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Professor Isabella Poon Wai-yin is currently Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor in the Department of Statistics of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

Professor Poon obtained her BSc in Mathematics and MPhil in Statistics from CUHK, PhD in Biostatistics from the University of California at Los Angeles. Professor Poon is a Professor in the Department of Statistics at CUHK. She has served as Associate Dean (Education) in the Faculty of Science in 2004-2014, and Director of the Centre for Promoting Science Education in 2006-2014. She was also the Director of Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research (CLEAR) in 2012-2015, and was appointed as Associate Vice-President in 2014 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor in 2015, exerting leadership in teaching and learning at the university level.

Professor Poon's research has focused on mathematical and statistical methods for analyzing nonstandard data, and applications of statistical methods in behavioural science and medical research. Professor Poon's outstanding teaching has earned her a number of accolades. She was conferred the inaugural UGC Award for Teaching Excellence by the University Grants Committee in 2011. She is also a recipient of the CUHK Faculty of Science Exemplary Teaching Award (1999-2000), (2002-03) and (2013-14), Best Teaching Award from the Asia Pacific Institute of Business, CUHK (2005-06) and (2008-09), as well as the Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award (2014). Professor Poon was also awarded the Outstanding Fellowship of the Faculty of Science in 2014 and 2019.

Professor Poon serves in various committees related to education and the statistics profession. She is the Chair of the Hong Kong Teaching Excellence Alliance, and a member of the EDB Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education as well as the Statistics Advisory Board of HKSAR Government.