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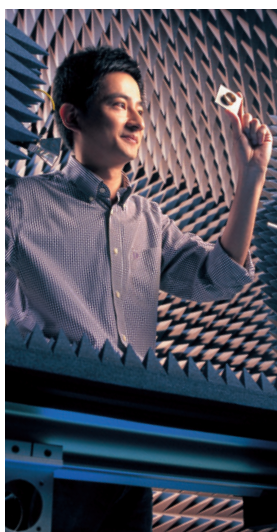**Professional·Creative**
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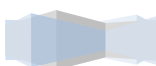
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1   INTRODUCTION

1.1   *City University of Hong Kong*

Established in 1984, City University of Hong Kong is a modern, hi-tech institution committed to providing a quality learning environment for its students and the community. The University currently has a student enrolment of over 19,200 (excluding sub-degree students), of which over 6,440 are postgraduates. Its programmes provide a wide range of learning opportunities from undergraduate and postgraduate studies to continuing education. For more information about the University and its academic and supporting units, please visit our website (http://www.cityu.edu.hk)

The University provides a modern teaching and learning environment with the latest design in educational technology to support quality teaching and research activities. Moreover, a wide range of facilities and services are provided to support students' studies and recreational activities. Students' halls (http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/) are also available on campus to provide students with residential accommodation and an avenue for academic and cultural exchange. The University also has an official postgraduate student body, namely, CityU Postgraduate Association, with its membership covering both research and taught postgraduate students. The Association serves as a communication channel between postgraduate students and the University. More information about the Association is available at: http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cupa.

1.2   *Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies*

Postgraduate education facilitates the advancement of knowledge and provides high-level academic education and professional training to cater for the society's needs. The University continuously strives to promote this important area of postgraduate education. Taught postgraduate programmes are offered for different professional needs. On the research study side, diverse areas of study are provided to suit individuals' research interests.

To provide a better focus for the further development of its postgraduate programmes, the University established the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) in 1994. SGS coordinates and offers strategic direction to the University's taught and research postgraduate provision. The School aims to provide better coordination and strategic direction to ensure the continued development of postgraduate studies at the University. The School is committed to providing an environment conducive to learning for postgraduate students. Its principal role is to facilitate the educational experience of its postgraduate students.

The School received a generous donation from Dr Chow Yei Ching, and was named the "Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies" in 2006.

Mission of SGS

The mission of SGS is to promote excellence in postgraduate education and ensure consistency and high standards across the University. Sharing responsibility for postgraduate studies with departments, colleges and schools, and operating through a system of collegial governance, consultation and leadership, SGS defines and administers university-wide regulations for postgraduate education.

SGS also organizes services and financial assistance to postgraduate students; encourages a close relationship between research and graduate training; and represents the foundation of postgraduate education at CityU in the wider academic and general community.

Administrative Structure of SGS

The Dean and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies oversee the School and the coordination and management of postgraduate education within the University. They provide academic guidance for programme development, planning and decision making in the School. As Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies, the Dean of Graduate Studies plays a role in managing the quality of postgraduate programmes. He is supported by the Associate Dean in overseeing quality matters related to postgraduate programmes through the Committee on Taught Postgraduate Programmes and the Committee on Research Degrees Candidature.

The Director (Graduate Studies Administration) and a team of administrative staff provides overall administrative support for postgraduate studies, including student admissions and records, financial support; study and research progress, examinations and graduation; student forums and workshops; research conferences and seminars; student statistics as well as publications relating to postgraduate studies.

Governance, Leadership and Quality

A Board of Graduate Studies was established to review and make recommendations on the Academic Regulations, rules and procedures governing all postgraduate programmes and studies. It has a role to develop, implement, monitor and review policy pertaining to postgraduate work. The Board of Graduate Studies reports to Senate on matters relating to postgraduate teaching and learning.

There are two sub-committees under the Board of Graduate Studies, namely the Committee on Taught Postgraduate Programmes (CTPP) and the Committee on Research Degrees Candidature (CRDC). The CTPP oversees matters related to taught postgraduate programmes as assigned by the Board of Graduate Studies, while the CRDC oversees the admission, supervision, progress and examination of candidates for the MPhil, PhD and professional doctorate programmes.

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2   ADMISSIONS

2.1   *Minimum Entrance Requirements*

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

(a) Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

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

(b) Doctor of Philosophy (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.

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

2.1.3   In addition to the above, individual Departments and Schools may prescribe further entrance requirements.

2.2   *English Proficiency Requirements*

2.2.1   Applicants from an institution where the language of teaching is not English should satisfy the minimum English proficiency requirements specified by both the University and individual Colleges and Schools. The University's minimum English proficiency requirement for research degree programmes is 550 (paper-based test) or 213 (computer-based test) or 79 (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) OR an overall band score of 6.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Equivalent qualifications are also acceptable.

2.2.2   In addition to the University's requirement as given above, individual Colleges and Schools have set a higher standard, or equivalent acceptable qualifications, suitable for their disciplines as follows:

(a) College of Business
- a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based); or
- a minimum IELTS score of 6.5; or
- other test scores that may be regarded as equivalent to TOEFL 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based).

(A high score in GRE or GMAT with supporting proof will be an added advantage though this is not a mandatory requirement. Please note that individual Departments in the College may adopt a higher standard.)

(b) College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- a minimum TOEFL score of 593 (paper-based) or 243 (computer-based) or 95 (internet-based); or
- an overall band score of 7.0 in IELTS.

(Please note that individual Departments in the College may adopt a higher standard.)

(c) College of Science and Engineering
- a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based); or
- a minimum overall band score of 6.5 in IELTS; or
- other test scores that may be regarded as equivalent to TOEFL 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based).
- a minimum score of 490 in the Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6 may be accepted.

(Please note that individual Departments in the College may adopt a higher standard.)

(d) School of Creative Media
- a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based); or
- a minimum IELTS score of 6.5; or
- other test scores that may be regarded as equivalent to TOEFL 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based).

(Please note that Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6 is not accepted.)

(e) School of Energy and Environment
- a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based); or
- a minimum IELTS score of 6.5; or
- other test scores that may be regarded as equivalent to TOEFL 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based).
  (The Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6 is not accepted.)

(f) School of Law
- a minimum TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 92 (internet-based); or
- a minimum overall band score of 7 in IELTS; or
- a score of 520 in the Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6.

(The School has stipulated a validity period of three years for results of the above tests. Applicants are required to provide their English test results obtained within the three years preceding their application.)

(g) School of Veterinary Medicine
- a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 79 (internet-based); or
- a minimum IELTS score of 6.5; or
- a score of 490 in the Chinese mainland's College English Test Band 6.

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2.3   *Application Period*

2.3.1   Applications are accepted throughout the year and will be considered mainly in one admission round. The application deadline for 2017 entry is 6 December 2016 and the application results will be announced in early March 2017.

2.3.2   Final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students who are expected to complete their studies in 2017 can also apply in the above admission round; a conditional offer may be granted to suitable applicants.

2.4   *Application Procedures*

2.4.1   Applications for admission should be made online at our website (http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/rpg/admission).

2.4.2   To apply for admission to a research degree programme, applicants are required to perform the following:

(a)   complete an online application form; and

(b)   pay application fee online; and

(c)   upload the image of the following supporting documents through the online application system:

(i)   **official certificates and transcripts of academic qualifications** (Certificates and transcripts that are not in English should be accompanied by a formal certified translation in English.) [Applicants who obtained degrees from institutions that gave degree classification and/or grade point average but are not shown in the certificate or transcript are required to also send copies of any other official documents that indicate their formal degree classification or grade point average.]

(ii)   **certificates of professional qualifications**, if applicable (Certificates that are not in English should be accompanied by a formal certified translation in English.)

(iii) (in support of the applicant's publication record, if applicable) **the front page of the papers** (for papers that have been published) or **the letter of acceptance** (for papers that have been accepted for publication). [Applicants to the School of Law must also submit a self-assessment (of not more than 400 words) of their publications together with full copies of their best three publications. Where any publication so submitted is in a language other than English, it must be accompanied by an abstract in English.]

(iv)   **international English language test results**, if applicable (see pages 3-5). [For TOEFL results, applicants may send in a copy of their score record or arrange with the TOEFL service centre to send the record directly to the University (Institution Code: 3401).]

(v)   For applicants applying for admission to the following College/School, **a research proposal/statement** with clear objectives and proposed methodology

is required. Please refer to the respective guidelines for preparing a research proposal/statement given in <u>Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4</u>:

- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- School of Creative Media
- School of Energy and Environment
- School of Law

(d) nominate two academic referees who can comment on their academic performances (proposed supervisor and persons from non-academic circles are normally not acceptable as academic referees). Please send the Referee's Report Form (available at http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/ -> "Prospective Students" -> "Download") to the referees and invite them to complete the form and return it directly to the School under confidential cover.

2.4.3   Please note that incomplete submission may delay the processing of the application.

2.4.4   Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their proposed research area with the relevant coordinator (see pages 21-22) before submitting an application.

2.4.5   Shortlisted applicants will be required to present himself/herself for an admission interview to assess their research potential and English language ability.

2.4.6   To facilitate verification of academic qualifications, students admitted onto research degree programmes may be required to arrange for the relevant institutions to send the University an original copy of their official transcript for the bachelor's and/or postgraduate degree(s) they have obtained.

2.4.7   CityU staff seeking admission to a research degree programme should follow the normal admission procedures. Full-time academic staff, Teaching Fellows and Instructors of the University are not allowed to pursue a research degree in their own Department/School under the supervision of colleagues from the same Department/School.

2.5   *Funding Sources of Support for Research Studies*

Research studies can be undertaken on a government-funded or a self-financing basis, subject to the availability of student quota and funding. Qualified full-time candidates admitted to a research degree programme will be considered for postgraduate studentship supported by government fund or external funds. The application procedures, entrance and English proficiency requirements, and programme requirements for these two types of students are the same. Applicants should indicate their intention to pursue government-funded or self-financing studies in their application form.

Tuition fee levels and entitlement to financial awards and services are different for these two types of students, reflecting the different sources of funding. Government-funded students are required to pay tuition fees at a rate set by the government. Quotas for government-funded places for each university in Hong Kong are also set by the government. As self-financing places are not subsidised, these students are required to pay a higher level of tuition fees. In addition, self-financing students are not eligible to apply for financial awards (e.g. postgraduate studentships, research tuition scholarships, conference grants, etc.) financed by government funds.

Applicants who have not obtained a research master's degree or a master's degree with a thesis/project/dissertation before admission are admitted for direct entry to 4-year PhD studies.

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The funding support can be on UGC-funded basis, self-financing basis, or a combination of both. Applicants are advised to contact the Department/School concerned for details of financial arrangements.

2.6   *Application Fee*

2.6.1   A non-refundable application fee of HK$200 will be charged for each online application. Settlement of the application fee shall be made via online credit card payment.

2.6.2   Applications will not be processed if the payment of the application fee has not been settled.

2.7   *Acceptance Fee*

2.7.1   To accept an offer of admission to the University, an applicant is required to pay an acceptance fee upon acceptance of admission offer. Candidates who failed to pay the acceptance fee by the stipulated deadline will have their admission offer relinquished.

2.7.2   The acceptance fee is non-refundable or transferable, except under the following circumstances:

   (a)   when the applicant fails to meet the condition(s) for admission offer resulting in a withdrawal of offer by the University; or

   (b)   when the applicant subsequently accepts another offer of an award programme of the University in the same semester/term of admission and has paid the relevant acceptance fee; or

   (c)   when the programme for which an offer is made is subsequently cancelled by the University.

2.7.3   An acceptance fee, irrespective of student's study mode and funding source, is set in multiples of two times the monthly UGC full-time tuition fee. The rate for 2017/18 is HK$7,016.

2.7.4   The acceptance fee will be credited towards the monthly tuition fee payable upon students' enrolment in the University. Waiver or deferral of payment of acceptance fee will not be entertained. Candidates who failed to pay the acceptance fee by the stipulated deadline will have their admission offer relinquished.

2.8   *Use of Application Information*

2.8.1   The information provided in the application form will be used for the following purposes:

   (a)   as a basis for various types of processing in relation to your application;

   (b)   as a basis for selection of applicants for admission to research degree programmes offered by the University and for other relevant or related purposes;

   (c)   for identifying multiple applications and checking records of academic/professional qualifications with the parties concerned; and

(d)   for transferring information to the student records system of the University, if and when the application is successful.

2.8.2   For non-local candidates who need to apply for a student visa/an entry permit for the purpose of studying in Hong Kong, a copy of their academic transcripts and certificates may be sent, on request, to the parties concerned for processing the visa/entry permit application.

2.8.3   Any false information and misrepresentation will result in disqualification of the applicant for admission to the University.

2.8.4   In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicants have the right to access all personal information relevant to their application and the right to correct the personal information contained in the application form. To obtain more details about this, please write to the School.

2.9   *Change of Contact Information after Submission of Application*

Please inform the School immediately in writing or through e-mail (sg@cityu.edu.hk) of any changes to your correspondence address and contact phone number during the application period. In the notification, please state clearly your name and online application reference number.

2.10   *Applicants with Physical or Other Disabilities*

The admission of an applicant to a programme is based on academic criteria and any other entrance requirements specified by individual Departments and Schools. Applicants with physical or other disabilities can choose not to declare their disability at the application stage. Such applicants, however, are advised to select programmes with which they are physically able to cope. If they have any queries in this regard or wish to have information on facilities available for people with disabilities generally, they should consult the relevant coordinator (see pages 21-22).

2.11   *Enrolment*

2.11.1 Applicants on being informed of acceptance must pay the required fees and register in person with the School within the prescribed period. Those who fail to do so will be deemed to have declined the offer.

2.11.2 Upon registration, students are required to produce for verification the original copy of the supporting documents for qualifications claimed in the application form.

2.11.3 The start date of study is normally the first day of September to fit with the beginning of an academic year. (The School may approve other starting dates, which will be the beginning of Semester B or the first day of a month, if so recommended by the supervisor.)

2.11.4 Non-local students should inform the School of the expected arrival date immediately after the approval of their student visa/entry permit.

2.11.5 Students are not allowed to register simultaneously in another programme of study in the University or in any other institution without the prior permission of the School. This also applies to students who are interrupting their studies or on study leave.

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2.11.6 Full-time students are not allowed to undertake full-time jobs without the prior approval of the School.

2.12 *Enquiries*

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3   RESEARCH AREAS FOR MPHIL/PHD PROGRAMMES

The University offers research degree studies in a wide range of research areas and places strong emphasis on research postgraduate education in professional fields. In the 2016-2019 triennium, the University has identified the following thirteen research areas of demonstrated strength (critical mass, staff and student publications, research grants and awards):

- Accountancy, Economics and Finance
- Applied Mathematics
- Business and Management (Big Data, Knowledge and Innovation, and Healthcare)
- Chinese, Comparative and Commercial Law
- Computer Science
- Electronic Engineering
- Environmental Science, Energy and Built Environment
- Global China Studies (Business, Language, Law, Society)
- Language, Communication and Creative Media
- Life Sciences (Biomedical Science, Molecular Science) and Biomedical Engineering
- Materials Science and Applied Physics
- Mechanical Engineering and Sustainable Manufacturing
- Policy and Administration

The University also promotes and encourages interdisciplinary research in order to synergise our expertise and research strengths. Research degree studies at CityU are offered in three Colleges and three Schools covering a wide range of strategic areas to suit individuals' research interests.

3.1   *College of Business*

The College of Business aims to be a key business education hub – in China for the world. With a team of about 180 faculty members recruited from around the world, the six academic departments in the College will admit and nurture research students in a diverse range of inter-disciplinary research areas. Our demonstrated strength and international competitiveness in some main research areas are listed below. The College is amongst a small group of elite business schools worldwide that are internationally accredited by AACSB International and EQUIS. The College is also ranked 33rd worldwide and 2nd in the Asian Pacific Region based on its research contributions from 2011-2015 according to the latest UTD World Rankings of Business Schools.

Department of Accountancy

Research in accounting covers a broad spectrum of issues in the areas of financial accounting, auditing, and corporate governance. The major foci in the department include: (1) various accounting issues related to Debt Contracting such as debt covenant violation, debt monitoring, credit quality assessment and the Credit Market in general and Credit Pricing in particular (particularly the market for credit instruments such as credit default swaps); (2) Corporate Governance and External Monitoring issues in the China, US, and international settings as they relate to ownership structures, institutional infrastructures, legal regimes, information environments; (3) Fraud Detection & Tax Avoidance issues such as financial restatement and accounting and auditing enforcement by regulators such as the SEC and/or the CSRC and economic consequences of corporate tax avoidance, economic consequences of internal control reporting, accounting quality versus credit quality, tax complexity and tax compliance; (4) Accounting Disclosure issues such as disclosure and audit quality, earnings management,

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accounting conservatism, voluntary disclosures or management earnings guidance, and audit pricing.

Department of Economics and Finance

Research expertise of the Department includes: **(1) International Economics**: Trade policy; Intellectual property protection; FDI and global sourcing; International migration; International financial crises; Exchange rate economics; Purchasing power parity; Capital mobility; Globalization; **(2) Microeconomics**: Game theory; Industrial organization; Energy and environmental economics; Contract theory; Political economy; (3) **Macroeconomics**: Business cycles; Endogenous growth; Structural change; Fiscal and monetary policy; Real estate and urban economics; **(4) Corporate Finance**: Capital structure; Payout policy; Capital raising; Real investment; Firm-bank relationship; Mergers and acquisitions; Restructuring; Hedging; Corporate governance and control; **(5) Asset Pricing**: Equilibrium asset pricing; Equity return-risk relationship; Term structure of interest rates; Derivatives pricing; Financial engineering; **(6) Investments and Capital Markets**: Financial investments; Market microstructure; Anomalies; International financial management; Financial services and intermediation; Fund management; Credit risk management.

Department of Information Systems

Research in Information Systems (IS) integrates technical and business perspectives in addressing the effective and efficient development and management of information technology (IT) and business applications in the frontiers of IT such as cloud computing, mobile commerce, social networking, and big data analytics. In this sense, IS deals with aspects of the creation of information systems as well as evaluation in a variety of business, government and societal contexts. Methodologies employed in IS research accordingly cover a broad range from technical modelling to behavioural methods (both qualitative and quantitative). The College of Business areas of research expertise in Knowledge Management as well as E-Business and Internet Marketing are especially germane to IS. Knowledge Management topics include aspects of design and evaluation of technological support for creation and use of knowledge. E-Business and Internet Marketing deals mainly with business models, processes and systems enabled by Web-based technologies. IS research is especially concerned with socio-technical issues surrounding the application of web-based technologies in business and organizations for improving efficiency, effectiveness, and competitiveness.

Department of Management

Research foci/expertise in the Department include: **(1) Organizational Behavior**: Leadership; Motivation; Creativity and Proactivity; Citizenship and Counterproductive Work Behavior; Conflict Resolution and Negotiation; Risk and Uncertainty Management; Ethics; Organizational Justice; Work Stress; Emotions; Job Attitudes; Team Dynamics; Cross-Cultural Management; Organizational Change; **(2) Human Resources Management**: Strategic Human Resource Management; Recruitment & Selection; Training & Development; Selection and Assessment; **(3) Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management**: New Venture Creation & Management; Venture Capital Firm; IPO; New Product Management; Innovation & Creativity; **(4) International Business**: Internationalization Strategy; international Entry Modes MNC Control and Staffing; Intercultural Communication; Comparative Management; Culture and cognition, Cross-Cultural Research Methods; **(5) Strategic Management**: Corporate Strategy; Corporate Governance; Competitive & Cooperative Strategy; Strategies in Emerging/Transition Economies; Decision-Making; Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A); Top Management Teams **(6) Corporate Social Responsibility**: Business Ethics; Stakeholder Management; Corporate Social Responsibility.

Department of Management Sciences

Research expertise in the Department can be grouped into two streams: (1) Operations research and operations management in a broad sense, including specific areas such as healthcare management, inventory management, revenue management, financial engineering, sustainable operations, supply chain and logistics management, and interdisciplinary research between operations and risk management/marketing/finance/accounting; (2) Business analytics in a board base sense, including big data analytics, data mining, econometrics, credit risk management, optimization, simulation/decision models, marketing analytics, healthcare analytics, and market research.

Department of Marketing

Research foci/expertise in the Department include: **(1) Business Markets**: Forming channel relationships, governance strategy between buyers and suppliers, and application of network theory on business relationships; **(2) Multinational Corporate Strategy and Strategic Marketing**: International strategic alliance, foreign direct investment in China, international HRM, global sourcing strategy, eyquitcontrol and organizational learning; **(3) Internet Marketing**: Online consumer behavior, online advertising, social media, and online retailing; **(4) Consumer Behavior:** Psychological, social and cultural aspects of consumer behavior.

3.2 *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at City University provides leading educational programs in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is home to seven departments spanning a wide range of subjects. These are the Departments of Applied Social Sciences; Asian and International Studies; Chinese and History; Linguistics and Translations; English; Media and Communication; and Public Policy. In the QS World University Rankings by Faculty, CLASS is ranked 48th in Social Sciences (and Management) and 65th for Arts and Humanities. CLASS also puts in a strong performance. Linguistics is ranked 18th amongst world's top universities by QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015, which has been in the Top 50 for five consecutive years since 2011. Communications and Media Studies, English Language and Literature and Politics & International Studies are ranked in the Top 100 in the same ranking exercise. In the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2014, Communications and Media Studies is ranked first in Hong Kong. The College prides itself in its research reputation, and is also concerned to provide excellent opportunities for research degrees at the level of MPhil and PhD studies.

Department of Asian and International Studies

The mission of AIS is researching explaining the 'new Asia', thereby aiming to generate knowledge about important sociopolitical, economic and cultural processes of change in Asia while situating these changes in the broader international context. AIS is a multi-disciplinary department (with a particularly strength in political science but also composed of international relations specialists, political economists, sociologists, anthropologists, literature and cultural studies scholars, and Asian language experts). AIS has a number of specialists of the **politics, political economy, history and anthropology of Southeast Asia** (backed by the Southeast Asia Research Centre or SEARC, the only such research centre for the study of this region in Hong Kong) **and greater China** as well as a several staff focused on **Korean and Japanese culture, society, and languages**. Our staff come from 13 different countries and speak 17 languages, with degrees from some of the world's leading universities. Our faculty publish in top tier journals and presses, while making regular high impact contributions to the international press (including

the BBC, CNBC, the *Financial Times*, the *Guardian*). We also have what is perhaps the most international PhD programme in Hong Kong with 28 students, a majority of them female, from 20 countries spread across 5 continents speaking 20 different languages and including six recipients of the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship and over twenty other holders of scholarships and awards. The December 2014 "5-year Review of Academic Excellence" (RoE5) panel concluded AIS "compares very favourably" in terms of teaching and research on par with similar departments in some of the world's leading universities, such as the Australian National University (ANU) and the National University of Singapore (NUS). Moreover, these international reviewers praised AIS's recruitment of PhD students from world-leading universities (such as Sciences Po, Edinburgh, and NUS) and its MA student graduates have secured PhD positions at top institutions like Berkeley and Cambridge. In the 2016 QS survey of universities, CityU ranked first for citations per paper in the area of politics and international relations, and for H-index citations for development studies. In addition, 'politics and international relations' and 'development studies' were both ranked within the top 51 – 100 universities in the world. Both 'politics and international relations' and 'development studies' are core areas of AIS.

Department of Applied Social Sciences

Research focus/expertise in the Department include: **(1) Applied Sociology:** work, labour, class, organization, community, family, gender, ethnicity, deviance, welfare, politics, life quality, social capital, social movement, social policy, social problem, civil society, and social development; **(2) Psychology:** Self-concept, educational psychology, intimate relationship, stress and negative emotions, health psychology, positive ageing, creativity, idol worship, humor, aggression, resilience, and human values; **(3) Social Work:** Casework, groupwork, community work; working with children, youth, elderly and family; family violence, empowerment-oriented practice with socially disadvantaged groups, conflict management and mediation, volunteerism, and social work management and supervision; **(4) Counselling:** Cognitive behavioural therapy, narrative therapy, family therapy, parent education and support, marriage enrichment, client experience, and psychotherapy process; and **(5) Criminology:** Restorative justice, youth justice, organized crime, juvenile delinquency, Chinese criminology, anti-corruption, policing, crime prevention, school bullying, gang and outreach youth work, and cybercrime.

Department of Chinese and History

Research focus and expertise in the Department include: **(1) Chinese Language, Literature and Culture:** Chinese Classical Studies (*jingxue*), Chinese Culture, Chinese Literary Criticism, Chinese Philosophy, Classical Chinese Language, Classical Chinese Literature, Modern Chinese Literature and Culture, Chinese Linguistics; **(2) Comparative Literature, Cross-cultural Studies and Heritage Management:** Asian Literatures in English, Chinese-Western Comparative Literature, East Asian Studies of Literature and Culture, Heritage Management, Korean Studies; and **(3) Chinese History:** Urban History, History of Buddhism, Medical History, Ming-Qing Studies, Medieval China, Modern China, History of Cultural Exchange.

Department of English

Research strengths in the Department include: **(1) Discourse Analysis**: conversation analysis, corpus-assisted discourse analysis, critical discourse analysis, genre analysis, mediated discourse analysis, multimodal discourse analysis, pragmatics, semiotics, and text analysis; **(2) Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching**: identity, intercultural communication, language policy and planning, pedagogical grammar, second language acquisition, second language writing, self-access learning; **(3) Professional Communication**: business communication, English for specific purposes, language and law, persuasive communication, rhetoric of science, health and risk

communication; **(4) Language, Technology, and Media**: computer-assisted language learning, digital literacies, language and mobile communication, and online discourse; and **(5) Literary and Cultural Studies**: aesthetics, Asian diaspora literature, Asian writing in English, children's literature, colonial and postcolonial literature, creativity, creative writing, contemporary literature, fashion studies, narrative studies, popular culture, and Victorian literature.

Department of Linguistics and Translation

Research focus and expertise in the Department include: **(1) General Linguistics and Language Technology/Intelligent Linguistic Applications:** Chinese Linguistics, Computational Linguistics, Conversation Analysis and its Application, Corpus Linguistics, First/Second Language Acquisition, Systemic-Functional Linguistics, Lexicography, Morphology, Semantics, Sociolinguistics, Syntax, Terminology, Text Linguistics, Tibeto-Burman Linguistics, and **(2) Translation, Language and Society**: Computer-aided Translation, Discourse Analysis, Language and Law, Machine Translation, Translation and Literature, Interpreting and Translation Studies.
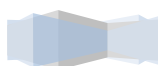
Department of Media and Communication

Research foci of the Department includes: **(1) New Media:** diffusion, use, and effects of the Internet; impact of social and mobile media; computer-mediated communication; human-computer interaction; policy and regulation; **(2) Media Institutions and Society:** state-society-media relationships; news production; media organizations; journalists and professionalism; social influence of media content; **(3) Political Communication:** public opinion, civic and political participation, political campaigns; **(4)Media Psychology and Effects:** cognitive processing, media effects; interactive advertising; **(5) Computational Communication Research:** social network analysis, big data; computational social science; **(6) Health Communication:** persuasion, healthcare narratives, health message processing.

Department of Public Policy

The research foci of the Department include, but are not limited to: **(1) China Studies:** political economy of market transition; state and society relationships since 1949; public administration and governance; socioeconomic development; Hong Kong politics and Mainland interaction **(2) Politics:** regional and international politics; comparative politics; the state and civil society; contemporary Chinese politics; ethics in government **(3) Public Management:** collaborative governance; human resources management; e-government; public budget and finance; organizational behaviour, public sector performance, public executive management, policy development and implementation, and current governance and management issues in Hong Kong **(4) Comparative Philosophy and Applied Ethics:** East Asian philosophies; social and political theories; health Care; justice, law, and civil society; environment **(5) Urban Studies:** urban governance and urban politics; neighbourhood change and the contemporary city; urban policy; housing policy; and **(6) Environmental Policy:** sustainable development; environmental governance and management; energy and climate policy.

3.3 *College of Science and Engineering*

With our unique combination of science and engineering under one roof, the College of Science and Engineering aims to break with convention to create innovation in teaching, learning and research. The College comprises of nine academic departments (see sections below) and the Division of Building Science and Technology.

Through the concerted efforts of the academic units, the College has achieved international competitiveness in areas such as applied mathematics, bioengineering, molecular and life sciences, computer science, electronic engineering, and materials science and engineering. Our collective success is evidenced by recent international rankings:

Shanghai Jiaotong University Ranking 2015
27th in the World's Top 200 Universities in the field of Engineering/Technology and Computer Sciences

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2016
39th in Mathematics
45th in Civil & Structural Engineering
49th in Computer Science & Information Systems

Top 100 in the subjects of:
- Architecture / Built Environment
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Materials Science
- Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering

Furthermore, the remarkable achievements of the College are exemplified by the two State Key Laboratories in CityU – specialising in the fields of millimetre waves and marine pollution, two joint laboratories with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and twelve research centres and applied strategic development centres.

Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering

Research expertise in the Department mainly focuses on Built Environment which includes: **(1) Civil, Structural and Geotechnical Engineering**: Computational mechanics; Engineering mechanics; Nano-mechanics; Composite structures; Wind engineering; Hydrology; Environmental engineering; Seismic response and disasters; Structural integrity and diagnosis; Construction materials; Tunnelling; Geotechnics and geology; Infra-structural engineering; Transportation; Pedestrian flow; Construction Engineering Management. **(2) Architecture and Architectural Engineering**: Building systems and facilities management; Energy, Natural and artificial lighting; Thermal comfort, indoor and regional air quality; Building sustainability; Fire safety engineering, Evacuation; Building information modelling; Building contracts and laws; Disputes and resolutions; Real estate development, Construction and land economy; Architectural design, history, theory, ecology and technology; urbanism, urban design and planning; landscape architecture.

Department of Biology and Chemistry

The Department is very unique in a multidisciplinary nature by integrating Environmental Science, Biology and Chemistry. Its research focus and expertise includes: **(1) Environmental Science:** freshwater and marine pollution; aquatic ecology and conservation; sustainable development in marine ecosystem; renewable energy, energy storage and management, energy efficiency and conservation; environmental physiology; ecotoxicology; environmental biotechnology; environmental physics; environmental monitoring; environmental measurement; remediation technologies; environmental impact and risk assessment. **(2) Biology:** environmental biology; chemical biology; developmental and cell biology; nano-biotechnology and biosensing; microbiology and bioactive compounds; genomics and biotechnology; proteomics and metabolomics. **(3) Chemistry:** environmental chemistry; green and synthetic chemistry; green

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materials/manufacturing; sustainable development; spectroscopy and catalysis; catalyst design and synthesis; organic electroluminescent devices; inorganic photo-responsive and luminescent chemosensors; organometallic chemistry; homogeneous catalysis; biological chemistry.

Department of Biomedical Sciences

The Department focuses on the relationships between human health, organisms, and diseases, covering specific areas of life sciences including molecular and cell biology, genetics and genomics, physiology and systems biology, pharmacology and medicinal chemistry, microbiology and immunology, and epidemiology and public health and aims to understand fundamental mechanisms of disease initiation and progression, and translate new knowledge in biomedical sciences to the development of new therapeutic strategies and clinical practices for health services and healthcare industry. Our research focus/expertise of the current faculties in the Department include: **(1) Cancer Biology; (2) Regenerative Medicine; (3) Neuroscience; and (4) Nanomedicine.**

Department of Computer Science

Research focus and expertise in the Department include: **(1) Multimedia Computing:** Computer Vision; Computer Graphics; Music, Speech and Language Processing; Games and Virtual Environments; Augmented Reality; Medical Imaging; Image Processing; Image and Video Coding; 3D Human Motion Capture, Analysis and Animation; Perception, Neuroscience, Brain Informatics; Multimedia Analytics; Multimedia Information Retrieval; Multimedia Sensing and Wearable Computing; Social Media and Mobile Media; **(2) Distributed Mobile Computing and Wireless Networking:** Distributed Algorithms and Systems; Cloud Computing; Mobile Computing; Information Security; Internetworking; Internet of Things (IoT); Wireless Networks; WDM Optical Networks; **(3) Applied Algorithms:** Bioinformatics; Data and Internet Security; Equilibrium Algorithms; Scheduling; Applied Cryptography; **(4) Data Science and Knowledge Management:** Data Science Techniques; Big Data Analytics; Database; AI Search; Optimization; Machine Learning; Text Mining; Information Retrieval; Semantic Object Modeling; (Web) Data Mining and Warehousing; Mobile/Multimedia Data Indexing and Caching; XML and Interoperability; Workflow and Web Services; **(5) Systems, Software Engineering and Internet Applications:** Embedded System; Parallel Architecture; Real-time Systems; Software Engineering; E-commerce; E-learning; Innovative Technology for Education; **(6) Evolutionary Computation:** Multiobjective Evolutionary Computation; Swarm Intelligence; Synergy between Machine Learning, Traditional Optimization and Evolutionary Computation; Multi-agent Evolutionary Optimization.

Department of Electronic Engineering

The Department offers research degree studies in a wide range of research areas which include **(1) Applied Electromagnetics:** Antennas; Computational electromagnetics; Electromagnetic compatibility; RF/Microwave/Millimeter-wave devices and circuits; **(2) Bioinformatics and Bioengineering:** Bioinformatics; Biomedical imaging; Biomedical systems and devices; Bio-sensors and actuators; Computational neurosciences; Neural implants; Neural prosthesis; **(3) Communications:** Coding and modulation; Digital communication; Information Theory; Mobile communications; Optical communications; Wireless communications; Wireless sensor networks; **(4) Computer Systems:** Computer architecture; Computer networks; Database; Embedded systems; Security and cryptography; **(5) Dynamics and Control:** Complex networks; Control engineering; Intelligent and networked control; Nonlinear circuits and systems; Robotics; **(6) Electronic Systems and Devices:** Electronics packaging and assemblies; Microelectronic devices and circuits; Microelectronics fabrication process; Semiconductor; System-on-chip; Testing and reliability; VLSI; **(7) Intelligent Systems:** Artificial intelligence; Evolutionary

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computing; Machine learning; Neural networks; **(8) Multimedia Technology:** Computer graphics; Computer vision; Image and video processing; Pattern recognition; Signal processing; Speech and audio processing; **(9) Nanotechnology and Microsystems:** Integrated microsystems; Micro-/Nano-electromechanical systems (MEMS/NEMS); Nanofabrication technology; Nanomaterials; **(10) Networking:** Broadband networks; Cloud computing; Congestion control; Disaster survivability; Hardware architectures for network processing; Internet; Network protocols; Optical/Wireless/Mobile networks; Queuing theory; Service networks and systems; Teletraffic; Video communications; **(11) Optoelectronics:** Fiber optics; Holographic display; Integrated optics; Lighting technology; Optical waveguides and devices; Photonics; **(12) Power and Energy:** Power electronics; Renewable energy; Smart grid technology.

Department of Mathematics

Research strengths/disciplines of the Department include: **(1) Applied Analysis:** asymptotics and perturbation methods, dynamical system, kinetic theory, learning theory, partial differential equations, special functions, approximation theory, stochastic analysis; **(2) Computational Mathematics:** complexity theory, numerical analysis, scientific computation, computational electromagnetics; **(3) Mathematical Modelling:** control and system theory, fluid mechanics, elasticity, granular materials, mathematical biology, mathematical finance, mathematics of new material, plate and shell theory; **(4) Probability and Statistics:** statistical machine learning and data mining, model selection and assessment, high dimensional data analysis, biomedical statistics.

Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering

Academic programmes offered by the Department span from BEng degrees with Bioengineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Manufacturing Engineering, Nuclear Engineering and Quality Engineering majors to MPhil/PhD degrees in disciplines such as Bio/Biomedical Engineering, Nano/Molecular Engineering, Sustainable Manufacturing, Materials Engineering, and Robotics/Mechatronics/Automation. Research areas of the Department include **(1) Mechanical Engineering, Product Design, Manufacturing, and Quality Engineering:** Engineering Design; Rapid Prototyping; Flexible Assembly Systems; Powder Metallurgy & Material Forming; Experimental Mechanics; Nondestructive Testing; Process Monitoring; Magneto-rheological Suspensions & Lubrication; Surface Engineering & Thin Films; Metrology; Smart Materials. **(2) Robotics/Mechatronics/Automation:** Neural-Controlled Robots; Micro/Bio/Nano Robotics; Mobile/Flying Robots; Industrial Robots; Intelligent Control; Remote Sensing & Control; Intelligent Sensor Networks; Radio Frequency Identification (RFID); Automatic Materials Handling; Automation for Entertainment & Healthcare; Machine Vision. **(3) Bio/Biomedical Engineering:** BioMEMS/Bio-Fluidics; MEMS/Nano/Bio Sensors; Cell/Tissue Engineering; Nano/Bio Materials; Nano Drug Delivery; Prosthetic Devices; Medical Robots; Medical Instrumentation; Biomedical Imaging; Biophotonics; Health Maintenance. **(4) Nuclear and Risk Engineering:** Nuclear Safety; Nuclear Power Management; Nuclear Materials; Nuclear Medicine; Risk Assessment and Management; Emergency Management. The Department also offers postgraduate MSc degrees in Advanced Technology and Management, and Mechanical Engineering.

Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

The Department provides high quality educational and research experiences in disciplines related to industrial and systems engineering and engineering management, preparing graduates for professional and leadership roles in industry and academia. The Department carries out research in a number of multidisciplinary areas. Research in **Systems Engineering** includes Reliability Engineering, Risk Analysis, System Informatics, Data Mining, Operation Research, Decision Sciences, Green Manufacturing Systems, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Human

Factors Engineering, etc. Research in **Engineering Management** includes Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Project Management, Production and Operations Management, Knowledge Management, Quality Engineering and Management, Engineering Asset Management, etc.

Department of Physics and Materials Science

The department has been No. 1 in materials science and No. 2 in physics in RAE2014 results. Research focus/expertise in the Department include: **(1) Device physics**: sensing and detection, optical spectroscopy, photonics and biophotonics, optoelectronics; **(2) Materials science**: neutron scattering, materials physics, computational materials science, biomedical materials, nanomaterials, organic light-emitting diode, photovoltaic materials, functional materials, materials for renewable energy, plasma science and processing, metals and alloys, plastics and composites, shape memory alloys, electrical ceramics, phase transformations, SMT solder joints, creep and life assessment, in-service behavior of materials, stress analysis, electron microscopy, materials design, surface science and engineering, thin films and coatings; **(3) Radiation physics**: environmental radiation, radiation biophysics, radiation-induced biointerfaces, ion-track technology; **(4) Solid-state physics**: magnetism and spintronics, semiconductor physics; **(5) Theoretical physics**: computational physics, mesoscopic physics, electron and spin transport, statistical physics, critical phenomena.

3.4 *School of Creative Media*

Established in 1998, the School of Creative Media at City University of Hong Kong is the first of its kind in Asia and the birthplace of a new generation of transmedia specialists – professionals who are not only skilled in the technology of digital media but who can also integrate a multiplicity of media forms. The School has now established itself to be a leader in creative media education of the region.

The School's interdisciplinary research activities encompass and combine all aspects of art and new media creation, incorporating methodologies based in the sciences, the humanities, or both: multimedia technology, video and image computing, distributed mobile computing and wireless networking, artificial intelligence and data management systems, software engineering and internet applications, multimodal interface design, interactive and embodied media, virtual and augmented reality, the cinematic arts, photography, computer graphics and animation, musical composition and performance, sound art, installation arts, urban media art, game design, physical computing, digital cultural heritage, and historical, theoretical, and critical analyses of all of these areas, including ethical, social and aesthetic implications of emerging technologies on art and new media creation.

The School is equipped with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities with numerous advanced immersive digital visualization systems, including a 4-sided CAVE™ visual reality facility and one of the industry's best 24-camera optical motion capture systems. The Run Run Shaw Creative Media Centre, designed by the world-renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, provides purpose-built facilities for the School in nurturing the next generation of transmedia specialists and has become an iconic landmark in the territory. It is a hub for creative professionals from all over the world seeking new opportunities for collaboration in the rapidly-evolving creative industries.

3.5 *School of Energy and Environment*

The School of Energy and Environment aims to (a) develop cutting-edge research that is internationally competitive with local/regional significance in targeted themes in the areas of energy and environment, (b) train high-calibre research students to engage in leading-edge research in these areas, and (c) produce a new breed of professionals engaging in energy- and environment-related activities through professional education.

In our research degree programme, the School provides opportunities for high quality research students to engage in research activities related to energy or environment that lead to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Faculty members in the School have extensive international experience in areas currently including renewable energies, energy storage, energy efficiency and conservation, meteorology and climate, air pollution and waste treatment.

Research focus/expertise in the School includes two major areas: *(A) Energy-related* **(1) Renewable Energy**: Solar cells; Wind; Marine; Biofuels; **(2) Energy Storage and Conversion**: Fuel cells; Batteries; Mechanical energy harvesting; Power transmission; Electric motors **(3) Energy Efficiency, Energy Economics, Conservation and Management**: Building physics; Advanced refrigeration and air conditioning; Carbon management; Economics of energy transitions; *(B) Environment-related* **(1) Meteorology and Climate**: Tropical Meteorology, Climate diagnostics, Climate modeling, Climate and hydrological change and impact studies, Atmospheric Remote sensing; **(2) Air Pollution**: Outdoor and indoor air pollution monitoring, modelling and control; Air Pollution exposure and impacts; Aerosol science **(3) Waste Treatment**: Waste-water treatment; Biowaste utilisation.

3.6 *School of Law*

The principal objective of School of Law is to support and improve the provision of legal education and training in Hong Kong. The School seeks to achieve this objective through teaching, research, international publications, and specialist projects. Distinguished teachers and scholars from Hong Kong, the Mainland and abroad have been recruited over the years to help us achieve these goals. The School aims to become an internationally-renowned centre for research and teaching of law in the Asia-Pacific region. Close links have been developed with the legal profession in Hong Kong as well as agencies of the legal system and users of legal services. Additionally, the School has developed close institutional links, through our Global Gateway and international exchange programmes, with a variety of overseas institutions.

The School offers MPhil and PhD programmes under the research area, Chinese and Comparative Law. It focuses mainly on the following: comparative law theory and practice, constitutional and administrative law, human rights, socio-legal studies, economic analysis of law, civil and commercial law, foreign investment and trade law, cross-border legal issues, banking law, international law, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, law of torts, law of contract, environmental and planning law, criminal law and criminal justice, professional legal studies.

A vigorous and cooperative research culture provides a platform for creation, exchange, discussion and debate of ideas and perspectives on Chinese and comparative law. The focus is on both theoretical and practical aspects of legal research and emphasizes studies in global issues from a Chinese and Asian perspective and with an interdisciplinary focus. Research output is disseminated in Greater China and overseas.

3.7 *School of Veterinary Medicine*

The PhD programme in Veterinary Sciences is an interdisciplinary programme open to outstanding graduate students who wish to conduct state-of-the-art basic, clinical and translational life sciences research alongside research professionals. The Programme is student-centered and led by faculty who are accessible, engaged and committed to ensuring that our postgraduate students reach their full potential in research, teaching and professional development. The students will participate in research programmes leading to PhD degrees in one of the following areas:

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- Comparative Biomedical Sciences
- Immunology & Infectious Disease
- Molecular & Systemic Neuroscience
- Public Health & Epidemiology

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4   RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

4.1   *Programme Aims and Structure*

4.1.1   Research degree programmes aim to provide advanced education to nurture people who can:

- contribute to the advancement of knowledge through independent and original research;
- demonstrate specialist subject knowledge and a high level of transferable skills, including analytical, communication and leadership skills; and
- enhance economic, social and cultural development.

4.1.2   The University offers two types of research degree programmes, namely, Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), which consist of both coursework and independent research studies culminating in the submission of a thesis.

(a) **Coursework Requirement**
Students are required to fulfill the following coursework requirements within their study period:

MPhil: 7 credit units (including a core course of at least 2 credit units which shall be a research methodology or foundation course(s) at postgraduate level);

PhD: 14 credit units (including core course(s) of at least 4 credit units which shall include at least 2 credit units of research methodology or foundation course at postgraduate level)

and

1 credit unit compulsory course: Teaching Students: First Steps (SG8001)

Individual Departments and Schools may stipulate a higher credit unit requirement. Research students in the College of Business are required to take a stipulated set of taught courses. Please refer to Appendix 5 for its "Research Degree Programme Structure".

(b) **Thesis**
An MPhil thesis should present the results of research investigation, give evidence of a sound understanding of the area of study, its context and applicability, and make a contribution to knowledge. A PhD thesis, in addition to the above, should make a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the subject area concerned.

4.2   *Study Period and Residence Requirement*

4.2.1   Research studies can be undertaken in full-time or part-time mode. The University has stipulated the following study periods for research degree programmes, and students are required to complete their studies, including the submission of their theses, within the said periods:

Programme of Study	Full-time	Part-time
MPhil	2 years	4 years
PhD (students with a research master's degree or a master's degree with a thesis/project/dissertation before admission)	3 years	6 years
PhD (students without a research master's degree nor a master's degree with a thesis/project/dissertation before admission)	4 years	8 years

4.2.2   Students who have special grounds for not being able to comply with the above may submit an application for an extension of their study period, together with a proposed study plan, before their original study period expires. Such cases will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Moreover, only a maximum of two extensions can be granted, with each period not exceeding six months, irrespective of the student's mode of study. Failure to complete the study by the end of the second extension will lead to termination of study unless there are truly extenuating circumstances. Such cases should be approved by the School.

4.2.3   A student who is receiving regular supervision in Hong Kong or in a designated location approved by the University is classified as being in residence. The required residence period for research degree studies is equivalent to half of the relevant study period.

4.3   *Report Submission*

4.3.1   **Qualifying Report**

Students are required to submit a qualifying report (in English) within the specified qualifying periods as follows:

Full-time students: within 6-12 months from commencement of study
Part-time students: within 9-18 months from commencement of study

The qualifying report should include a survey of the relevant literature, an identification of a specific research topic, the research methodology and a discussion of the possible outcomes.

4.3.2   **Annual Progress Report**

Students who have been permitted to continue their studies after the qualifying period are required to submit a progress report (in English) on an annual basis until they have submitted the final version of their theses for assessment.

4.4   *Medium of Instruction/Assessment and Thesis Presentation*

4.4.1   The normal medium of instruction and assessment at the University is English. Research students should write and present their thesis in English, unless they give very strong justifications for using another language.

4.4.2   Students with valid reasons to support using a language other than English in thesis writing may apply to the School in writing within the first six months of their studies. Applications

submitted after the said period will not normally be considered. Such applications will be forwarded to the Department and College or the School for recommendation and final approval rests with the Committee on Research Degrees Candidature.

4.5   *Award of MPhil/PhD Degree*

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

5   FINANCIAL AWARDS/ASSISTANCE

5.1   *Postgraduate Studentship*
(Applicable to government-funded students only)

5.1.1   The Postgraduate Studentship is granted on the basis of academic merit. Full-time research students who have obtained at least a bachelor's degree with upper second class honours (or equivalent) or a good master's degree before admission are eligible to apply for the Studentship. (Exemption from the above may be considered if the student has a good publication record.)

5.1.2   Eligible new full-time students will be considered for the award of the Studentship as part of their application for admission to a research degree programme. Separate applications are not required.

5.1.3   The Studentship is normally granted on a yearly basis. Continuation and renewal of the award are subject to satisfactory study progress, achievement in coursework results and performance in any academic-related duties assigned. Individual department/school may stipulate additional requirements.

5.1.4   MPhil students will normally be granted the Studentship for a maximum of two years and PhD students a maximum of three years (irrespective of their entry qualifications), and the Studentship award period should not exceed students' stipulated study period. The Studentship rate for 2016/17 is HK$15,900 per month (subject to approval). Studentship (tentative) is subject to revision in September of every year, and any revision to the rate will apply to both current and new students.

5.1.5   Studentship recipients are normally required to undertake not more than 10 hours per week on average of teaching and/or research support duties, as assigned by the Department/School. They shall not engage in any paid employment without the prior approval of the University.

5.2   *Research Tuition Scholarship*
(Applicable to government-funded students only)

5.2.1   The purpose of the Research Tuition Scholarship is to recognise and reward students with outstanding academic performance. It is a meritorious award and is granted on a strictly competitive basis.

5.2.2   The Scholarship is in the form of an exemption for students from paying tuition fees. If granted a Scholarship, full-time students will be exempted from paying one year's fees. Notwithstanding the above, the award period should not exceed students' stipulated study period.

5.2.3   The Scholarship is not a cash award and cannot be held concurrently with other awards covering tuition fees.

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5.2.4   Only full-time research students are eligible to apply for the Scholarship. All eligible new students will be considered for the award of the Scholarship as part of their application for admission to a research degree programme. Separate applications are not required.

5.3   *Conference Grant*
        (Applicable to government-funded students only)

Research students can apply for conference grants for attending local and overseas conferences. The maximum value of a grant is HK$10,000.

5.4   *Research Activities Fund*
        (Applicable to government-funded students only)

Research students can apply for funding support to undertake research related activities outside Hong Kong, which are beneficial and related to their MPhil/PhD studies. The monthly allowance is HK$5,000. Normally, the maximum cumulative amount of funding provision during the entire candidature of study is HK$30,000.

5.5   *Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarships*
        (Applicable to government-funded students only)

The purpose of the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarships is to encourage outstanding international students to undertake MPhil or PhD studies at the University with a view to promoting academic exchange and enhancing the international mix of the University's student population.

The Scholarship is to cover students' tuition and on-campus hostel accommodation fees in their first year of research studies (equivalent to approximately HK$71,496). If granted a Scholarship, the student's full-time tuition and hostel accommodation fees in the first year of study will be off-set by the award.

5.6   *Government Grants and Loans and External Financial Awards/Assistance*
        (Applicable to all students)

The Government and the University offer various kinds of grants and loans to help students who are in financial need. There are also various kinds of external financial awards and assistance granted on the basis of academic merit or financial need.

6 MERIT AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

6.1 Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Scholarships
(Applicable to government-funded students only)

6.1.1 The purpose of Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Scholarships is to recognize and reward students with outstanding academic performance.

6.1.2 All students who are within their (normal) period of study and have undertaken their current MPhil/PhD studies for at least one full year are eligible to apply for the Scholarship.

6.1.3 The Scholarship is a one-off cash award and students will be presented a certificate of award issued by the School.

6.2 Outstanding Academic Performance Award

6.2.1 The purpose of the Outstanding Academic Performance Award for research students is to recognise students with outstanding academic performance in their research studies.

6.2.2 All research degree students who have completed at least one full year of MPhil/PhD studies and are within their (normal) study period are eligible to apply for the award.

6.2.3 The award is a one-off cash award and students will be presented a certificate of award issued by the School.

6.3 Outstanding Research Thesis Awards Scheme

6.3.1 The purpose of the Outstanding Research Thesis Awards Scheme is to recognise and reward research students who have produced a thesis of outstanding quality and achievement in their relevant research area.

6.3.2 The School will identify those theses that have satisfied the award criteria and forward the cases to the relevant Department/School, which will be invited to confirm their suitability for the award. On receipt of the confirmation from the Department/School, the students concerned will be granted the award.

6.4 Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Research Award

6.4.1 The purpose of the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Research Award is to recognize exceptional work by PhD graduates and to encourage the highest levels of research and writing.

6.4.2 Only awardees of the Outstanding Research Thesis Award will be eligible to compete for the award.

6.4.3 Each awardee will receive an award certificate issued by the School and a one-off cash prize of HK$20,000.

7   FEES FOR 2017/18

The following are the major fees (tentative rates for 2017/18) for MPhil/PhD programmes. Please note that fees are subject to revision from time to time without prior notification, and any adjustments to fees will apply to both new and current students.

Acceptance Fee

	Mode of Study		Remarks
	Full-time	Part-time	
Government-funded and self-financed students	HK$7,016		Non-refundable; payable upon acceptance of admission offer

Tuition/Continuation Fees (normally adjusted in September every year)

Type of Fee	Mode of Study		Remarks
	Full-time	Part-time	
Government-funded Students			
Tuition fee	HK$3,508 per month	HK$1,754 per month	Non-refundable; applicable to students within their stipulated study period
Continuation fee	HK$877 per month	HK$439 per month	Non-refundable; applicable to students who have been approved for an extension of their study period
Self-financing Students			
Tuition fee	HK$7,016 per month	HK$3,508 per month	Non-refundable; applicable to students within their stipulated study period
Continuation fee	HK$1,754 per month	HK$877 per month	Non-refundable; applicable to students who have been approved for an extension of their study period

Other Fees (for all students)

Type of Fee	Mode of Study		Remarks
	Full-time	Part-time	
Membership fee for CityU Postgraduate Association	HK$300	HK$150	One-off payment covering a student's entire study period
(Re)Examination fee	HK$1,000 (MPhil) HK$1,500 (PhD)		Non-refundable
Graduation fee	HK$400		Refundable upon study withdrawal or study termination

8 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT TO STUDENTS' STUDIES

8.1 *Student Accommodation*

8.1.1 The University offers on-campus accommodation for full-time research students in UGC-funded programmes. Due to the very limited residence places and increasing demand, the University is unable to offer residence places to UGC-funded research students for their entire study period. Furthermore, there is no guarantee at all that students will be granted residence places during their studies. Application for residence places is made on yearly basis and lot–drawing is primarily used in allocating residence places for UGC-funded research students. Students who are interested to reside in the student residence can submit online application during the specified application period.

If the residence application is not successful, students are advised to visit SRO website for more information on searching off-campus accommodation.

8.1.2 Students who are interested to reside in the student residence in 2017/18 can submit online application during the application period from 15 April to 15 May 2017. For details, please refer to the SRO website in times of application.

8.1.3 Applications after 15 May 2017 should be sent directly to sropga@cityu.edu.hk. These applications will be put on waiting until all applications submitted on time had been processed.

8.1.4 Results will be released in early June 2017. Applicants who have submitted applications on or before 15 May 2017 will receive notifications via emails.

8.1.5 Successful applicants who are offered places at the Student Residence will be required to accept the residence offers by paying a non-refundable confirmation fee by the specified deadline. Students who fail to pay the confirmation fee before the specified date will be regarded as withdrawal and their places will be allocated to other students.

For enquiries, please contact the Student Residence Office:
Phone: (852) 3442 1200
Email: sropga@cityu.edu.hk
Website: http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro

8.2 *Student Development Services*

The Student Development Services (SDS) is committed to enriching students' educational experience and whole person development, through lectures and training courses on counselling, career development, wellness, leadership development, inter-personal relationship, communication, and stress management.

9   INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FROM OVERSEAS AND THE CHINESE MAINLAND

9.1   *Definition of Non-local Applicants*

"Non-local" applicants are defined as persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with a student visa/entry permit.

9.2   *Global Services Office*

The Global Services Office (GSO) provides assistance and support to non-local students, including student visa/entry permit application, orientation programmes, on-arrival assistance, and pastoral care and advice on personal and learning related issues. The web site of GSO (http://www.cityu.edu.hk/gso/) contains useful information about studying in Hong Kong and at CityU.

9.3   *Student Visa/Entry Permit*

Full-time students from outside Hong Kong must obtain a student visa or an entry permit to study in Hong Kong.

A local sponsor is required for a student visa or entry permit application. The local sponsor can be a Hong Kong resident who is at least 18 years old or the University. The University will usually act as a student's local sponsor if an applicant is accepted by the University to take up full-time studies at the postgraduate level.

In accordance with the regulations of the Immigration Department in Hong Kong, students holding a student visa/an entry permit for studying in Hong Kong are allowed to undertake part-time paid employment during their stay in Hong Kong under stipulated conditions.

9.4   *Personal Accident and Medical Insurance / Travel Insurance*

It is mandatory for non-local students to purchase a personal accident and medical insurance/travel insurance policy during their study period at the University. For further information, please visit the website of the Global Services Office (GSO).

9.5   *Cost of Living*

The cost of living in Hong Kong is generally high, but the Studentship award should be sufficient to support students' daily living expenses. The estimated basic cost of living for a single student is around HK$10,000 per month to cover tuition fees, food, lodging and general living expenses, depending on the type of accommodation selected and level of living and personal expenses.

Appendix 1: Guidelines for Preparing a Research Proposal for Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Introduction

It is critical that you submit your Research Proposal to an appropriate member of the College **prior to** making a formal application for admission into either the MPhil or PhD programme.

You should seek comments on your proposal draft by discussing it with a College member in the subject closest to the topic of your research/or the College member most likely to be involved in supervision.

While there are considerable differences in the approach to research among the various disciplines of the College, and prospective candidates should write in an appropriate manner for their discipline, there are some general guidelines which should be more or less adhered to.

Contents of the Research Proposal

The guiding principle for a good Research Proposal is that you must have a serious question in mind that is worthy of careful, thorough research. That is, you must be able to state a proposition (or a series of related propositions) which is worthy of detailed research and analysis.

The proposal should be written in English and include:

(a) A clear statement of the aims of the research and why it is a worthy and/or interesting topic.

(b) An outline of the research background of the topic, giving an overview of some current findings in the area, with references. From this background material it should be clear to a reader what the research problem is, and what theory, questions (hypotheses), or phenomena you wish to investigate.

(c) The methods you intend to apply to the research questions. For example, how you will collect your data, who might be the appropriate respondents, whether you will use an established data base, case studies, experimental methods, questionnaires, etc. It should be clear to a reader the methodology to be used, its source, and its appropriateness for the purpose of investigation.

(d) A brief summary.

(e) A list of works cited in your proposal.

The proposal should be around three pages and single-spaced, including a list of work cited.

It is likely that, in the process of conducting your research, details of the outline will be adjusted. That is, the statement of your research topic may be refined.

Introduction

To apply for admission to either the MPhil or PhD programmes at the School of Creative Media (SCM), each applicant is required to prepare a research proposal.

The proposal has to be written concisely and clearly to help the SCM School Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) make a judicious decision regarding the research project. The applicant may consider the following aspects:

- Research topic, objectives and definitions;
- Relevance to the mission of the School;
- The state of the art in the proposed research;
- Its importance to the area of creative media;
- Research plan;
- The scope of the proposed research project.

It is highly recommended that you seek comments on your proposal by discussing it via email with a faculty member whose expertise is closest to the topic of your research/or the faculty member most likely to be involved in supervision before finalising it, with a copy of the email sent to Professor Maurice Benayoun (m.benayoun@cityu.edu.hk).

Contents of the Research Proposal

(a)   Abstract

A clear statement of the aims of the research and why it is a worthy and/or interesting topic. You also need to briefly define your methodology.

(b)   Introduction

An outline of the research background of the topic should give an overview of existing literature (critical discourses and similar studies), some current findings in the area, with references, and the intended research to be proposed. Setting out the background will help you to state clearly what you consider the research problem to be, what hypotheses you wish to test, and what conceptual paradigms you want to use.

(c)   Literature Review

A detailed list of related research (publication date, page numbers, volumes and publishers, etc.) you have read and cited, with a brief assessment.

(d)   Research Problems

From the background material stated above, it should be clear to a reader what the research problem is, and what theory, questions (hypotheses), or phenomena you wish to investigate.

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(e)   *Methodology*

You need to explain the method you intend to use in the research. It should be clear to a reader the methodology to be used, its sources, and its appropriateness for the purpose of investigation. For qualitative and critical research, the "methodology" section should also address the modeling process, theoretical debates and key concepts that would advance knowledge and inform the investigation.

For example, you may describe how to model the problem, what you would do differently from the more conventional methods, approaches that might lead to a better outcome, how to collect your data, who might be the appropriate respondents, whether you will use an established data base, case studies, experimental methods, open-ended interviews, semi-overt participant observation, archival data, etc.

(f)   *Relevant research experience*

The applicants should explain their previous research experience, if any, in relevant areas.

(g)   *Bibliography/references*

Length of the Research Proposal

Since the School is interdisciplinary in nature, we welcome applicants with backgrounds in media art or digital-media technology. All proposals should be typed, double-spaced with 12 pt font size, and include a list of references cited.

(1) Media Art:
   a. For the MPhil degree programme, the proposal should be around 5-10 pages.
   b. For the PhD degree programme, the proposal should be around 10-20 pages.

(2) Media Technology:
   a. For the MPhil degree programme, the proposal should be around 3-5 pages.
   b. For the PhD degree programme, the proposal should be around 5-8 pages.

The applicant should be reminded that the proposal is only the first step toward a potential research degree. After being admitted, as with most research endeavours the candidate may have to adjust the actual details in the proposed research during the course of the programme, which will be a continuous process under the guidance of his/her supervisors.

Introduction

When submitting an application to the PhD programme at the School of Energy and Environment, each applicant is required to enclose a research statement, which demonstrates the applicant's knowledge in the area of interest and approach to developing research ideas for the programme.

If at all possible, the applicant is advised to seek comments on their statement by discussing it with the faculty member of the School whose expertise is closest to the topic of the research project or the faculty member is most likely to be involved in the supervision if the application is accepted. Applicant should indicate on his/her application form of his/her preferred supervisor.

Content of the Research Statement

The statement should be written in English and include the following items:

(a)   objective(s) of the research;

(b)   background to the research idea including an overview of key scientific problems along with thoughts about relevant theory or hypotheses;

(c)   proposed approach for the research and the extent to which it needs laboratory work, field observations, modelling, data analysis or new theory; describing any methods that seems critical to the research;

(d)   expected outcomes of such research project in terms of novel science and perhaps broader societal impact.

Length of the Research Statement

The proposal should be typed, single-spaced with 12 point font size in no more than 2 pages and should include a list of references cited.

The applicant should be reminded that the statement is only the first step toward a potential research degree. After being admitted, as with most research endeavours the candidate may have to adjust the actual details of any research during the course of the programme, which will be a continuous process under the guidance of his/her supervisors.

Introduction

It is very important in preparing your Research Proposal for graduate studies in the School of Law that you devote time and thought to produce a sound proposal. You owe it to yourself to do justice to your planned research by presenting it thoroughly and clearly. You also need to explain to the School Graduate Studies Committee:

- Exactly what your proposal is;
- Why it is a good proposal; and
- Why it should be approved.

Think about your proposal carefully therefore. You also should seek comments on your proposal by discussing it with other people experienced in research. It is also a good idea to seek comments on your proposal in draft written form before finalizing it.

Note: Due to the close relationship between research students and supervisors, it is necessary, also, for an appropriate staff member to be available to undertake the required supervision.

Contents of the Research Proposal

(a) Introduction

The guiding principle for a good Research Proposal is that you must have a serious question (or questions) in mind worthy of careful, thorough research. That is, you must be able to state a proposition (or a series of related propositions) worthy of detailed research and analysis. It is likely be that, in the process of conducting your research, this agenda for investigation will be adjusted. That is, the statement of your research topic may be refined. This is normal. At the outset, however, you should be able to explain your *proposed* research plan in terms of:

- A clear statement of the issue (or issues) to be discussed;
- A clear justification of why it is worthy of discussion; and
- A clear explanation of how you intend to conduct research and analysis on your chosen topic.

This basic explanatory material should appear at the beginning of your proposal.

(b)   Background

You also will need to specify the research background of the topic. You should give an overview of some current findings in the area, with references. Setting out the background will help you to state clearly what you consider the research problem to be and what hypothesis you wish to test.

(c)   Methodology

You need to explain the methods you intend to use in your research. You may use a largely traditional legal research method including detailed library (and other data base) researching of primary sources (such as cases) and secondary sources (such as commentaries) in your topic area.

You may need to use less traditional methods also, such as case studies, statistical analysis, questionnaires or textual analysis. You must explain clearly the methodology you will apply. This means you have to make clear what you understand the methodology to be, what it can achieve and why it is relevant to your research. For example, if you are proposing field surveys, you need to explain which group you are surveying and why and, generally, what you wish to find out from the group.

(d)   Concluding Remarks

Finally, you should provide a succinct summary of your:
• Question (or questions) to be researched;
• Background to the Research; and
• Methodology
in the conclusion.

You may wish to explain your thesis with greater precision, at this point, in the context of the background and methodology explanations previously given.

(e)   Chapter Outline

Although not mandatory, it is useful to sketch out how you plan to structure your written thesis by providing a list of chapter headings. It is often possible to give a paragraph summarizing what you expect each chapter to cover, also.

(f)   Bibliography

You should attach a bibliography of those publications to which you have referred and other relevant publications you know of.

Length of Research Proposal/Checking Research Proposal

There is no set length for a Research Proposal. But it should cover the matters set out above. Proposals should always be typed double-spaced and carefully checked for formal correctness (spelling, presentation, etc.). You should always have your Research Proposal carefully proof read. Failure to check the presentation thoroughly for clarity and correctness almost certainly will result in instances of distracting sloppiness in the Research Proposal. Such sloppiness always creates a poor impression in the minds of reviewers. You must put in the effort required to eliminate repetitive sloppiness.

Prior Work

If you have a good example of prior written work which you have had published, you may submit it with your research proposal.

What Makes a Good Written Thesis

A successful MPhil thesis will demonstrate the student's mastery of the literature in a specified subject area, as well as the student's ability to collect, analyse and interpret research data which bears on a particular problem which the prior analysis of the subject area has identified. These findings should be of publishable standard. A doctoral thesis will test more hypotheses (or explore more ideas), collect a greater range of data, will analyse these data in a more complex way, and must necessarily produce results of publishable standard.

The best start to achieve this standard is a carefully prepared Research Proposal.

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MPhil Programme

1. Candidates enrolled in the MPhil programme are required to take following courses and complete other relevant coursework, if any, as prescribed by the Qualifying Panels, and write a thesis in Year 2.

    Year 1   SG8001   Teaching Students: First Steps (1 CU, Semester A/B)
    Course(s) <u>from</u> home department of at least 4 credit units which shall include at least 2 credit units of research methodology or foundation course at postgraduate (R8) level (at least 4 CU, Semester A/B)

    Year 2   Course(s) <u>outside</u> home department but within CB of at least 3 credit units at postgraduate (R8) level (at least 3 CU, Semester A/B)

    CU: credit unit

2. The above schedule of courses is catered for full-time candidates. For those pursuing part-time studies and admitted in mid-year, the schedule will need to be adjusted in consultation with their Qualifying Panels.

3. Credit transfer and coursework exemption may **not** be possible under the current University's requirement of taking at least 7 CUs for MPhil.

4. Each candidate is required to submit a Qualifying Report within a specified period. Subject to satisfactory performance of the candidate in coursework and in Qualifying Report as assessed by the Qualifying Panel established for the candidate, the candidature will be confirmed. Once having been confirmed the MPhil candidature, the candidate will proceed to write the thesis.

PhD Programme

5. PhD candidates will fulfil the same coursework requirements as MPhil candidates. In addition, they have to take two extra courses listed below:

    Year 2   FB8905 Project (Thesis Proposal Defence) (6 CU, Summer Year 2 to Semester A Year 3)
    Year 3   FB8914 Doctoral Seminar (3 CU, Semester B)

6. In addition to the above coursework requirements, PhD candidates also need to complete other relevant coursework, if any, as prescribed by the Qualifying Panels. In exceptional circumstances where candidates can demonstrate their scholarly attributes to the satisfaction of their Qualifying Panels, they can be exempted from part or all of the courses, subject to approval by the College Graduate Studies Committee following guidelines stipulated by the University.

7. Full-time students have to sit for a common written Qualifying Examination administered by individual departments normally in the summer of Year 1. Its objective is to test students' knowledge of major subject areas of their research disciplines and their ability to integrate the theories and concepts learned from the taught courses, as well as in analysing and solving problems. Students who fail in the departmental common written qualifying examination are allowed to have at most one more attempt at the discretion of individual departments but all students must pass the examination the latest by 31 August of their second year of study. Those who cannot pass the examination by the corresponding deadline will be recommended for termination of study following the procedures stipulated by the University.

8. Full-time students must complete the thesis proposal defence (FB8905 Project) conducted by a panel set up by their home department the latest by 31 December of their third year of study. Students who fail in the defence are allowed to have at most one more attempt at the discretion of the panel. If a second attempt is allowed, students must pass the defence the latest by 30 June of their third year of study. Those who cannot pass the thesis proposal defence will be recommended for termination of study following the procedures stipulated by the University.

9. Doctoral Seminar is concerned with general and cross-disciplinary business research and is a research seminar for all doctoral students particularly in their third year of study. Students joining this seminar are presumed to have completed significant amount of research at the doctoral level since they will need to present their research to the class for in-depth discussion. A primary objective is to broaden students' perspectives in contemporary business research. It also provides opportunities for students to acquire practical skills in managing their academic career.

10. The above course/examination schedule is catered for full-time candidates. For those pursuing part-time studies and admitted in mid-year, the schedule will need to be adjusted in consultation with their Qualifying Panels and individual home departments.

Guidelines on Monitoring Study Progress of Students in Taught Courses

11. To monitor the study progress of research degree students in their taught courses, the following guidelines will be adopted by the College as appropriate in addition to those stipulated by the University from time to time:

Cumulative GPA	Recommendation
(a) below 2.8	Warning letter will be issued to the student concerned
(b) below 2.5	Suspension of studentship for a specified period (applicable to full-time students only)

Research Output

12. The College strongly encourages research degree students to provide evidence of scholarly work through publications which have been accepted or published by good quality journals during their candidature.