

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 five years, six 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.

Dr. Gleb PAPYSHEV

PhD Graduate in Public Policy, 2023



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.

Ian VARELA SOARES

PhD in Public Policy Program



The program offers top-notch research and intimate collaboration between faculty and students. The state-of-the-art facilities and natural surroundings provide a perfect environment for academic growth and personal rejuvenation. The PPOL program is the perfect combination of academic rigor, natural beauty, and personal development.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

2024/25 Fall Intake

2024

NON-LOCAL
APPLICANTS
MAY

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LOCAL
APPLICANTS
JUN

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