

Post-doctoral Fellow (Ref: 2600629)**Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies****Project Title: From Us, For Us: Making Sense of 'Community' in Social Entrepreneurship through an Embeddedness Lens****[Appointment Period: around 4.5 months]**

The appointee(s) will join a multidisciplinary team and contribute to the development of an interdisciplinary research portfolio spanning social entrepreneurship, social innovation, urban studies, community development, public policy, and related social science fields. Building on the team's expertise, the appointee(s) will help extend ongoing projects and/or initiate relevant new projects using appropriate qualitative, quantitative, computational, mixed-method, comparative, and field-based approaches.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop and refine research questions, conceptual frameworks, and project designs aligned with the multidisciplinary team's expertise
- Extend ongoing research projects and take initiative in developing relevant new studies and collaborations
- Plan and coordinate data collection and fieldwork using appropriate methods, including interviews, observations, surveys, archival research, and digital or computational data collection
- Conduct rigorous qualitative, quantitative, computational, mixed-method, and/or comparative analyses, as appropriate
- Prepare competitive research proposals for internal and external funding opportunities
- Lead and contribute to manuscript development, collaborative academic publications, and other research outputs
- Support the Principal Investigator and research team in managing project timelines, team coordination, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement
- Contribute to knowledge transfer, policy engagement, conference presentations, and other dissemination activities

Qualifications and Requirements:

- A PhD in Urban Studies, Sociology, Social Policy, Public Administration, Entrepreneurship, Human Geography, or a related field (PhD completed or near completion)
- Strong expertise in at least one of qualitative, quantitative, computational, or mixed-method research, with a willingness to work across methodological traditions
- Experience in developing research proposals and independently managing empirical studies
- Knowledge of social innovation, urban or community issues, or public policy in Hong Kong or comparative contexts is an advantage
- Excellent command of English for research communication and participant interaction
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to academic writing and publishing

Desirable:

- Background in urban studies, social entrepreneurship, social innovation, community development, public policy, or a related interdisciplinary area
- Experience with advanced qualitative, quantitative, computational, or mixed-method techniques is highly desirable
- Interest in developing interdisciplinary research with academic, community, policy, or industry partners

For further enquiries about the post, please contact Dr Echo Shang at lshang@eduhk.hk.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits include leave and outpatient medical benefits.

The University only accepts and considers applications submitted online for this post. Applicants should complete the [online application form](#) and upload a full CV on or before **5 August 2026**. Applications which are incomplete or without the required documents may not be considered. Personal data provided by applicants will be used for recruitment and other employment-related purposes. For details of the Personal Information Collection Statement, please refer to <http://www.eduhk.hk/jobsoff/index.php?glang=en>.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence. Only those who are shortlisted will be contacted. The University reserves the right not to fill the position(s) advertised. Since the incumbent's work would involve contacts with persons aged under 18 and/or mentally incapacitated persons, prospective employee(s) will be required to undergo Sexual Conviction Record Check operated by the Hong Kong Police Force.

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