Application Requirements

An applicant can apply for PhD study even if he/she does not hold a research master degree. The normative period of study for articulated MPhil-PhD study is 4 years. Subject to satisfactory academic performance and research progress, postgraduate studentships will be provided to students throughout their normative period. However, holders of a research master degree from a Hong Kong UGC funded institution may only be eligible for a shorter normative period of 3 years for PhD study. An applicant can also apply for MPhil study with a normative period of 2 years.

Applicants for the MPhil Stream should:

1. have graduated from a recognized university with a Bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant engineering, science or medical discipline, normally with honours not lower than Second Class; OR
2. have graduated from a programme of a recognized university with a Bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant engineering, science or medical discipline, normally achieving an average grade of not lower than ‘B’ in undergraduate courses

Applicants for the PhD Stream should:

1. have a research Master degree from a recognized university in equivalent in a relevant engineering, science or medical discipline; OR
2. have a Bachelor degree, normally with Second Class Honours in the upper division or above; OR
3. have been registered as a Ph.D. student at a recognized university for at least one year, and have been approved for application by the affiliated Graduate School.

Notes on English Proficiency:
All students should fulfil the English Language Proficiency Requirement prescribed below before they are admitted:

(a) possess a pass grade in English in one of the following examinations:
- Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (AS Level);
- Hong Kong Higher Level Examination;
- CUHK Matriculation Examination;
- General Certificate of Education A-Level / AS-Level (1);

or
(b) achieve Level 4 or above in the English Language subject of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination (1);

or
(c) have a degree from a university in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country;

or
(d) achieve the specified scores in the following tests by submitting one of the following original score reports/certificates for assessment by the programme(s) concerned:
- TOEFL (Paper-based: 550; Computer-based: 213; Internet-based: 79) (2)(4);
- IELTS (Academic: Band 6.5) (3)(4);
- GMAT (verbal: Band 21);

(*)TOEFL and IELTS are considered valid for two years from the test date.

or
(e) have obtained a recognized professional qualification awarded in Hong Kong or an English speaking country.

Remarks:

(1) Certified true copy of the score reports/certificates are required. The certified true copy must be issued by the official organization or relevant test organization. The University may require applicants to provide the original documents for verification.

(2) TOEFL results are considered valid for two years from the test date. Only original valid official TOEFL score reports sent directly by the test organization to the University will be accepted. Original examinee’s score reports will not be accepted. The University’s institution code is 0812. Please be reminded that some test organizations do not accept applications for score reports after a specified validity period.

(3) IELTS results are considered valid for two years from the test date. Only original official IELTS score reports sent directly by the test organization to the University will be accepted. Please use the contact information of the Graduate Division(s) concerned to complete Question 22 of the IELTS Application Form. Please be reminded that some test organizations do not accept applications for score reports after a specified validity period.

(4) Applicants for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) are required to submit score reports of TOEFL / IELTS. GMAT result is not accepted.

Application Procedures

To be considered in the main round of admission in August, applications must be submitted on or before 1st of December in the previous year. However, interested applicants should consider early submission of their applications. Early applications, particularly before end of November, are likely to be under our first-tier consideration.

The schedule may be different from year to year. Mostly, the interview will be arranged from December. Only selected candidates will be invited to attend the interview.

**To be considered for interview in early December, the deadline for applications to reach CUHK is 18 November 2016.**

**To be considered for HKPFS or main round admission, all required documents should reach our Division by 1 December 2016.**

Online application is available at https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/ApplicationforAdmission.

In addition to the application materials generally required by the Graduate School (http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/media/notes_for_applicant_online.pdf), applicants must also submit the followings:

Mandatory materials:

1. Complete online application
2. Application fee of HK$300
3. One photocopy of your HKID card or other identity document as given in the Application For
4. Original copy of official transcripts
5. Original copy of official grading scheme issued by the University (if it is not listed on your transcript)
6. Original copy of official English Tests score report (TOEFL/IELTS/GMAT)
7. Two confidential recommendations
8. Brief Curriculum Vitae
9. Research / purpose statement (about 600 - 800 words in English, compulsory for PhD application)
10. An information sheet to be filled in. It is a standard format specified by our department which essentially summarizes the personal information and academic qualification.

Optional materials:

1. Personal statement
2. Copies or abstracts of published papers or research project reports
3. Certificates of awards or prizes

Applicants are required to send in the hardcopy of supporting documents to the Division by the application deadline. Otherwise, the applications may not be further processed. All documents submitted will not be returned and will be destroyed if the application is unsuccessful.

Postal Address for Submitting application materials:
Division of Biomedical Engineering
Room 404, Ho Sin Hang Engineering Building,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
Shatin, NT, Hong Kong SAR,
P.R. China

** Please always quote the Application No. in the future correspondences.

For more information, please email to bmegrad@cuhk.edu.hk

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme
Candidates who consider themselves very outstanding may also apply for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, established in 2009 with prestigious and travel supports. Please visit http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd/ for more details.