

## *Info Letter*

### **Call for applications – Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme**

Since its establishment by the Research Grants Council (RGC) in 2009, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme has brought outstanding talents from around the world to Hong Kong to undertake PhD studies in the city's world-class research universities in fields ranging from humanities, business and social sciences, to engineering, medical and physical sciences. Candidates who are seeking admission as new full time PhD students in one of Hong Kong's eight public universities are welcome to apply by 1 December 2018.

Hong Kong is an innovative and open city offering high quality of life with its vibrant cultural scene and diverse nature, including beaches, mountains and country parks. The city's excellent university programmes are taught in English, and the universities adopt international standards in curriculum design as well as quality assurance. Of the eight public universities in Hong Kong, three are ranked in the world's top 50 by the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2019 and three are ranked in Asia's top 10 by the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) is committed to fostering scientific advancement and nurturing research talent. In her 2018 Policy Address, the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, announced an additional injection of HK\$ 20 billion (approx. EUR 2.2 billion) into the Research Endowment Fund set up by the RGC to strengthen the research capabilities of Hong Kong's universities, and the setting up of a scientific research matching fund of HK\$ 3 billion (approx. EUR 330 million) to increase the source of research funding.

In the 2019/2020 academic year, 250 PhD Fellowships will be awarded to talents from around the world. The Fellowship provides an annual stipend of HK\$ 240,000 (approx. EUR 26,400) and a conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$ 10,000 (approx. EUR 1,100) per year to each awardee for a period of up to three years. Eligible candidates can submit applications online through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme Electronic System by 1 December 2018. For more details about studying and living in Hong Kong, please visit <http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk>.

To inform young talents from Central and Eastern Europe about the various opportunities that Hong Kong has to offer, the HKETO Berlin will take part in the EINSTIEG education fair in Munich from 23 to 24 November 2018 and the BeSt education fair in Vienna from 7 to 10 March 2019.

### **About HKETO Berlin**

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