Li Ka Shing Sino-Canadian Exchange Program
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- Medical Sciences Graduate Program (MSGP) – Shantou
- Financial support for graduates from MSc of Medicine program to enter PhD program at UAlberta (standard stream)
- Short-term clinical training of senior medical students
Oversight

UA-Shantou Steering committee

1 Chair (FoMD) +
3 members (SUMC) + 3 members (FoMD)

Li Ka Shing Sino-Canadian Exchange Program

Financial support for graduates from MSc of Medicine program in the form of a 3-year LKS fellowship to enter a standard PhD program
Oversight of standard program...

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR)

UA-Shantou Steering Committee

MSGP Committee-Shantou

Department Grad coordinators

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Admission...

• Pre-selection by SUMC committee
  Approved students obtain guarantee of funding for three years in a PhD program at UAlberta,
  Funding is conditional on admission and guarantee that supervisor will provide funding for research costs and stipend in years following year 3.
  Students must return home after completion of studies

• Application to a standard graduate program in the FoMD at UAlberta
  Students must meet criteria set by individual departments
  Usually involves identification of supervisor prior to admission
Time line for standard PhD program

- **Admission**
- **Application**
- **Set up Supervisory Committee**
- **Complete coursework and Ethics training**
- **Sit Candidacy Examination**
- **Y1**
- **Y2**
- **Y3**
- **Y4-5**

- **Complete thesis work; Write and defend thesis**

**Funding from LKS exchange program**

**Funding from UAlberta supervisor**
Responsibilities…not this

Student

Co-supervisors

Graduate coordinator
(grad administrator)

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Program administration...

• **Supervisory Committee**
  Regular reports (1 per year)

• **Candidacy examination Committee**
  Candidacy research proposal based on PhD project

• **Final Examination committee**
  Thesis
Program (committees) …

**Supervisory Committee**

- Supervisory Committees normally consist of supervisor plus 2 UAlberta faculty members
- Committee meets yearly
- Students prepare written progress report and provide copy to committee members one week in advance

*Purpose is to practice writing skills and identify solutions to problems that arise in the course of research.*
Program (committees) …

Candidacy Examination Committee

- Committee formed as per FGSR policies by adding two arm’s length UAlberta members to Supervisory Committee
- Most committees will consist of 5 members
- Examination should take place in year 3 of the program
- Nature of examination varies from department to department

Purpose of the candidacy examination is to confirm student’s ability to develop a research program and interpret scientific data.
Program (committees) …

**Final Examination Committee**

- Committee formed as per FGSR policies by adding two arm’s length members to Supervisory Committee.
- Will usually consists of 5 members, and must include one member from a different UAlberta department and a member from another University.
- Department recommends examiners to FGSR for approval. FGSR is responsible for inviting the external examiner.
- Thesis must be submitted to external examiner four weeks before examination.
- Examination consists of public seminar followed by a close door examination.
University Regulations ...

• Ethics Training and Approval

• Use of Computers in Research

• Use of Animals and Human Participants in Research
Code of student behavior

• The code of student behavior can be found at:
  http://www.governance.ualberta.ca/CodesofConductand
  ResidenceCommunityStandards/CodeofStudentBehavior.aspx

  no cheating, no plagiarism

• Additional information can be obtained by reading “A
  Guide to Academic Integrity for graduate students for
  Graduate Students” which can be accessed through
  http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/TIE/
Visa and other immigration issues...

UAlberta has several offices that provide support and resources to foreign students. For questions you should contact:

- International Centre (IC)  
  [http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/uai_current/ic.cfm](http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/uai_current/ic.cfm)

- University of Alberta International (UAI)  
  [http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/uai_prospective/iss.cfm](http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/uai_prospective/iss.cfm)
Questions

• Search the web pages of the University, and those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

• Read the “Graduate Program Manual” for your graduate Program

• Contact me or your graduate coordinator at UAlberta