

# MPhil and PhD Studies 2023-24

## Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science The University of Hong Kong

### Highlights

◦ Ph.D. in Statistics was rated as the No.1 best graduate degree for jobs in 2015, according to Fortune in consultation with the careers site Payscale! The ranking is based on (1) long-term outlook for job growth; (2) median salaries; and (3) job satisfaction scores. Details see here.

◦ HKU is ranked No.1 in Hong Kong and No.22 worldwide in the QS World University Rankings 2021.

◦ In the QS World University Ranking by Subject 2019, HKU Statistics ranks No.2 in Hong Kong, No.5 in Asia and No.34 worldwide overall.

◦ According to U.S. News & World Report 2014, HKU Mathematics and Statistics rank the 9th in the "Best Global Universities Rankings for Mathematics".

◦ HKU was ranked No.2 worldwide and No.1 in Asia based on research contributions from the top 4 actuarial journals (Insurance: Mathematics and Economics, North American Actuarial Journal, ASTIN Bulletin, and Scandinavian Actuarial Journal) amongst non-business schools over a 25-year period from 1994 to 2019. HKU was even ranked No. 1 in 2006 and 2013 worldwide in this global study conducted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

◦ The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) is part of the University Grants Committee's commitment to assessing the performance of the UGC-funded universities. Out of seven comparable units of assessment for Mathematics and Statistics, we rank No.1 in terms of the percentage judged to meet the standard of 4-star, the highest starred level for overall quality profile of research, in RAE 2020.

◦ Established in 1967, the Department has currently 17 professoriate staff and over 60 Ph.D. and M.Phil. students.

### Fellowships and Scholarships Available

The following fellowships/scholarships are available for applicants with outstanding academic performance, research ability or potential, communication and interpersonal skills, and leadership abilities:

**HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship (HKU-PS):** up to around HK\$420,900 in the first year, and up to around HK\$400,900 in each of the subsequent years during the normative study period, subject to satisfactory study progress

**Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)\*:** offered by the Research Grants Council for HK\$325,200 per year and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK\$13,600 per year for a period up to three years.  
(<https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpf/index.html> for details)

**Postgraduate Scholarships (PGS):** offered by HKU for HK\$216,360 per year, or HK\$222,240 per year for PhD students whose probationary candidature has been confirmed (in 2020)

**On-line application at** <https://gradsch.hku.hk/>

September 1- December 1, 2022: Main Round application

\*Applicants applying for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF) have to submit **BOTH an initial application to the Research Grants Council (RGC) by December 1, 2022 (HKT 12:00 or GMT +8 hours) and then a full application to HKU by abovementioned main round application deadline.**

### On-line Application and Enquires

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