

Call for Applications

MPhil/PhD in

PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMS

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Division of Public Policy at HKUST aim at contributing to decision-making in public sector with rigorous and interdisciplinary policy research and education. Our master's and doctoral programs provide students with analytical tools and substantive knowledge on different policy domains, enabling them to conduct rigorous policy research.

MPhil in Public Policy

The MPhil program aims to train students in conducting original research in public policy, and to cultivate independent, interdisciplinary and innovative thinking that is essential for a successful career in public policy research.

PhD in Public Policy

The PhD in Public Policy program provides rigorous training in public policy research to academically outstanding students aspiring to pursue a career in policy research and teaching.

Our Program welcomes applicants applying for The Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) which provides awardees with a fellowship to pursue their Ph.D. programs at HKUST. Over the past four years, four PPOL candidates have been awarded the HKPFS.

From our students

Dr. Viktória DÖME

PhD Graduate in Public Policy, 2022



I have undergone extensive training on research methodology, econometrics, and theory related to public policy – often in an applied form, making learning interesting. The Division has not only contributed to my intellectual development, research and theoretical skills but has also opened doors in terms of exciting job opportunities and new connections.

Gleb PAPYSHEV

PhD in Public Policy Program



The Division provides an opportunity to establish close connections with the professors working on different cutting-edge issues of today. The program is very flexible, yet rigorous, allowing you to design an interdisciplinary curriculum that fits your own research needs. It is a challenging endeavour into the state-of-the-art research in public policy through which you can grow as a person and a professional.

DORRER Elizaveta

PhD in Public Policy Program



A diverse, in terms of backgrounds and geographies, collective of professors, staff, and peers serve not only as support and guidance network, but also as fruitful ground for research explorations. Such diversity establishes the discussions that stand on multitudinous views and expertises, which are essential for academic life in general and public policy studies in particular.

Dr. Zilin LI

Graduate of PhD in Public Policy 2022



The four-year study in the PPOL Division equipped me with the knowledge and skills to become a qualified and independent researcher. From the fundamental policy theory and research methodology to professional development skills, these training set a solid theoretical ground for my academic career, advanced my research capability, and improved my professional skills.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

2022/23 Spring Intake

2023/24 Fall Intake

2022

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