

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

AIA Scholarships

Regulations

The AIA Foundation (“Donor”) has kindly agreed to establish a scholarship scheme to reward academically outstanding undergraduate students with effect from 2020/2021 academic year. The following regulations shall apply as of 2021/2022:

I. Scholarship Programme details

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the "AIA Scholarships" (友邦獎學金).
2. The Donor is committed to offering 100 AIA Scholars, studying in Hong Kong universities, an AIA scholarship each year.
3. The number of scholarships shall be allocated to the Universities according to the total number of registered new students each year.
4. Only full-time local UGC-funded undergraduate students with permanent residency status in the Hong Kong SAR, pursuing their first year of an undergraduate degree (4-year or 6-year degree programme) immediately succeeding completion of their senior secondary/high school education, are eligible for the Scholarships.

II. Scholarship Value and Duration

The Scholarships is designed to finance the awardees’ tuition fees. The value of each scholarship will be HK\$50,000 per annum, payable each year during the awardee’s undergraduate programme.

III. Eligibility Criteria

1. Nominees are required to meet the following criteria:
 - (a) have the right of abode or the right to land, or have entered the Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
 - (b) have resided in the Hong Kong continuously for at least three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of their undergraduate programme;
 - (c) have received their senior secondary education in Hong Kong, including those who have studied local (e.g. Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) and non-local (e.g. International Baccalaureate) curricula;
 - (d) demonstrate excellent academic performance with a minimum GPA of 3.2 in the first semester of the first year of their full-time UGC-funded undergraduate programmes (4-year or 6-year degree programme);

- (e) demonstrate a record of community service or charitable work, undertaken prior to their application for the Scholarships;
 - (f) have a good conduct; and
 - (g) must not hold other scholarships to cover the tuition fee concurrently for the same academic year.
2. The Scholarships shall be awarded primarily on academic merit and participation in community services or charitable work. Where candidates are of equal merit, priority will be given to students with proven financial needs and who would not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a university education.

Indicators of proven financial need include, but are not limited to:

- (a) being recipients of Hong Kong Government Grants/ loans; and/ or
 - (b) being from families who are recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”).
3. The Scholarships are renewable throughout the awardees’ registered undergraduate programmes, subject to the fulfilment of the following requirements:
- (a) continued study within the indicative programme duration at the University;
 - (b) achievement of a minimum CGPA of 3.2 by the end of Semester B each academic year;
 - (c) participation in community services each year; and
 - (d) continue to be recommended by the University.
4. In the event of not meeting the Scholarship Renewal Criteria, a grace period of one semester will be granted. The Scholarships will be terminated, and no further payments will be made to students who fail to meet the Scholarship Renewal Criteria before the end of the grace period. The final decision in relation to eligibility of the awardee to continue to receive the Scholarships will be made by the Donor.
5. If the awardee takes study leave in a semester or academic year within the Scholarship Term, the scholarship payment for that year will be deferred until he/she resumes study in the following academic year. The awardee will be required to meet the Scholarship Renewal Criteria prior to his/her study leave and obtain approval for his/her study leave from the University. The decision to defer the scholarship payment will be made at the discretion of the Donor.

IV. Nomination 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, and the School of Creative Media, School of Data Science, School of Energy and Environment, 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.
2. Nominations from the Colleges/ Schools shall reach the Student Development Services by mid-February each year. The awards shall be made when the approval is sought from the Donor.

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 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.