Application Requirements

An applicant can apply for PhD study even if he/she does not hold a research master's 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's degree from a Hong Kong UGC funded institution may only be eligible for a 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

- 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

- 1. have a research Master's 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 PhD student at a recognized university for at least one year, and have been approved for application by the affiliated Graduate School.

Please refer to <u>www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/requirements</u> for details of admission requirements.

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

- Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong in 2009;
- Aims to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe to pursue their PhD studies in Hong Kong universities; and
- Provides an annual stipend of HK\$337,200 (approx. US\$43,230) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$14,000 (approx. US\$1,800) per year during the normative study period.

CUHK Vice-Chancellor HKPFS Scholarship

- Offers HKPFS awardees a <u>Tuition Fee Waiver</u> during the normative study period (up to HK\$190,500);
- An award of HK\$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK\$20,000 in subsequent years during the normative study period (up to HK\$100,000); and
- 1st Year <u>Accommodation Fee Waiver</u> and <u>Guaranteed On-campus</u> Accommodation to HKPFS awardees who submit hall applications and complete registration procedures in a timely manner.

CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship Scheme

- An award of total **HK\$80,000 (approx. US\$10,260)** (HK\$40,000 in the first year of attendance and HK\$20,000 each in the second and third years subject to satisfactory study progress);
- Studentships of HK\$224,700 (approx. US\$28,810) per annum within the normative study period; and
- Conference and Research-related Travel Allowance of HK\$30,000 (approx. US\$3,846) within the normative study period.

Applicants who consider themselves very outstanding are encouraged to apply for the BME PhD Programme and the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) jointly. Applicants who select CUHK Division of Biomedical Engineering as their <u>Choice 1</u> programme in the HKPFS application will be given higher priority for admission.

Application Deadline

RGC on-line application system: 1 December 2024 at 12 noon (Hong Kong Time) CUHK Main Round: 1 December 2024 at 11:59 pm (Hong Kong Time) CUHK Clearing Round: 31 March 2025 at 11:59 pm (Hong Kong Time) (Applications in Clearing Round will only be considered subject to availability of places.)

Please refer to www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/hkpfs for more details.

Application Procedures

To be considered for HKPFS or main round admission in August, online application should be submitted on or before **<u>15 November 2024</u>** and all required documents should reach our Division by **<u>1 December 2024</u>**. Mostly, the interview will be arranged from December. Only selected applicants will be invited to attend the interview.

Applicants are required to upload scanned copies of the supporting documents to the Graduate School Online Application System for Postgraduate Programmes **AND** submit the hardcopy of documents to the Division of Biomedical Engineering. Please refer to <u>www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/doc</u> for details of the requirement.

Applicants are strongly advised to contact our professors for more details on expectations and research projects. Each professor's contact information and lab website can be found at <u>http://www.bme.cuhk.edu.hk/new/core-faculty.php</u>.

Online application is available at www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/apply.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

Mandatory materials:

- 1. A photocopy of Hong Kong Identity Card or other identity document as given in the Application Form
- 2. Original official transcript (in a sealed envelope from the applicants' former / current universities)
- 3. <u>Original</u> official explanatory notes indicating the grading scheme (成績和績點計算說明) issued by the University with stamp from Registry (if not listed on the transcript)
- 4. <u>Original</u> valid official score report (TOEFL/IELTS-Academic/GMAT-Verbal) sent directly from the test organization to the University (HKPFS only accepts score report of TOEFL or IELTS) University's institution code: 0812
- 5. Copies of degree and graduate certificates (學位証書及畢業証書)
- 6. Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表) issued by the CHESICC (學信網) (for applicants who obtained degrees from universities in Mainland China)
- 7. THREE Confidential Recommendations Report (submit via online system or hardcopy in a sealed envelope)
- 8. Curriculum Vitae (include ranking in class if available)
- 9. Research outputs
- 10. Copies of awards and certificates
- 11. Research interest or purpose of study (about 500 words in English, compulsory for PhD application)
- 12. 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. Other honors received

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 (MPhil-PhD in Biomedical Engineering) General Office, 11/F, William M. W. Mong Engineering Building The Chinese University of Hong Kong Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong

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

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For further information, please refer to www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/FAQ, or email to bmepgadm@cuhk.edu.hk