabilities but also broadened my academic outlook. The abundance of resources in the library and an intellectually enriched environment make CityUHK amongst the best places for academic engagement if anyone has passion for research. My time at CityUHK was the most rewarding experience in my life, and I am very glad that I chose CityUHK. ”

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I began a PhD in 2015, completing the project in 2018 and graduating in 2019. My research was in business and human rights, and particularly looked at how corporate economic activity harmed socio-economic rights. CityUHK fostered a good learning environment with a good balance between opportunities, such as conferences, and time for individual work. I was hired for two years as a Visiting Fellow upon completion of my PhD, and I am currently an Assistant Professor of Business Law and Corporate Governance at the University of Nottingham Business School, based in China. ”



**Dr David
Martin BIRCHALL**

PhD Graduate 2019



Dr Li Kege

PhD Graduate 2021

“ The PhD years at CityUHK were a journey to me. There were ups and downs but it formed me, both as a professional and as a person. I am grateful to have the moral support from my supervisors and friends in CityUHK, which enabled me to enjoy every single minute spent here. ”

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