

2026/27 Fall Intake

HKUST(GZ) PHD IN INNOVATION, POLICY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Admissions Information



Program Overview

Innovation, Policy and Entrepreneurship (IPE) is an emerging interdisciplinary area that has become increasingly important in recent years in addressing global challenges in governance and provision of private and public goods and services. IPE focuses on linkages among innovation, entrepreneurship, and public policy in development of human society. This interdisciplinary program prepares the next generation of leaders in solving problems at the interface of technology and society through innovation in technology, institution, policy, entrepreneurship, and business model.



Credits & Study Period

Credits: 21

Full-time: 3 years (with a relevant research master's degree);
4 years (without a relevant research master's degree)

Part-time: 6 years



Fees & Scholarships

Application Fee: CNY 150

Tuition Fee:

• Research Postgraduate Programs (with PGS) Full-time: CNY 40,000 per academic year

• Research Postgraduate Programs (self-financing) Full-time/
Part-time: CNY 150,000 per academic year

Postgraduate Studentship (PGS): CNY 15,000 per month, up to 4 years for full-time PhD students

*Full-time regular RPg students, except those on "Off-campus Study" status, are eligible to be considered for PGS with no additional application procedure.



Application Deadlines

Deadline for international students: 15 Jun 2026

Deadline for Chinese students: 15 Jul 2026

Focus Areas

- Innovation and Technology Management
- Innovation and Public Policy
- Health Studies / Health Care Policy / Environmental Policies / Sustainability
- Experimental Economics and Decision Sciences
- AI for Public Administration and Management
- AI and Digital Economy
- Governance of Entrepreneurial Firms
- Corporate Governance and Sustainability
- Business Technology Forecasting and Evaluation
- Entrepreneurship



Admissions Requirements

1. Degree Requirement: Obtained a bachelor's degree with a proven record of outstanding performance from a recognized institution OR presented evidence of satisfactory work at the postgraduate level on a full-time basis for at least one year, OR on a part-time basis for at least two years.

2. English Language Requirement: Fulfill one of the following proficiency attainments: TOEFL-iBT: 80 (for tests taken prior to 21 January 2026) *, 4.5 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards) * / TOEFL-pBT: 550 / TOEFL-Revised paper-delivered test: 60 (total scores for Reading, Listening and Writing sections) / IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5* .

* Test scores refer to scores in one single attempt only. Test at home option is not accepted.

Applicants are not required to present TOEFL or IELTS score if their first language is English, OR they obtained the bachelor's / master's degree (or equivalent) from an institution where the medium of instruction was English.



How to Apply

Online:

<https://fytgs.hkust-gz.edu.cn/admissions/apply-now>

Scan QR Code ▶



2026/27 Fall Intake IPE Supervisors



Xun WU

Professor
PhD in Public Policy Analysis
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001

Research Interest

Water resource management; Health policy; Anti-corruption; Policy Design and Innovation; Technology policy



Danyang XIE

Chair Professor
PhD in Economics
The University of Chicago, 1992

Research Interest

Economic Growth and Development; Macroeconomics; Digital Economy; Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Money and Banking



Jinyu HE

Associate Professor
PhD in Strategic Management
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2005

Research Interest

Corporate Governance; Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability; Firm Knowledge Assets and Innovation



Xu ZHANG

Assistant Professor
PhD in Economics
Brown University, 2020

Research Interest

Microeconomic Theory; Behavioral Economics



Kewei XU

Assistant Professor
PhD in Public Administration
Florida State University, 2021

Research Interest

Big Data and Public Policy; E-Governance; Public Administration; Sustainability Policy



Yun HOU

Assistant Professor
PhD in Management
National University of Singapore, 2021

Research Interest

Entrepreneurship; Innovation



Ji Hoon SHIN

Assistant Professor
PhD in Engineering and Public Policy
Carnegie Mellon University, 2022

Research Interest

Technology Management; Technology Policy; Innovation, R&D, High-tech Industry



Moyan LI

Assistant Professor
PhD in Business Economics and Public Policy
Indiana University, 2024

Research Interest

Healthcare Innovation; Health Economics; Applied Microeconomics



Chengyang LI

Assistant Professor
PhD in Economics
Cornell University, 2023

Research Interest

Industrial Organization; Platform; Digital Economics; Game Theory; Network Theory; Business Economics



Qianping REN

Assistant Professor
PhD in Economics
University of California, Santa Cruz, 2025

Research Interest

Environmental and Energy Economics & Policy; Use of AI Technology in Policy Design & Enterprises; Public Economics & Policy; Urban Economics & Policy; Applied Microeconomics



Guohuibin LI

Assistant Professor
PhD in Public Administration and Policy
Arizona State University, 2025

Research Interest

Digital Government; Technology Policy; Responsible AI / Biometrics; Technology Trust and Acceptance; Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Survey, Experiment, and Causal Inference



Lili MIAO

Assistant Professor
PhD in Informatics
Indiana University Bloomington, 2025

Research Interest

Science of Science; Innovation Policy; Computational Social Science



Justin Jihao HONG

Assistant Professor
PhD in Economics
Boston University, 2025

Research Interest

The personnel economics of the state; Technological innovation and governance; Culture and socioeconomic development; Education, inequality, and mobility; Chinese economy



For more details on supervisors
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