

**Dual PhD Degree Programme  
between  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)  
and  
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**



The Dual PhD Degree Programme (known as Joint PhD Programme in QUT) between PolyU and QUT applies to all fields of study common to both universities. Please refer to the websites below for the research postgraduate programmes offered by [PolyU](#) and [QUT](#).

#### **A. Programme Features**

Under this Programme, students must attend QUT for a minimum of 1 academic year and allocate at least half of the normal study period at PolyU. Students will be guided by supervisors from both universities and be examined to the standards of both. Upon successful completion of the programme, students will receive two PhD degrees (one from PolyU and one from QUT).

#### **B. Eligibility**

New applicant – who is not yet enrolled into a PhD programme of either university

Current student – who is already enrolled in a PhD programme of either university and has at least two-thirds of their candidature remaining

#### **C. Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfil the admission requirements set by both [PolyU](#) and [QUT](#).

#### **D. Application Procedure and Timeline**

Applications must be made to **both** PolyU and QUT. The admission decision will be made jointly by both universities.

##### **1. Application to PolyU: [RPgAdmission System](#)**

Please select Dual PhD Degree Programmes in the Programme Section and indicate either PolyU or QUT as the Home University.

Details of the application process are available here: [Apply for Research Studies](#).

Applicants are required to submit the study plan using [GSB/J4A](#) in the system (Applicants are expected to study at the Home University and fulfil the residence requirement before studying at the Host University).

Deadline for 1 September 2025 entry to PolyU: Applications must be made on or before 1 February 2025. PolyU will conduct a Selection Panel Meeting in April 2025 to consider the applications and the result will be announced in May 2025.

##### **2. Application to QUT: Application system: [Studylink](#)**

Dual students apply for admission using the same process as all other research students.

Details of the application process are available here: [How to apply](#).

Applicants should indicate they are applying under a Dual/Joint PhD arrangement with PolyU Hong Kong and QUT in their online application (in the section titled 'Study Arrangements', sub-section 'Different Study Arrangements').

In line with PolyU requirements, applications to QUT must be made on or before 1 February 2025.

## **Application Procedures for Current Students:**

Current PolyU full-time Year 1 PhD students are eligible to apply for the Programme. Please submit an [application form](#) to PolyU and apply to QUT via the application system.

### **E. Fee and Scholarships**

Dual PhD candidates of this programme will pay an annual tuition fee to PolyU for the entire normal study period and are required to pay miscellaneous student fees (such as examination fee and continuation fee) to PolyU, details are available [here](#).

### **Scholarships in PolyU**

Scholarships will be provided to Dual PhD students in accordance with PolyU regulations during their studies at PolyU. A separate application is not required for the PolyU Research Postgraduate Scholarship (PRPgS), the award of the scholarships will be made known to students with the admission offers. The prevailing monthly stipend is HK\$18,840 and it is subject to review annually. PolyU scholarships will be suspended when the student is studying in QUT.

Additional Funding Support for Dual PhD students with PolyU as Home University:

- a. A monthly allowance of HK\$7,500, capped at HK\$45,000.
- b. A maximum travel allowance of HK\$10,000.
- c. A maximum medical allowance of HK\$5,000 for medical coverage and/or settlement arrangements.

Candidates who have outstanding academic performance or proven research records may apply for the [Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme](#). Applications must be submitted to the [Research Grants Council](#) and PolyU by 1 December 2024.

### **Scholarships in QUT**

QUT may grant a living stipend scholarship for all or part of a student's candidature. [QUT Scholarship](#) International students should apply for a QUT Postgraduate Research Award scholarship, or Targeted Scholarship (where available) which include full tuition fee sponsorship, living allowance, and single overseas health cover. Students can apply for the major scholarship round (July-August each year), or a targeted scholarship. The total value of the scholarship must meet the minimum Australian Government amount and maybe indexed annually. The annual stipend rate for 2025 is AUD\$33,637. Further details are available on the [QUT Research Scholarships](#) page.

### **F. Thesis and Examination**

Students are required to submit a single thesis in English to each university for examination as per the PhD rules and regulations of each institution. Students should acknowledge all supervisors in the thesis. To be awarded a Dual PhD Degree (PolyU) and Joint PhD Degree (QUT), the student must meet the thesis examination requirements of both universities. An oral examination in English will take place at PolyU, Chief Supervisors from both universities must attend the oral examination.

### **G. Award of Degree**

Upon successful completion of the programme, students will receive two PhD degrees (one from PolyU and one from QUT). Each parchment will acknowledge the dual nature of the award and the name of both Universities.

### **H. Enquiry**

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