

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship

Regulations

The D. H. Chen Foundation (“Donor”) has kindly agreed to establish a scholarship program to nurture future leaders and foster talent development for the society with effect from 2020/2021 academic year under the following regulations:

I. Scholarship Background

1. The Foundation grants the Scholarship Program to a maximum of twenty students each year.
2. The awardee of the Scholarship Program shall identify him/herself as “The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholar” (the “Scholar”).
3. There is a nomination quota to each Partner University as agreed with the Foundation.

II. Vision and Objective

1. To nurture compassionate and insightful leaders for positive social change.
2. To enhance social awareness through active engagement in local and overseas community.
3. To network with diverse talents and together become social incubators for greater good.
4. To be mentored and inspired by experienced leaders in different fields to propel social change.

III. Components of the Scholarship

1. Financial Award
 - (a) Tuition Fee Waiver covering the normative study period on UGC-funded basis;
 - (b) Overseas Learning Allowance of maximum HK\$80,000 for up to two trips; and
 - (c) Living Allowance of HK\$38,000 subject to proven financial or special education needs ^[1].
2. Social Good Initiative
 - (a) Scholar(s) shall actively engage in different Social Good Initiatives and are required to complete one Social Good Initiative within two years upon acceptance of the Scholarship Program, that are:
 - i. organized and offered by the Foundation; or
 - ii. organized and initiated by the Scholars; or
 - iii. organized by authorized local or overseas NGOs; or
 - iv. organized or endorsed by the City University of Hong Kong.
 - (b) For (ii) to (iv) above, Scholar(s) shall seek prior clearance from the Foundation via the City University of Hong Kong.
 - (c) In addition, a Social Good Fund offered by the Foundation in support of actionable innovation for social good is available for socially aspiring Scholar(s) to apply.

3. The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network

The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network (the “Scholars Network”) serves as an important platform for connecting the Scholar(s) with the Foundation to foster talents exchange and collaboration. Scholar(s) shall be engaged in the Buddy Program of the Scholars Network upon acceptance of the Scholarship Program.

4. Mentorship

The Foundation shall match the Scholar(s) with experienced leaders in different fields to propel social change for a two-year period.

5. Internship

The Foundation may offer exclusive internship opportunities to the Scholars for acquiring professional experiences, knowledge and wider social exposure.

6. Annual Reception

Scholar(s) shall attend the Annual Reception hosted by the Foundation during the Scholarship Program period where Scholar(s) will meet distinguished guests including the Foundation Trustees, partners, representatives of the Partner Universities and fellow Scholars.

7. President Roundtable

Each Partner University shall host a President Roundtable for the Scholar(s) on an annual basis for valuable exchange between the President and the Scholar(s).

IV. Eligibility

1. Student(s) who meet all the following requirements can apply for the Scholarship Program:

- (a) Permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- (b) Full-time Year 1 undergraduate student of UGC-funded program;
- (c) A Year GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.3 with all letter grades of courses taken available; or an equivalent in the preceding academic year;
- (d) Demonstration of leadership abilities and commitment to make positive social change.

2. Applicant(s) or nominated applicant(s) shall go through selection interviews.

3. If awarded, student(s) are required to meet Renewal Requirement annually (see section VI.) for continuous entitlement in the Scholarship Program.

V. Application, Nomination and Selection Procedures

1. The Student Development Services shall invite nominations from College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Science, Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences, School of Energy and Environment, School of Creative Media, School of Data Science, and the School of Law. The allocation of awards is on the basis of the distribution of student population amongst Colleges and Schools of the year. Nominations from the Colleges/Schools shall reach the Student Development Services by late June 2021.

2. Interested student(s) shall also submit their application(s) to the Student Development Services by late June 2021.

3. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend selection interview(s) in person. The awards shall then be made when the approval is sought from the Donor.

VI. Annual Review and Renewal

1. The Foundation shall conduct an annual review for the renewal of continuous entitlement of the Scholarship Program of the Scholar(s).

2. Scholar(s) shall submit the progress report with all supporting documents to City University of Hong Kong in June every year for review.
3. Scholars shall meet the following requirements (“Renewal Requirement”) annually for continuous entitlement of the Scholarship Program:
 - (a) A Year GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.3 with all letter grades of courses taken available; or
 - (b) an equivalent in the preceding academic year.
4. In addition, the Living Allowance (if applicable) shall be renewed on an annual basis, subject to proven financial or special education needs.
5. The Foundation shall inform the City University of Hong Kong of the review result(s) in August annually.

VII. Suspension and Termination

1. The component of Financial Award shall be suspended should the Scholar:
 - (a) fail to meet the Renewal Requirement in the annual review;
The suspended Financial Award may be reinstated should the Scholar:
 - (b) meet the Renewal Requirement in the first semester of the subsequent academic year, subject to the final decision of the Foundation.
2. The Scholar shall be terminated from the Scholarship Program should the Scholar:
 - (a) fail to meet the Renewal Requirement for the second time throughout the normative study period; or
 - (b) transfer to another non-UGC-funded program; or
 - (c) transfer to a non-Partner University of the Scholarship Program; or
 - (d) fail to complete the undergraduate program; or
 - (e) be expelled from the university.
3. The Foundation shall have the absolute discretion to suspend or terminate the Scholar from the Scholarship Program if the Scholar is convicted of a criminal offence or is the subject of unresolved disciplinary investigation.

VIII. Role of the Scholar

1. To adhere to and actively engage in the Scholarship Program in realising its vision and objective;
2. To endeavour to contribute to the Scholarship Program and meeting requirement;
3. To contribute to the promotion of the Scholarship Program through various communication efforts, including but not limited to contributing stories, reflections, interviews via relevant media platforms of the Scholarship Program;
4. To maintain close communication with both the Foundation and the University on matters relating to the Scholarship Program.

IX. Others

1. Scholar(s) are not allowed to hold other scholarship(s), bursaries, allowance(s) or award(s) with similar nature of the Scholarship Program concurrently from the date of their acceptance of the Scholarship Program. Unless the components supported by the scholarship(s), bursaries, allowance(s) or award(s) in question do not overlap with those supported by the Scholarship Program. Should there be queries, the Foundation’s advice shall only be sought via the City University of Hong Kong.
2. Should the Scholar(s) fail to meet the requirement as stated in this Terms and Conditions, the Scholar(s) may be required to refund the amount of Financial Award

received.

3. The Foundation reserves the right to make changes, contingent measures and final decision on all matters relating to the Scholarship Program.

Remark

With an objective to nurture our students and to promote caring culture, the Community Relations Committee of the University Council has recommended that each award recipient is expected to make an annual donation of at least HK\$200 to the City University of Hong Kong for student support via CityU Alumni Giving Club when they are in employment after graduation. This term has been incorporated into all scholarship/prize/award/bursary schemes, whether they are donated by external donors or contributed by University funding, with effect from February 2008.

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[1] Proven financial needs include but not limited to:

- (1) those whose household income is below the median monthly domestic household income according to the latest Quarterly Report on General Household Survey issued by the Census and Statistics Department; or
- (2) those whose families are recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA);
- (3) recipients of government grants/loans.

Proven special education needs include but not limited to:

- (1) specific learning disabilities; or
- (2) physical disability; or
- (3) visual impairment; or
- (4) hearing impairment; or
- (5) attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.