



PROFILE

Professor Tse's research focuses on human services for individuals with severe mental illness and addiction, including bipolar disorder and problem gambling. He promotes recovery-oriented practices, such as Strengths Model Case Management and peer mental health support services. Students and conference audiences consistently describe him as a dynamic and engaging teacher and speaker.

Samson has made significant contributions across three critical domains: 1) conducting complex psychosocial studies, 2) performing East-West integrative analyses across theories, and service practices, 3) bringing personal experience as a caregiver, shaping his empathetic approach to human services.

His research and leadership have garnered recognition locally and abroad, shaping mental health policies across diverse cultural and service contexts.

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SAMSON TSE'S RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

(DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS- HKU, 2020-2025)

BODY OF SCHOLARLY WORK

Competitive Research Grants

Prior to returning to Hong Kong, Professor Tse spent 20 years in New Zealand working in clinical services, teaching, and conducting research. His scholarly work has been supported by competitive research grants from Hong Kong and overseas, with a cumulative funding total exceeding HK\$30 million for projects he has led or actively contributed to since earning his doctoral degree in 2001.

Between Jan 2009 (joining HKU) and 2020, Samson obtained four General Research Fund grants as principal investigator.

Peer-reviewed Publications

Authored/ co-authored more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in the field of mental health and addiction.

Five representative articles showcase a diverse range of research topics and methodologies employed (sorted by no. of citations 17.10.2025):

1. Slade, M., Amering, M., Farkas, M., Hamilton, B., O'Hagan, M., Panther, G., Perkins, R., Shepherd, G., **Tse, S.**, & Whitley, R. (2014). Uses and abuses of recovery: implementing recovery-oriented practices in mental health systems. *World Psychiatry*, 13(1), 12-20. (1,262 citations)
2. **Tse, S.**, Chan, S., Ng, K. L., & Yatham, L. N. (2014). Meta-analysis of predictors of favorable employment outcomes among individuals with bipolar disorder. *Bipolar Disorders*, 16(3), 217-229. (224 citations)
3. **Tse, S.**, Tsoi, E. W., Hamilton, B., O'Hagan, M., Shepherd, G., Slade, M., ... & Petrakis, M. (2016). Uses of strength-based interventions for people with serious mental illness: A critical review. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*, 62(3), 281-291. (190 citations)
4. Doughty, C., & **Tse, S.** (2011). Can consumer-led mental health services be equally effective? An integrative review of CLMH services in high-income countries. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 47(3), 252-266. (166 citations)
5. **Tse, S.**, Hong, S. I., Wang, C. W., & Cunningham-Williams, R. M. (2012). Gambling behavior and problems among older adults: a systematic review of empirical studies. *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 67(5), 639-652. (148 citations)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Samson Tse currently heads the Master of Social Sciences in Mental Health in the Department and the Co-operative Education Programme at HKU. He was formerly Dean of Student Affairs at HKU from 2020 to 2025. His work with students integrates experiential learning, character development, and holistic competencies through cross-institutional programmes. His scholarly work has contributed to the development of policies and practices within governmental and non-governmental committees at both local and international levels. He has received accolades including the University Grants Committee Teaching Award (Team, 2024) and HKU's Knowledge Exchange Excellence Award (Team, 2025), in recognition of his impact on mental health research and care.