

Professor Jian-Hua YIN's Invitation to Excellent Students to Apply for
(香港理工大学殷建华教授邀请有志向和有优秀成绩和科研能力的人士
申请香港政府的香港博士奖学金在殷建华教授指导下攻读博士)
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Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2013/14 **(2013/14 香港博士奖学金计划)**

1. Information

- The applications for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2013/14 has been started. PhD students will be recruited to Hong Kong on a worldwide basis.
- The monthly stipend of Hong Kong Dollars \$20,000 (US\$2650/month) and travel allowance of \$10,000 per year for a maximum of three years will be awarded to the successful applicants.
- Deadlines:
 - 1 Dec 2012 - Deadline for submitting initial applications to the RGC by the applicants for allocation of a reference number
 - 5 Dec 2012 - Deadline for submission of full applications to PolyU
 - Early March 2013 - Notification of results

2. Selection Criteria

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English Language Requirement		For applicants from non-English speaking universities, unless they provide proof that English is the language of instruction for all courses for the entrance qualifications of their proposed PhD programmes, they are required to attach score results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IETLS) in their PhD applications to the institutions concerned. This requirement is exempted if their proposed PhD studies/programmes are specifically in non-English medium, e.g. in Chinese language."	
Selection criteria	Selection Criteria	Description	Weighting
	Academic excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Academic record of current / immediate past affiliated institution(s) ♦ Open test results (widely recognised tests such as GRE subject tests, GMAT, IELTS, TOEFL) 	60/120
	Research ability & Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Publication(s) (if available) ♦ Recommendation from nominating / affiliated institutions / and referees. 	20/120
	Leadership ability and societal responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Involvement in academic / extra curricular activities and volunteer work ♦ Working experience ♦ Vision statement 	10/120

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	Communication and interpersonal skills	♦ The ability to communicate clearly and logically in written and oral formats (by interview)	10/120
	Institutional support	Please refer to p.2.	20/120
Submission of a research plan by applicants		<p>The file entitled “Proposed Research Plan and Past Research Experience” and its description shall be submitted. “Please include the applicant’s proposed research topic and plan for doctoral research, as well as experience or participation in research projects (if any) in 200 to 400 words.”</p> <p>The word count requirement is a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 400 words.</p> <p>Checking for plagiarism of the research plan by nominating institution(s) is required.</p>	
Institutional Support		<p>The following questions/information will have to be answered/provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would your institution rate the <u>academic strength</u> of the nominee in comparison with RPg students currently studying at your institution? 2. How would your institution assess the <u>research potential</u> of the nominee (e.g. whether the nominee has a convincing reason for his/her research interest, as stated in the research plan, <u>how well the research plan was explained at the interview</u>, and his/her readiness to conduct research in the proposed field of study)? 3. Would the nominee add diversity to the student population and align with your institution’s <u>internationalisation</u> effort? Please explain. 4. Please comment on the applicant’s vision on studying in Hong Kong as stated in the application form. 5. Department’s assessment of the nominee’s <u>communication and leadership skills</u> and other observations. 	
Institutions’ indication of whether to admit unsuccessful applicants put forward to the RGC		We will be required to give a response to “Will a firm commitment be made to offer the applicant a postgraduate studentship even if he/she is not awarded the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship? (Note: If yes, institution is required to provide evidence showing offer has been made to this nominee upon RGC's request at a later stage).”	

3. World Ranking of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and Civil Engineering

- (a) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University has been ranked **159th** in the "QS World University Rankings 2012/2013". In the subject of **Civil Engineering** in the 2012 QS league table, PolyU has been ranked 50th
- (b) PolyU has been ranked **third** in the subject of **civil engineering** in the "2010 by Subject Performance Ranking of Science Papers for World Universities" published by the Higher Education Evaluation & Accreditation Council of Taiwan.

- (c) PolyU has scored **three number ones** in the world in terms of research performance in the disciplines of **Civil Engineering, Construction and Building Technology, and Geomatics**, according to independent surveys by Thomson Reuters.

For more information about the university, the department and Professor Yin's team, please visit:

www.polyu.edu.hk

www.cse.polyu.edu.hk

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4. Specific Requirements by Professor Jian-Hua Yin

- (a) The applicants shall be very interested in geotechnical research and PhD study.
- (b) The applicants shall ranked top 5 % in the class (in BEng program and MSc/MPhil program) in a top ranked university in the World or in Mainland China.
- (c) The applicants shall have qualified TOEFL or IETLS score, the higher the better.
- (d) The applicants who will graduate in 2013 with BEng is quailed to apply for PhD study directly. But, applicants who are taking or have obtained MSc or MPhil will be more than welcome and will have an advantage for PhD study.
- (e) The applicants who have good publications especially SCI journal papers, will have an advantage for PhD study.
- (f) Professor Yin's team is one of the most active research groups in the World. Professor Yin's team has the state-of-arts, advanced, and sufficient laboratory testing and field monitoring facilities.

5. Contacts and How to Apply

Contacts:

- (a) The applicants are welcome to contact Professor Jian-Hua YIN (see his contact on the first page).
- (b) The applicants can communicate with Professor Yin on his/her research proposals.
- (c) For enquiry, please contact the following staff members of the Research Office of PolyU: Shirley by email at "fei.tsang@polyu.edu.hk" or by telephone at 00852 2766 4703; or Amelia by email at "amelia.or@polyu.edu.hk" or by telephone at 00852 2766 7724

How to Apply?

Please visit the website:

<http://www.polyu.edu.hk/ro/hkphd-fellowship/application-procedures.html>

The Web Application System is:

<https://www40.polyu.edu.hk/rowas/jsp/home.jsf>