CUHK Convocation Postgraduate Admission Scholarship 2025/26 **香港中文大學校友評議會研究生入學獎學金 2025/26**	
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I am deeply honored to receive the CUHK Convocation Postgraduate Admission Scholarship for 2025/26. My sincere thanks go to the Department of Chinese Language and Literature and the Faculty of Arts for their nomination and to the CUHK Convocation for conferring this award and the generous support. I would also like to take this opportunity to briefly share my postgraduate journey at CUHK.

Before beginning my studies at CUHK, I worked for nearly two years as a full-time research assistant in Chinese linguistics, with a particular focus on Cantonese. As a newcomer to academia, I am keenly aware that academic research is similar to pursuing the truth (「真理」): extracting the core viewpoint (「約取」) from reading a wide range of literature (「博觀」). Aware of the limits of my training and the incompleteness of my knowledge framework, I chose to pursue a part-time master's degree in the Department of Chinese Language and Literature.

During my first year at CUHK, my academic horizons have been systematically broadened. Courses such as "Chinese Morphology" and "Grammar of Early Mandarin" extended my interests from phonology to grammatical systems. My professors explained language change through analogies with biological evolution and used particle physics as a metaphor for the concept of morpheme, which helped me see language as a multidimensional, dynamic system. Inspired by these insights, I began connecting existing knowledge with new concepts — for example, comparing phenomena across dialects to find shared patterns, or contrasting Sanskrit grammar with Chinese grammar. In this way, I have been piecing together seemingly fragmented knowledge into a personal cognitive system for linguistics.

As a part-time student, the greatest challenge I face is time management. Juggling multiple academic tasks often places me under high cognitive demand. I am fortunate that my supervisors allow flexible scheduling and that my professors offer guidance on becoming a better researcher. With their encouragement, I have learned to bring work-based research experience into my coursework and, in turn, to apply classroom knowledge to my job. This mutual reinforcement has helped me gain a sense of control and to present my research outcomes more concretely.

CUHK has also provided an excellent platform for expanding my academic network and accumulating abundant resources. During my first year at CUHK, I have met many like-minded teachers and peers. Through seminars, book clubs and in-class discussions, I have received both intellectual stimulation and generous support. They have broadened my perspective and gently led me beyond my original research limitations.

I am deeply grateful to the CUHK Convocation for this recognition. It is both an honor and an encouragement. In the future, I hope to contribute to local linguistic organizations and societies, support the preservation and development of linguistics through concrete action, and continue striving for academic excellence and higher degrees.

Photo 1



Attending the 2nd Interdisciplinary TPg Student Conference on Arts and Humanities organized by the Faculty of Arts, CUHK (I am one of the presenters).

Photo 2



Taking the course “Study of Cantonese Grammar” (CHLL5916), taught by Professor TANG Sze Wing (I am on the right).