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THE HONG KONG
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SOCIETY HUB

HKUST(GZ) SOCIETY HUB

POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMS



ABOUT SOCIETY HUB

Vision

We aim to become a leading force in the knowledge economy of a digital society.

Mission

To nurture socially-conscious talents with cutting-edge analytical skills and an open and growing mindset, ready to resolve socio-economic issues and contribute to the knowledge economy in a networked society and rapidly changing world.

Acting Dean of Society Hub



Prof. Danyang XIE
Chair Professor

Prof. Danyang XIE received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1992. His previous affiliations include University of Montreal (Assistant Professor, 1991-1994), the International Monetary Fund (Economist and Senior Economist, 2000-2004), Tsinghua University (Special Appointment Professor, 2002-2005), and Wuhan University (Dean of the Economics and Management School). At HKUST (1993-2002, 2004-present), he served as Department Head in Economics between April 2007 and June 2010 and Director of Shui On Centre for China Business and Management between May 2011 and July 2013. He had been a member of the Currency Board Sub-Committee of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee between 2011 and 2016. He was an Independent Director of Bank of Communications-Schroders Fund Management Co. Ltd between 2011 and 2018. His research interest includes endogenous economic growth, fiscal policy, and money and banking.



Innovative Cross-Disciplinary Framework



World-Class Faculty



Excellent Scientific Research Capability



Comprehensive Talent Training Plan



Close Industrial Linkage



Superior Location Advantage
(Nansha, Greater Bay Area)



HKUST Degree

WHY SOCIETY HUB?

OUR FACULTY

(AS OF FEBRUARY 2023)

We have a group of faculty with outstanding scientific research achievements and rich teaching experience graduating from world-class universities. We aim to integrate excellent scientific research capabilities, keen cross-disciplinary insights and innovative pedagogy to cultivate future talents.


We also maintain a strong connection with the industry through exchanges and collaboration with industry, and recruiting business leaders as Professors of Practice or members of our external advisory committees. The connection brings industrial insights and opportunities for research collaboration, internship and placement, and helps cultivate cross-disciplinary talents to meet the rapidly changing social needs in the high-tech and digital era.

100%

100% Faculty with Ph.D Degree from World-Renowned Universities

25 Regular Faculty 

27 Affiliate Professor 

7 Professor of Practice 

4 Adjunct Professor 

Distribution of Final Degree Institutions



Graduate Universities

Universities logos are listed in alphabetic order.



THRUST AREAS AND PROGRAMS

FTEC Financial Technology Thrust

We provide high-quality education of financial technology research, applications and practice, including state-of-the-art methodologies and know-how.

We currently offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Financial Technology.

✓ Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

- Blockchain technologies, smart contracts, and digital currencies
- Robo-advising, quantitative investing, and risk management
- Machine learning, artificial intelligence, and big data analytics in finance
- Privacy-enhancing technologies (PET) and privacy-preserving computation
- Technological innovations for financial services
- Regulatory technology (RegTech)
- Green finance and carbon finance driven by technologies
- Digital economy and financial inclusion



Prof. Ning CAI

Professor
Acting Head
FTEC Thrust

✓ Research Interest:

- Financial Engineering
- FinTech
- Risk Management
- Applied probability
- Stochastic Modeling

IPE Innovation, Policy, and Entrepreneurship Thrust

We train the new generation of leaders in solving complex problems at the interface of technology and society through innovation in technology, institution, policy, and entrepreneurship with cross-disciplinary approaches and real-world applications.

We currently offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Innovation, Policy and Entrepreneurship.

✓ Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

- Innovation and Intellectual Property Right Protection
- Innovation and Technology Management
- Innovation and Public Policy
- Health Studies/Health Care Policy/Environmental Policies/Sustainability
- Anti-Trust/Competition Policy
- Experimental Economics and Decision Sciences
- Entrepreneurship and Organization Theory
- Entrepreneurship and Financial Management



Prof. Danyang XIE

Chair Professor
Acting Head
IPE Thrust

✓ Research Interest:

- Economic growth and development
- Macroeconomics
- Money and Banking



Urban Governance and Design Thrust

We aim to train the next generation of leaders in conducting cutting-edge innovative research on cities through cross-disciplinary approaches to solve complex urban problems.

We currently offer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Urban Governance and Design.

✓ Cross-Disciplinary Focus Areas

- Education, Employment and Labor Markets
- Migration, Inequality, and Social Inclusion
- Population, Health, and Ageing
- Regional and Urban Economic Development
- GIS and Spatial Analysis
- Smart City
- Transportation and Communication Infrastructure



Prof. Ge Lin KAN

Professor
Head
UGOD Thrust

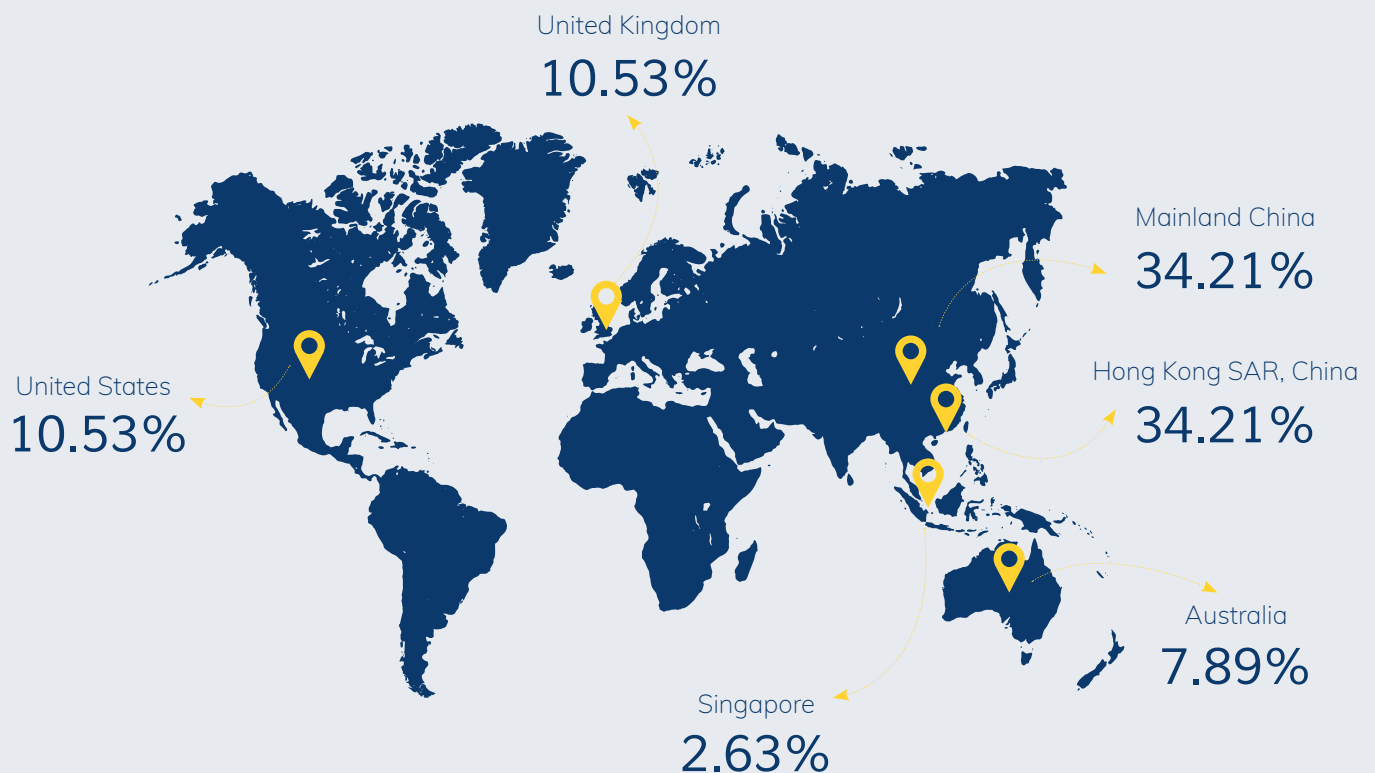
✓ Research Interest:

- GIS
- Spatial Epidemiology
- Data Integration
- Aging and Urban Health
- Metaverse

OUR STUDENTS

(AS OF JANUARY 2023)

Distribution of Final Degree Institutions



SOCIETY HUB ORIENTATION

双向奔赴 合作共赢





ADMISSION INFORMATION

1 Tuition/Scholarship

• Tuition

Research Postgraduate Programs (with PGS) CNY 40,000 per academic year
 Research Postgraduate Programs (self-funded) CNY 150,000 per academic year

• Scholarship

CNY 15,000 per month, up to 4 years for full-time PhD students

• Other Fees

<https://hkust-gz.edu.cn/admission/scholarships-and-fees>



2 Application Requirements

• General Admission Requirements

1. Obtained a bachelor's degree with a proven record of outstanding performance from a recognized institution;
2. 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.

• English Language Admission Requirements

Applicants have to fulfill English Language requirements with one of the following proficiency attainments:

Proficiency Test	Minimum Score
TOEFL-iBT	80*
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

* Refers to the total score in one single attempt

For details, please visit here <https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/covid-19#Eng>



3 How to Apply

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Learn more program information

Programs	Duration	Program Details
Ph.D in Financial Technology	Full-time: 3 years (with a relevant research master's degree), 4 years	https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgprog/2023-24/mphil-phd-fintech
Ph.D in Innovation, Policy, and Entrepreneurship	(without a relevant research master's degree)	https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgprog/2023-24/mphil-phd-ipe
Ph.D in Urban Governance and Design	Part-time: 6 years	https://prog-crs.hkust.edu.hk/pgprog/2023-24/mphil-phd-ugod

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Contact Proposed Supervisor

<https://facultyprofiles.hkust-gz.edu.cn/>



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Prepare Application Materials

<https://fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/admissions/Admission-to-Guangzhou-Campus/submitting-an-application/documents-required-gz>



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Submit Online Application

https://w5.hkust-gz.edu.cn/cgi-bin/std_nem.cgi.sh/WService=broker_3z_p/prg/pg_ap_main.r



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Review Application Materials and Interview

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Admission Notice

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