

# Admission

## Entrance Requirement

In addition to meeting the Minimum Entrance Requirement as stipulated by the University, Department of Psychology applicants whose first degree is not in Psychology are required to obtain a minimum score of 550 in the GRE's Subject Test in Psychology taken within five years.

([gradsch.hku.hk/prospective\\_students/application/admission\\_requirement](https://gradsch.hku.hk/prospective_students/application/admission_requirement))

## Application Procedures

All applications should be submitted to the Online Application system on Graduate School website.

([gradsch.hku.hk](https://gradsch.hku.hk))

## Application Period

Application period commences on Sept 1 each year.

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| ● <b>Main Round</b>         | 1 Sept – 1 Dec |
| ● <b>1st Clearing Round</b> | 2 Dec – 30 Apr |
| ● <b>2nd Clearing Round</b> | 1 May – 31 Aug |

All deadlines close at HKT 23:59 (GMT+8)

## Fees, Scholarships and Financial Support

Graduate School website

› Prospective Students

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([gradsch.hku.hk/prospective\\_students/fees\\_scholarships\\_and\\_financial\\_support/fees](https://gradsch.hku.hk/prospective_students/fees_scholarships_and_financial_support/fees))

# Enquiries

Enquiries on Application Process and Procedures: [gradsch@hku.hk](mailto:gradsch@hku.hk)

Programme Enquiries: [rpsyc@hku.hk](mailto:rpsyc@hku.hk)

## GRADUATE SCHOOL



[gradsch.hku.hk](https://gradsch.hku.hk)

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY



[psychology.hku.hk](https://psychology.hku.hk)



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# Research Postgraduate Programmes

# Department Overview

The Department of Psychology at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) is a globally recognised centre for research and academic excellence. Renowned for our resolute commitment to rigorous empirical inquiry and impactful scholarship, we strive to translate scientific insights into practical applications that benefit society at large.

Our empirical research is structured into five interconnected thematic clusters, each supported by state-of-the-art laboratories and infrastructure that promote interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation. This strategic configuration enables us to address fundamental scientific questions while delivering meaningful societal benefits.

## 5 RESEARCH AREAS

- Clinical and Health Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology and Neuropsychology
- Developmental and Educational Psychology
- Human Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence
- Social and Personality Psychology

# Programme Overview

## 1 Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The Department offers a broad range of programmes and is committed to designing the most appropriate learning experiences that suit students' needs, sharing with them the exciting developments in psychology, and helping them achieve the required level of academic competence. Our research postgraduate programme (RPg) curriculum is specifically designed to assist students with the publication process through acquiring various relevant skills: training in basic and advanced statistics to develop and deepen their data-analytical skills, training in writing communications to polish their skills in manuscript writing and publication, and seminars to sharpen their skills of reasoning, inquiry, and critical analysis. In addition to the traditional one-to-one mode of supervision, the incorporation of coursework into the MPhil/PhD programmes serves to provide a form of structural supervision. The coursework component includes courses required by the Graduate School and the Faculty/Department/School.

Students are provided with opportunities for MPhil and PhD research in the areas of Clinical and Health Psychology, Cognitive Psychology and Neuropsychology, Developmental and Educational Psychology, Human Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence, Social and Personality Psychology, as well as professional doctorate study in the areas of Clinical Psychology and Educational Psychology.

## 2 PhD with a Specialization in Clinical Psychology

The emphasis of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with a specialization in the field of Clinical Psychology is placed on a scientist-practitioner model of education to train professional clinical psychologists well prepared for research, university-level teaching, and clinical practice.

## 3 PhD with a Specialization in Educational Psychology

The PhD with a specialization in Educational Psychology programme, started in 2007, is designed to train educational psychologists who are interested in academic career. The graduates from this programme are expected to be scientist-practitioners who are not only strong in research and practice but also well-prepared for university-level teaching.

## 4 PhD in the field of Clinical Psychological Sciences

The PhD in the field of clinical psychological sciences is for students seeking excellence in academic, scientific and clinical training. It aims to train outstanding students and prepare them for increasingly complicated, demanding and independent roles as clinical scientists. The ultimate goal of this programme is to produce future faculty, scientist-practitioners, and leaders in clinical sciences, well prepared for research, university-level teaching, and clinical service delivery.

