

## City University of Hong Kong

### The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

#### Regulations

##### Objectives

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (the “Trust”) aims to identify and nurture outstanding talents to become caring leaders who will create positive change and inspire the wider society to strive for excellence. Since 1998, some HK\$782 million have been committed to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships, supporting more than 880 young talents to pursue their studies. More information is available on this website: <http://jcscholarships.hk/>.

##### Scholarship Awards

Under “The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship” scheme (hereafter the “Scholarship”), up to 45 students from Hong Kong’s eight UGC-funded institutions and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts will receive full scholarships in each cohort. For each of these nine institutions, up to **FIVE** scholarship awards will be allocated to:

- Four Hong Kong students (including a student with special educational needs (hereafter “SEN”) <sup>[1]</sup>); and
- One student from mainland China.

Full scholarships, covering tuition fee, academic expenses and living costs for the entire normal length of study <sup>[2]</sup> towards an undergraduate degree programme, are awarded. The actual value of each scholarship is revised each year with reference to recommendations from the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency and respective institutions on the tuition fee and living expenses of the current academic year. The value of scholarships for the 2022/2023 academic year is as follows:

- Local Scholars : \$115,200
- Non-local Mainland Scholars : Tuition Fee + \$73,100

The actual scholarship amount payable to individual students for a particular academic year is subject to adjustments. For example, the scholarship amount will not cover non-credit bearing programmes in which students opt to participate, either held locally or overseas, in lieu of their normal coursework required by their study programme.

Understanding that SEN students may not necessarily follow the normal length of study required by their study programme due to health or other special conditions, the Trust will provide flexibility and accommodation on scholarship payment schedule upon request from the students and advice from their respective institution.

##### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a permanent resident of the HKSAR or a citizen of the People’s Republic of China;
- Be a full-time first-year student studying their first undergraduate degree;
- Have a high standard of academic performance **[see note 1]**:
  - Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in DSE or another recognised entry qualification. If selected, the scholarship will be offered on the condition that the student has attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 at the end of the first term;

- Have proficiency in written and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua) and English; and
- Provide proofs for their special educational needs, if applicable.

**[Note 1]** Considering the additional challenges that may be faced by SEN students, special accommodation may be made in the assessment process including the application of a corresponding set of academic performance requirements:

- Scholarship may be offered to applicants on the condition that the student will achieve 70% of the maximum GPA achievable under the study programme. For instance, the minimum GPA required is 2.80 (out of possible GPA of 4.00) and 3.00 (out of possible GPA of 4.30).

### Selection Criteria and Process

All Scholars are selected according to their merits and attributes in the following aspects:

Intellect	Academic achievements, analytical aptitude and appetite; genuine interest in their subject of study; imagination, curiosity, and a global vision
Leadership	Outstanding leadership and team work inside or outside school activities, personal accomplishments or community commitments; potential and capabilities in challenging status quo; embrace diversity and a spirit of collaboration
Character	Strength of character – truth, courage, devotion to duty, empathy, social awareness, commitment to fairness and justice, compassion
Commitment to service	Commitment to betterment of others, care for social and community issues of public rather than personal benefit; connect with Hong Kong and has a view about how its community needs may be addressed

All applications received are screened and a selection panel is set up to interview shortlisted candidates at The Hong Kong Jockey Club Headquarters. All candidates must appear in person at the interview without exception.

### Conditions for Renewal

The Scholarship is renewed on an annual basis subject to:

- The Scholar's continued enrolment in the same institution;
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 **[see note 2]**;
- Participation and achievements in community services; and
- Recommendation by the institution.

Students who do not meet the above conditions may be considered for conditional renewal upon recommendation by the institution with strong justifications. The Scholarship may be terminated if a student is unable to meet the renewal conditions.

**[Note 2]** Special accommodation may be provided to SEN students and they are in general required to achieve consistent academic performance.

### Concurrent Awards

Upon conferment, recipients of the Scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses. The Scholars may continue to receive other honours, recognitions and awards, such as

those that support the students' non-credit-bearing overseas studies, recognise the students' specific contributions or achievements, and, in the case of SEN students, provide for supporting equipment.

### **The Jockey Club Scholar Experience**

Recipients of the Scholarship may be called "Jockey Club Scholars" or "JC Scholars" in short. Being a JC Scholar, the student will become a member of a network of past and current JC Scholars and enjoy various privileges, such as opportunities to participate in learning, networking and community service programmes.

All JC Scholars are expected to actively support the Trust's activities to the best of their abilities. Most importantly, they are required to attend the scholarship award presentation ceremony of their cohort and an induction programme. Scholars are also automatically enrolled as a member of the Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association, a self-running, Trust-supported organisation that was established to mobilise JC Scholars to serve the community.

### **Application and Deadline**

Interested students are strongly recommended to [register](#) before 5:00 p.m., 7 September 2022 to attend the online briefing session conducted by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust on 8 September 2022 (Thursday) at 4:00 p.m.

Eligible students may approach their respective academic departments for nominations or submit their applications individually. The application form can be downloaded from the following website: [http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds/web/studentlife\\_scholarships\\_open.shtml](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds/web/studentlife_scholarships_open.shtml). Each applicant should submit the following documents **on or before 12:00 noon, 30 September 2022** via email to Miss Vivian Lau ([vivian.lau@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:vivian.lau@cityu.edu.hk)) of Student Development Services (SDS):

- i. a completed application form;
- ii. copies of academic record/ certificate of public examinations and/or demonstrable record and references on his/her talents;
- iii. relevant document and references in support of his/her outstanding personal quality and leadership; and
- iv. proofs of his/her special education needs, if applicable.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend:

- i. an online briefing session conducted by SDS on 6 October 2022 (Thursday) at 4:00 p.m.; and
- ii. in-person (on-site) selection interviews in October and November 2022

Application results are announced and individual applicants are notified around May 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> One of the four scholarships for Hong Kong student is dedicated to a student with special educational needs. For definition, please refer to the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan released by the Labour and Welfare Bureau. See <https://www.lwb.gov.hk/files/download/committees/rac/rpp/report/en/Chapter2a.pdf> (Chapter 2).

<sup>2</sup> The normal length of study refers to the normal number of terms or semesters that are required to complete the degree programme but not necessarily the normal number of years required.