

# PhD PROGRAMMES IN LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

## 2022/23





# 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, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology and/or Social Policy.

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.

\*From the 2021-22 academic year, the University has also been offering PhD programmes in collaboration with overseas universities. For further details and updates on our newly launched collaborative programmes, please visit our website at [www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/coll\\_prog.php](http://www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/coll_prog.php).



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\$322,800# and a conference/research-related travel allowance of up to HK\$13,500/year# for a maximum period of three years by the RGC.

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).

(\*rates subject to annual review) (US\$1 = HK\$7.8)



## ■ How to Apply for the HKPFS?

**Application Period: from 1 September to 2 December 2021 (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 2021 (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 **2 December 2021 (Hong Kong Time 23:59)**
- Quote the **HKPFS Reference Number** assigned by the RGC for verification

### Step 3: Settle the Application Fee Online



HKPFS

## ■ Who can Apply?

Lingnan welcomes applicants from different parts of the world who:

- hold a master's degree awarded by a tertiary education institution recognised for this purpose by the University; **or**
- 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**
- have obtained an equivalent qualification of a) or b) above; **or**
- 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

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 student will be HK\$18,090/month\* (rate subject to annual review). For details of admission criteria, please refer to "Who can Apply?" section.

\*To be raised to HK\$18,440/month after confirmation of candidature.

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.

#### Note:

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.

Some programmes have specified additional requirements. For details, please visit [www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pggrad/add-require.php](http://www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pggrad/add-require.php)

Apart from application for admission via HKPFS, applicants may apply to the University directly, including programmes in collaboration with overseas universities **from 1 November 2021 to 21 January 2022**. Please go to [www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pggrad](http://www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pggrad) for more information and to apply to do 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 limited 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 small, 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 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 is recognised globally as a leading liberal arts university offering quality education, richly embedded with internationalisation in research and student learning. Most recently, Lingnan is ranked third globally for “Quality Education” in the latest *Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2021*, and is ranked first for “International Faculty”, “Inbound Exchange Students” and “Outbound Exchange Students” in the *QS Asia University Rankings 2021*. In the Research Assessment Exercise 2020 (RAE), the University’s academic staff performed very well in the latest Research Assessment Exercise 2020 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 about promoting “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 an 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

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Lingnan's faculty includes many world-class scholars and a large number of fine up-and-coming younger academics. The University has 186 faculty from 23 countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, 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.



## **Chair Professor of Economics**

### **Prof. CHENG, Leonard K**

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#### **Research Interests:**

Applied game theory; Market structure; Currency crisis; International trade and investment; Technological innovation and imitation; China's inward and outward foreign direct investment; National security protectionism



## **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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#### **Research Interests:**

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



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

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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 organisation; 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



**Ms PARTOSA,  
Lady Flor Niñal**  
Year 3 student  
PhD in Cultural Studies

Taking the Cultural Studies programme as a PhD student has given me insights on how to weave together with creative practice, scholarship, and pedagogy in my own experience as a scholar and teacher. As a liberal arts university, Lingnan fosters an intellectual and collaborative climate of learning through seminars, workshops, and instructions, which has equipped me with tools to be hopeful and critical towards transforming the lives for the better, as I engage with my community through academic practice.



**Mr ADZA,  
Solomon Wise Dodzidenu**  
Year 3 student  
PhD in Business [HKPFS  
Awardee]

Life at Lingnan has been an incredible and life-changing experience for me. The academic environment keeps evolving, ingraining in research originality, ensuring all-around excellence, and nurturing students to meet the demands of today's ever-changing society. Lingnan has enhanced my research career prospects, and broadened my research horizon and my international social network.



**Mr HUSSAIN,  
Rasel**  
Year 2 student  
PhD in Sociology and Social  
Policy [HKPFS Awardee]

Hong Kong, a green, clean, and dynamic global metropolis, drew me in to pursue a PhD at Lingnan University, an Asia's top liberal arts university. Excellent academic atmosphere on campus, in postgraduate offices, at the department, and in the hostel, as well as prominent professors, pleasant and helpful supervisors, colleagues, and staff, make life extremely simple and assist in enriching my life with scholarly experiences.

## 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\$13,500/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 Support



# About Lingnan University

## History

Lingnan 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 research 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.



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



**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** (*THE University Impact Rankings*, 2021)



**World's Top 33 for International Faculty** (*QS World University 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)

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Admission

