Boyd, GUAN Bo  
(PhD Graduate)  
Capital Introduction, Prime Services, CITIC Securities

Pursuing my PhD at The Department was certainly one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences in my life. The faculty are truly dedicated in mentoring RPg students, they are always willing to be sponsors of my research projects; and the opportunities to develop and succeed in professional careers are exceptional, my supervisors have put in a great deal of effort to help support my application for the first job at Deutsche Bank.

Doing a PhD is like a walk in the woods. There were inevitable moments of frustration when the outcome might not be promising as expected, but the experience would ultimately turn to be incredibly rewarding. It says “when you push yourself to the edge, the real fun begins”, and each hurdle I overcame would lead to the right direction. Through a PhD, what I have gained is not only expertise in my field, but also the confidence and self-discipline to handle complicated problems and situations, which I think is the essence of any educational experiences. In my current work, the well-trained thinking model does help analyze difficulties and build up useful logistic framework along the way.

Ambrose Lo  
FSA, CERA (PhD Graduate 2014)  
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“My PhD studies at HKU have been perfect preparations for my academic career as a university professor. I took great pride in working with well-connected and erudite faculty members, each of whom is characterized by an unflagging enthusiasm for scholarly research and plays his/her role as an effective facilitator. Under the supervision of my advisor (Dr. K.C. Cheung), I was enlighteningly guided to delve into multi-faceted research areas and progressively transformed from a novice undergraduate student to a competent and independent researcher. Four high-impact research papers in top-tier actuarial journals, including Insurance: Mathematics and Economics, were successfully published during my PhD studies.

In addition to keenly engaging in research, I had ample opportunities to sharpen my communication skills and develop a thorough understanding of actuarial education via the delivery of regular example classes. These instructive trainings complemented my research experience and went a long way towards shaping me into an all-round academic who excels not only in research, but also in teaching and education.”

Our MPhil, PhD testimonials  
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I am grateful that I had multifarious opportunities to practice these two when I was a research postgraduate student at HKU. I enjoyed every moment teaching and interacting with students. Good teaching requires thorough preparations and strong enthusiasm. Thankful-ly, the efforts have paid off. The teaching experiences as a tutor at HKU enable me to lecture comfortably at Charles Sturt University now.

When I first began my four-year Ph.D. study, I realized how little I had learned and how much I needed to catch up. It is never easy to finish the degree, but it is easier with the guidance and helps from supervisors and other professionals in the Department. Researching is exciting. You can enjoy exceptional satisfaction when something new is developed. Although you may regard your results trifling, you can never estimate the importance of your research. Maybe one day your work will change the world.

It is no exaggeration to say that my postgraduate life was precious.

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