

MPhil and PhD Studies 2025-26

Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science
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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 19 professoriate staff and over 80 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\$433,300 in the first year, and up to around HK\$413,300 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\$337,200 per year and a conference and research related travel allowance of HK\$14,000 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\$225,120 per year, or HK\$231,240 per year for PhD students whose probationary candidature has been confirmed (in 2024)

On-line application at <https://gradsch.hku.hk/>
September 1- December 1, 2024: 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, 2024 (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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