

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship/ Scholarship for Disabled Students 2023/24

1. Objective

The fellowship/ scholarship scheme for disabled students, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council (the Council), aims at encouraging and assisting full-time students with special educational needs¹ in pursuing postgraduate studies by research and/ or undergraduate and diploma programmes at post-secondary and tertiary levels in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong).

2. Number of awards

There will be one award in the 2023/24 academic year.

3. Provision of the fellowship/ scholarship

- (a) A fellowship recipient will be offered a one-off grant of \$50,000.
- (b) A scholarship recipient will be offered a one-off grant of \$40,000.
- (c) The successful candidate will not be required to relinquish fellowships, scholarships or bursaries concurrently held by him/ her. Neither will the value of the fellowship/ scholarship be reduced in such circumstances.

4. Eligibility criteria

Candidates should–

- (a) have the right of abode or the right to land in Hong Kong or are permitted to stay in Hong Kong without restriction;
- (b) have resided in Hong Kong for at least three years as at 1.9.2023;

¹ Students with special educational needs include those having physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorders, specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities and/ or mental illness.

(c) **for fellowship nominees**

be registered full-time postgraduate research students undertaking University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded/ publicly-funded courses in 2023/24 at one of the institutions listed below (registered for a master degree on/ after 1.7.2022 or a doctorate degree on/ after 1.7.2021) –

- (i) City University of Hong Kong;
- (ii) Hong Kong Baptist University;
- (iii) Lingnan University;
- (iv) The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- (v) The Education University of Hong Kong;
- (vi) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
- (vii) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; and
- (viii) The University of Hong Kong;

(d) **for scholarship nominees**

be registered full-time students undertaking UGC-funded/ publicly-funded courses at post-secondary/ tertiary level in 2023/24 at one of the institutions listed below –

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Course</u>
City University of Hong Kong	undergraduate/ diploma or above
Hong Kong Baptist University	undergraduate
Lingnan University	undergraduate
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
The Education University of Hong Kong	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	undergraduate

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| The University of Hong Kong | undergraduate |
| Vocational Training Council | diploma or above |
- or undertaking courses at undergraduate level in 2023/24 at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University;
- (e) **for scholarship nominees who are second to final year students/ fellowship nominees**
be nominated by the heads of their post-secondary/ tertiary institutions;
 - (f) **for scholarship nominees who are first year students**
be nominated by the principals of their previous secondary schools;
 - (g) have special educational needs including physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorders, specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities and/ or mental illness;
 - (h) not be engaged in full-time employment; and
 - (i) not be nominated for the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships for Postgraduate Research Students 2023/24 or the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Undergraduate and Diploma Students 2023/24.

5. **Selection criteria**

- (a) Candidates will be selected by the Council on the basis of the following—
 - (i) standards of academic achievements and intellectual qualities relative to their individual disabilities;
 - (ii) leadership qualities as demonstrated in their involvement in extra-curricular activities and/ or community services;
 - (iii) proficiency in the language in which the course/ research is undertaken; and
 - (iv) other personal qualities and potentials, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong.

- (b) The following criteria will also be considered by the Council in selecting postgraduate candidates for the fellowship –
- (i) strategic importance of the research to the social, economic and technological development of Hong Kong;
 - (ii) whether or not the research has been or is being done in Hong Kong; and
 - (iii) possible completion of the research within two years for a master degree or three years for a doctorate degree.

The nominated candidate is required to provide an account of, in **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English, the reasons for his/ her undertaking the course of current studies or research of his/ her choice.

6. Conditions of award

The fellowship/ scholarship will be awarded to the successful candidate(s) subject to the following conditions –

- (a) the recipient accepts that the fellowship/ scholarship may be terminated at any time if and when his/ her performance as reported by the institution is considered by the Council as unsatisfactory or when he/ she for any reason ceases to be a full-time student;
- (b) the recipient undertakes to seek the Council's prior approval if he/ she wishes to alter the study programme or research topic from that specified in the nomination form. Otherwise he/ she may be required by the Council to repay the fellowship/ scholarship money; and
- (c) the recipient has to abide by any other conditions laid down by the Council.

Details of the terms under which the award is granted are contained in the offer letter of award.

7. **Nomination and selection procedures**

- (a) The 9 Colleges & Schools shall be invited on alternate year to nominate one student for the scholarship. In 2023/24, the College of Engineering and School of Creative Media shall be invited to nominate one student each for the scholarship. Nomination from the College of Engineering and School of Creative Media shall reach Student Development Services by **9 October 2023**.
- (b) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview to be held tentatively in December 2023. Candidates who have not heard from the Council by the end of December 2023 should consider themselves not being selected.
- (c) The decisions of the Council shall be final.
- (d) The result(s) of the award(s) will be announced in around February/ March 2024. The nominating institutions and secondary schools will be notified of the result(s).
- (e) Fellowship/ scholarship monies will be remitted to the relevant institution(s), which will be requested to make disbursement to the award recipient(s).
- (f) Certificate(s) will be presented to the award recipient(s) at the Awards Presentation Ceremony scheduled for March 2024.