

## Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (2019/20 Exercise):

### Repeated Success

In March 2019, our highly acclaimed Ph.D. in Accounting program earned additional recognition when new student Ms. LAU Sze Man was awarded a 2019 Ph.D. Fellowship by the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS). This is the latest addition to the program's string of remarkable achievements in the Fellowship.

Ms. Lau obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the City University of Hong Kong and Master's in Accountancy from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She will graduate from the M.Phil. in Accounting program at Lingnan University and join CityU in September 2019. Her research interest is auditing.

Underpinned by its strong commitment to continuous improvement, our Ph.D. in Accounting program has seen a number of successful applications for the HKPFS in recent years. Three Fellowship recipients with fruitful academic achievements are currently in the program. For example, 2015 HKPFS recipient and year 4 Ph.D. student Albert Kwame Mensah has been offered the position of Assistant Professor at the University of Tulane, one of the best universities in the U.S. (ranked 44<sup>th</sup> by the U.S. News and World Report). He has also presented the findings of his research at top-tier international conferences such as those of the AAA and CAAA.

Repeated success in the HKPFS is a testament to AC's unwavering commitment to excellence. Our continued admission of talented international students has contributed significantly to the academic excellence and cultural diversity of the Ph.D. program, and further enhanced the program's longstanding international reputation.

#### About the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme

The Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme, established by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, aims to bring talented students from around the world to Hong Kong to undertake Ph.D. studies. Fellowship applicants, who are also Ph.D. program applicants, should demonstrate outstanding qualities in:

- (1) academic performance;
- (2) research ability and potential;
- (3) communication and interpersonal skills; and
- (4) leadership ability.

Each Fellowship awardee receives a financial award consisting of a CYC SGS Entrance Scholarship (covering tuition and on-campus hostel fees for the first year of research study), a monthly stipend, and a conference and research-related travel allowance (for more details on the HKPFS, see <http://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/prospective/RPg/HKPhD>).