

Mainland Collaboration Scheme – Joint PhD Programme

联合培养博士研究生课程

Programme Advantages

Joint PhD Programme is a joint offer of a full-time PhD programme between City University of Hong Kong and partner universities in Mainland, which are all reputable universities in the region and worldwide. Under this Mainland Collaboration Schemes, students are co-supervised by two supervisors from the two universities, which results in a synergy enhancing the research performance of both parties.

Admission Requirements

Candidates seeking admission to CityU Joint PhD Programme should be current PhD students at home university or will become a PhD student at home university upon commencement of study under the joint PhD programme.

Programme Duration

The normal duration of the joint PhD programme is 4 years. During the candidature of the joint PhD programme, students will study at home university, CityU's main campus in Hong Kong, and designated study locations in Suzhou and Shenzhen.

Programme Structure

The degree of PhD shall consist of coursework and independent research studies culminating in the submission of a thesis.

Medium of Instruction/ Assessment and Thesis Presentation

The normal medium of instruction and assessment at CityU is English. Research students should write and present their theses in English.

Supervisory Arrangements

Students will follow a dual supervisor system (双导师制). CityU and the home university will each designate an academic staff member to be the student's supervisor. These two supervisors will jointly discuss and decide on course selection, research direction and thesis title and so on for their student.

Tuition Fees and Financial Assistance

The tuition fee for full-time non-government funded research degree programme is HK\$7,316* (~US\$900) per month during studies at Hong Kong main campus of CityU. CityU will provide a tuition grant to cover 50% of the tuition fee and the remaining 50% will be deducted from the monthly studentship.

During studies at CityU's designated study location in Mainland China, students are also required to pay a tuition fee, while it is fully subsidized by CityU*.

Postgraduate Studentship/Stipend is available for eligible students under the joint PhD programme. The monthly rate is HK\$17,510* (~US\$2,245) during studies at Hong Kong main campus of CityU, RMB2,900* in Suzhou, and RMB4,900 in Shenzhen.

* rates for 2020/21; subject to approval/revision every year.



Conferral of Degrees

Students studying in the joint PhD Programme must satisfy the requirements of both CityU and home university in order to be awarded with a graduation certificate and a PhD degree certificate. Upon fulfilment of the programme requirements and passing the thesis oral defense prescribed by both universities, a student can then apply for the PhD degree certificates awarded by the two universities.

Application Procedures

Announcement will be made by the Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of the home university. Applications will be open in October of a year for commencement of the joint PhD programme in September of the following year, and the deadline is usually set in late December.

All applications must be submitted to and endorsed by the Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of the home university. Students must NOT submit their applications to CityU directly.

2020 Online Recruitment Talks

Recruitment talks on CityU Joint PhD Programmes will be conducted online by Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS) for respective partner universities from September to December 2020. Interested faculty members and students are welcomed to attend online. We highly recommend you to pay attention to relevant announcements with details made by the Graduate School or HK-Macau-Taiwan Office of your university.

<https://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/>

