

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Research Postgraduate Student Exchange Scheme

Preamble

The Research Postgraduate Students Exchange Scheme allow students, through conducting part of their research projects at a partner institution overseas, to increase their international exposure and to acquire advanced knowledge and research techniques complementary to those available at HKU. Another objective of this scheme is to enhance the research collaborations between the Medical Faculty and their partner institutions.

Collaborators

Faculty members who have established collaborations with researchers at an overseas institution are strongly encouraged to identify suitable students for research exchange and invite their collaborators to co-supervise those students.

Students

The Faculty will provide incentives (Postgraduate Studentships fully-funded by the University/Faculty) to HKU supervisors to encourage them to identify high quality candidates for research exchange. [Note: Postgraduate Studentships at HKU are usually partially- or fully-funded by supervisors.]

Study leave

Study leave of up to half the period of the HKU study programme, i.e. 12 months for MPhil, 18 months for 3-year PhD and 24 months for 4-year PhD programme, may be granted to HKU students for exchange activities subject to the condition that satisfactory supervisory arrangement has been made.

Duration of exchange

Students should spend the first year of study at their home institutions in order for them to complete the coursework component, if required, and to receive basic research training. The exact period of exchange shall be mutually determined by the supervisors and their collaborators. Students should preferably be returned to their home institutions when they start writing their theses so that they can receive timely guidance from their supervisors.

Conferment of degree

Students on exchange will remain registered under their home institutions, but will be subject to the host institution's policies and regulations concerning research personnel and intellectual property during the period of attachment.

Degrees will be conferred to students by their home institutions only. Research exchange engaged by HKU students will be recorded on their transcripts.

Tuition fees

Agreement will be sought from partner institutions to waive the tuition fees for HKU students on exchange.

For exchange students coming to HKU, waiver of tuition fees will be sought on the condition that there is reciprocal arrangement with the partner institution.

Travel allowance

HKU students may apply for the CRCG travel grant for the exchange.

Exchange students coming to HKU shall be responsible for their own traveling expenses.

Subsistence allowance

HKU students on exchange would be granted a subsistence allowance. Postgraduate studentships will continue to be paid to HKU students during the period of exchange/study leave.

Accommodation

HKU students on exchange shall arrange for their own accommodation overseas.

Exchange students coming to HKU shall arrange for their own accommodation. The host Departments should help them secure accommodation either on- or off- campus.

Travel and medical insurance

Travel and medical insurance of HKU students will be covered by the University.

Exchange students coming to HKU shall be responsible for their own insurance and medical expenses. They are also entitled to the medical services provided by the University Health Service at HKU.

Research equipment and supplies

The host institutions are expected to provide research supplies and consumables, as well as access to library, research equipment, computer and related core facilities for incoming exchange students.

To encourage HKU supervisors to accept exchange students, they will be provided a subsidy for research supplies and consumables.

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