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Student Support

Upholding the principle of equal opportunity for all, HKBU provides equal educational opportunity to every student and appropriate arrangements for students who encounter impairments, disabilities, and other difficulties in learning.

First-Generation University Student Fund

First-generation university students are students whose parents have not received tertiary education. With donors' generous support, HKBU established the "First-Generation University Student Fund" to provide financial assistance for students. Successful applicants will receive up to \$15,000 for expanding their participation in out-of-classroom activities, which benefit their whole personal development and future career exploration. The Fund has received HK\$10 million and benefitted more than 1,500 students since its inception in 2017.

Do you know??

More than **70%** of our students are first-generation university students!

In top journals **32%**

111 Publications

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Research

Health Differences among South Asian and Chinese Older Adults in Hong Kong: The role of Social Capital

Professor Daniel Lai, Chair Professor of Social Work and Dean of Social Sciences, was awarded a General Research fund of HK\$0.9M by the Research Grants Council for this project. In this study, Prof Lai and his team seek to identify differences in health and wellbeing and social capital within and between South Asian and Chinese older adult populations using a hypothesized conceptual framework that outlines the associations between ethnic minority status, social capital and health and wellbeing along psychosocial and material pathways. It will lay the foundation for future research with larger samples of older ethnic minority groups in Hong Kong, building a knowledge base for the development of culturally sensitive and equitable community health and social care strategies and services.

Accessibility

Adhering to the Statutory Regulations for "Buildings to be planned for use by disabled persons", changes have been made and will continue to be made in this regard to increase accessibility and safety on our campus. Some of the barrier-free facilities on campus are listed below:

- Emergency call alarms are installed in disabled toilets.
- Ramps, railings and tactile guide paths are installed on campus.
- Lifts designated for the disabled are installed with braille and tactile markings on the lift control panels and equipped with a voice announcement function.
- Most of the escalators are equipped with audible warning signals to help the visually impaired identify the running direction of the escalators.
- Wheelchair lifting machines are installed.



HKBU also welcomes licensed guide dogs to access the campus for the purpose of assisting the needy students.



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Education

The Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) was established in the 1990s and has been a long-standing undergraduate programme which provides students with the knowledge, skills, and professional values to fulfil their needs to become social workers. Upon graduation, students can register as certified social workers with the Social Workers Registration Board in Hong Kong. HKBU vows to continuously cultivate social worker talents to identify people in need of assistance and safeguard their welfare.



The Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Sociology places strong emphasis on sociological theories and research methodology. The programme also puts emphasis on the social development and organisations in both Hong Kong and mainland China to enhance the understanding of continuities and changes at the local, regional and global levels.

Event

SEN training for students

HKBU students learned how to engage students with special education needs (SEN) more effectively in inclusive learning and to increase understanding of inclusion. Other areas included mental health wellbeing, campus accessibility, and learning-related adaptations for SENs.

Significant events such the Mental Health First Aid Standard Course, the Stargaze Camp For All And The Blind, a special educational needs exchange tour, seminars on web/mobile app accessibility were organised.



Outreach

Early Morning Online Event with Hong Chi Students

HKBU students were invited by "Early Morning", a social innovation student group, to join a social inclusion event with students from Hong Chi Morninghope School (Tuen Mun). Students had the opportunities to interact with children with intellectual disabilities through playing games on ZOOM. Participants reflected on how to enhance social welfare to empower people in need.

