



HKPFS Application Guide

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- Search [research programmes and areas](#)
- Check the [admission requirements](#) and [key dates](#)
- Find out [PolyU's HKPFS package](#)

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Get prepared

- Identify and contact potential supervisor(s) of your research interest(s)
- Read the [application tips](#)
- Prepare [supporting documents](#)

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Apply timely (from 1 September 2026)

- Submit one initial application to [RGC HKPFS Application System](#) by 1 December 2026, HKT 12:00 GMT +8 hours to obtain an HKPFS reference number; choose PolyU as your preferred choice(s)
- Submit full application(s)* to [PolyU RPgAdmission System](#) by 1 December 2026, HKT 23:59 GMT +8 hours and quote your HKPFS reference number
 - * Select "2027/28 Semester 1 (Sept 2027 Entry)"
 - * One full application from one PolyU department
 - * Two separate full applications for two programmes from two different PolyU departments

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Stay connected and responsive

- Respond to emails from PolyU for interview invitations and information requests
- Log in to the [PolyU RPgAdmission System](#) to view the application status

For details, please visit:

<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/gs/hkpfs>



For enquiries, contact Graduate School of PolyU:

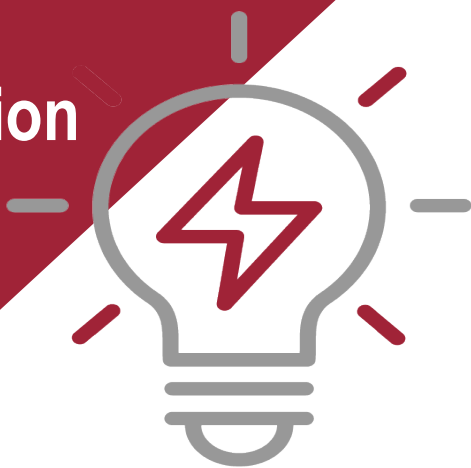


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HKPFS Application Tips



Valid Application

- Submit only ONE initial application to [RGC HKPFS Application System](#)
 - ✓ Put PolyU programme as your only choice or your 1st choice
- Quote your HKPFS reference no. in [PolyU RPgAdmission System](#)
- Make sure identical department and programme choices in RGC and PolyU systems
- Settle an application fee for each application before the deadline

Well-supported Application

- Provide detailed information in [PolyU RPgAdmission System](#) to demonstrate that you are well qualified with [key attributes of HKPFS candidates](#)
- Must have valid English language test results or proof for English as language of instruction at the time of application submission
- Input each of your qualifications, prizes and awards, publications, activities, employment and training
 - ✓ Upload proof of each record
 - ✓ Provide officially translated documents in English for non-English certificates and proof

Well-written Research Plan

- A strong *Past Research Experience & Proposed Research Plan* is required for RGC reviewers to assess
 - ✓ 'Part C Research Plan and Vision Statement' section is compulsory in PolyU RPgAdmission System
- In *Past Research Experience*, provide detailed information, e.g. the number and quality of publications, the project(s) you have participated in, etc.
- Showcase your research potential with a well-written research plan:
 - ✓ Original with proper citations (visit "[Academic Integrity and Plagiarism](#)" of PolyU Library for reference)
 - ✓ Clear and logical
 - ✓ Free of spelling and grammatical errors

Strong Referee's Reports

- Identify two appropriate academic referees:
 - ✓ Academics who are familiar with your academic performance, achievements and research ability
 - ✗ Proposed supervisor(s) from PolyU and persons from non-academic backgrounds are not appropriate
- Seek prior consent from your referees before you put their names and contact details in [PolyU RPgAdmission System](#)
- Inform your referees to provide detailed comments on the following aspects:
 - ✓ Academic excellence
 - ✓ Research ability and potential
 - ✓ Communication and interpersonal skills
 - ✓ Leadership abilities and sense of societal responsibilities

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