

**Professor Kathy Shum**

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**Biography**

Professor Kathy Shum is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at The University of Hong Kong. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Human Biology and Master's Degree in Physiology from the University of Toronto, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from The University of Hong Kong. Since 2019, she has served as the Director of the Master of Social Sciences in Educational Psychology at HKU, the first and only program in Asia accredited by the International School Psychology Association (ISPA). She received the Social Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award at HKU in 2020, and the Rosie Young 90 Medal for Outstanding Young Woman Scholar in 2023.

Professor Shum's research interests include reading acquisition, biliteracy development, early childhood intervention, Socioemotional development, and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She currently serves on the editorial board of an internationally acclaimed journal on autism.

Besides being a notable scholar who has a prolific publication in high-impact journals, Professor Shum has made far-reaching impact to the community through extensive collaborations with local NGOs and community organizations. Together with her team, she designed and initiated the Jockey Club Keen and Active Kids Project (JCKAK) to provide school-based intervention services to over 3,500 students with ADHD along with their families, and offer support to teaching staff in more than 300 primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. Her collaboration with an NGO on a parenting program to support caregivers has granted the Silver Award and the 'My Favourite Project Award' at the Wofoo Asian Award for Advancing Family Well-Being in 2022.