

Call for Applications

MPhil/PhD in PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMS

The Division of Public Policy at HKUST aims 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 years, four PPOL candidates have been awarded the HKPFS. In particular, given the expertise of our research faculty, students will be able to specialize in one of the following policy areas: science, technology and innovation policy; energy, environmental and sustainability policy; and social and urban policy.

From our students

Dr. Athar MANSOOR

PhD Graduate in Public Policy, 2021



I feel fortunate for being surrounded by amazing and extraordinary peers. From Mexico to India to Pakistan to Russia and from Ethiopia to China to Slovakia to the Philippines, the diversity among the research postgraduate students has made PPOL an exciting place for understanding complex policy problems and thinking hard for solutions.

Gleb PAPYSHEV

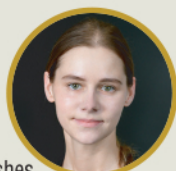
PhD Candidate in Public Policy



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.

Elizaveta DORRER

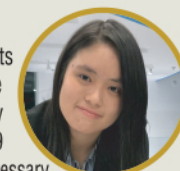
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A diverse, in terms of backgrounds and geographies, collective of professors, staff, and peers serve not only as support and guidance network, but also as fruitful ground for research explorations. Such diversity establishes the discussions that stand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

Veronica Qin Ting LI

MPhil Graduate in Public Policy, 2021



I found opportunities to work with faculty and students alike to produce meaningful work on a wide range of contemporary policy issues, from sustainability and resource management to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. The core courses equipped me with the necessary foundational knowledge to begin my own policy research, and the electives broadened my knowledge on important policy topics I was interested in, such as technological innovation and the circular economy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

HKPFS:
1 Dec 2021

Non-local Applicants:
31 May 2022

Local Applicants:
30 June 2022

For more details about the program, please visit:
<https://ppol.ust.hk>

Program offered by
Division of Public Policy

