

# 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 the 2020/21 academic year. The following regulations shall apply as of 2023/24:

#### **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 Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
  - (b) have resided in 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 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 following renewal criteria apply to AIA Scholars in order for them to continue to receive an AIA Scholarship throughout their Scholarship Terms:
- (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 each year.

If the AIA Scholar fails to meet the Scholarship Renewal Criteria for an academic year during the Scholarship Term, he/ she will not be entitled to receive the AIA Scholarship for such academic year.

4. If the AIA Scholar fails to meet the Scholarship Renewal Criteria for an academic year, then:
- (a) The AIA Scholar may apply to the Donor for the Donor to approve the grant of AIA Scholarship for such academic year:
    - (i) Such an application must be endorsed by the University.
    - (ii) If the Donor in its discretion grants such an approval, the AIA Scholar will be entitled to receive AIA Scholarship for such academic year.
  - (b) For the avoidance of doubt, the AIA Scholar will not lose his/her entitlement to the AIA Scholarship for all subsequent academic years within the Scholarship Term by reason of failing to meet the Scholarship Renewal Criteria for an academic year. Subject to the discretion of the Donor, the AIA Scholar will be entitled to receive AIA Scholarship for the subsequent academic year(s) in which the Scholarship Renewal Criteria are met.
  - (c) The Donor retains in all cases an absolute discretion regarding the grant or otherwise of AIA Scholarships in any and all circumstances.”

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 the 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 scholarships 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 late January each year. The scholarships shall be made when approval is sought from the Donor.

#### **Remark**

With an objective to nurture our students and to promote caring culture, the University encourages each award recipient to make an annual donation of HK\$200 or more 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 since February 2008.

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