WHY HKU LAW?

Our Faculty is Hong Kong’s oldest law school and one of the most prestigious law schools globally and especially in Asia. Today, the Faculty has over 60 full-time academic staff members and more than 2,300 students studying in various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including the research postgraduate (RPG) programmes leading to the degrees of MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil), DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) and DOCTOR OF LEGAL SCIENCE (SJD).

1 HONG KONG
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21 WORLD
QS Ranking 2021

Editorship of 3 Leading International Law Journals
- Hong Kong Law Journal (Sweet & Maxwell)
- Asia-Pacific Journal On Human Rights And The Law (Brill)
- Law And Literature (Routledge)

Published more than 80 Books with Top Academic Publishers from 2011 to 2021
28 with Cambridge University Press
8 with Oxford University Press
1 with Stanford University Press

Leading Research Projects
RGC Theme-based Research Scheme Project (2012/13) on Enhancing Hong Kong’s Future As A Leading Financial Centre

Awarded HK$15.4M

Co-organised and Hosted World Leading Conferences
- ICON-S Annual Conference (June 2018)
- Obligations VII (July 2014)

MAJOR RESEARCH AREAS FOR SUPERVISION

- CHINESE LAW AND LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS
- CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL LAW
- COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AND PUBLIC LAW INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW INCLUDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW
- ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
- MEDICAL LEGAL ETHICS
SUPPORT FOR OUR RPG STUDENTS

In addition to peerless quality supervision with world-class, student-centred teaching, we offer a variety of additional forms of support to our RPG students:

**DIVERSE AND STRONG STUDENT GROUP**
Most of our RPG students earned first class Bachelor and Master degrees from prestigious law schools, including but not limited to:

- Harvard Law School
- University of Oxford
- University College London
- Tsinghua University
- London School of Economics
- Columbia Law School
- National University of Singapore
- Peking University

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- HKU Presidential PhD Scholarship (HKU-PS)
- The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPF)
- Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS)

For more details, please visit the website of HKU Graduate School at gradsch.hku.hk (Scholarship, Funding and Fees).

**INTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORTS AND PRIZES**

- Li Ka Shing Prizes
- Award for Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student
- Intersentia Prize for the Best PhD Thesis in Law

**NETWORKING**

Networking platforms and tools provided to all RPG students include HKU webpages and business cards profile-building for collaboration with other RPG communities and enhanced career opportunities.

**RESEARCH SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

A series of research seminars and workshops given by in-house specialists and international scholars.

**CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

Optional opportunities for students to participate in and assist in organizing international conferences and symposia.

**RESEARCH FACILITIES**

- World-class Lui Che Woo Law Library
  With rich collections of materials from Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and major Commonwealth jurisdictions
- Research Student Study Centre
  A study centre with workstations and lockers to maximise convenience, productivity and facilitate better integration to foster a thriving RPG student community

**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR RPG STUDENTS**

**PUBLISHED IN TOP PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND WITH TOP ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS, including**

- Cambridge University Press
- European Journal of International Law
- Journal of International and Comparative Law
- International Journal of Law and Information Technology
- LSE Business Review

**VARIOUS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AWARDS**

- HKU RPG Thesis Awards
- HKU Awards for Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student
- Fulbright Scholarships

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Our RPG students are trained to become academic leaders and professionals in their chosen subject area.

- Academic and research positions
  Many of our PhD graduates have gone on to take up research positions in a wide range of disciplines at top law schools and universities around the world, including but not limited to Harvard Law School, Yale Law School and National University of Singapore.
- Legal practice
  Some of our RPG graduates are serving as judges and leading practitioners in their countries of origin after graduation.

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