

City University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

Regulations

About the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (the “Trust”) is dedicated to nurturing caring leaders for a better Hong Kong. Since 1998, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships (the “Scholarships”) have supported young talents to pursue their studies through the Undergraduate Scholarship, and have since then expanded and diversified to include a Graduate Scholarship and a Vocational Education Scholarship. In 2023, two new entrance Undergraduate Scholarship schemes, namely The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman’s Scholarship and The Hong Kong Jockey Club Striding On Scholarship, were launched to recognise outstanding students and support their academic pursuits in Hong Kong.

The Scholarships reward outstanding students, known as JC Scholars, for their intellect, character, leadership qualities and commitment to service. Under this Trust-Initiated Project, some HK\$877 million have been committed to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships, supporting more than 970 young talents to pursue their studies. More information is available on <http://jcscholarships.hk/>.

Terms of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship (the “UG Scholarship”) offers up to 27 scholarships annually to outstanding local students pursuing undergraduate studies in Hong Kong’s eight University Grants Committee (“UGC”)-funded institutions and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Each of these nine institutions will be allocated up to **THREE** scholarship awards.

The UG Scholarship covers (1) full tuition fee, academic and living allowance for the entire normative duration of study towards an undergraduate degree programme, (2) overseas learning subsidies, and (3) an opportunity to participate in an overseas leadership programme.

Component	Description	Approximate Value of the Scholarship (HKD)
Full Tuition Scholarship (throughout the normative study period and up to 6 years)	Pecuniary payment covering the tuition fee of the academic year which will be disbursed directly to the Scholar’s Institution	~\$42,100 per annum (with reference to annual review by the HKSAR Government)
Academic Allowance (throughout the normative study period and up to 6 years)	Pecuniary allowance to support study expenses which will be disbursed to the Scholar through his/her Institution	~\$17,900 per annum [1]
Living Allowance (throughout the normative study period and up to 6 years)	Pecuniary allowance to support living expenses which will be disbursed to the Scholar through his/her Institution	~\$57,400 per annum [1]

Overseas Learning Subsidies	Pecuniary allowance to support overseas learning activities [2] (e.g. airfare, accommodation, living expenses, conference fee and tuition fee difference (if applicable)) during the normative study period. The activity, budget and expenses must be vetted and approved by the Scholar's Institution in Hong Kong, and will be disbursed to the Scholar through his/her Institution in Hong Kong	~\$80,000
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Remarks:

[1] The exact amount for each academic year is subject to the Trust's adjustment with reference to the advice of Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency.

[2] The overseas learning activities shall cover educational activities which aim to enhance the Scholar's learning experience and facilitate a broader understanding of his/her field of study, but shall not include any form of remunerative internship or employment.

The actual value of each scholarship depends on:

- the Institution chosen and the normative study period of the undergraduate programme. 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.
- 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.

For JC Scholars who do not complete their study programme within the normal length of study due to health or other special conditions, the Club may provide flexibility and accommodation on scholarship payment schedule based on student requests and recommendation from the respective Institution. Such arrangements are subject to the Scholarship Secretariat's review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

Payment via the scholars' corresponding institutions will be arranged.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the UG Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be full-time local year-one undergraduate students who are enrolled in a UGC-funded degree programme, pursuing their first undergraduate degree;
- Have the right of abode or the right to land, or have entered Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
- Have completed their senior secondary education in Hong Kong;
- Have a high standard of academic performance **[see Note1]**:
 - Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in DSE or another recognised entry qualification and has attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 at the end of the first term or is ranked among top 10 percent in class¹;
- Have proficiency in English and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua).

¹ 'Class' is defined as the group of students of the same cohort studying in the same programme.

[Note 1] Applicants with outstanding achievements or exceptional leadership qualities but with a lower GPA of 3.30 or above, or a lower class rank (among top 15 percent) may be considered. Evidence of these

qualities, which are subject to examination by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships Secretariat ("Scholarships Secretariat"), may include but not limited to awards, prizes, or other forms of recognition/credentials for demonstrating leadership in projects that benefit the community or other outstanding achievements.

Selection Criteria

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, Integrity, courage, devotion to duty, empathy, social awareness, compassion, humility
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

Annual Review of the award of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is reviewed on an annual basis subject to:

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

Undertaking

Successful applicants are required to sign an undertaking letter on the terms of the UG Scholarship.

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 Jockey Club Scholar Experience

Recipients of the Scholarship will be named "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 Procedures

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: https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds_sp/studentlan/HKJCA2023-24.pdf . Each applicant should submit the following documents **on or before 12:00 noon, 8 January 2024** via email to Miss W.C. Ling (wcling@cityu.edu.hk) of Student Development Services (SDS):

1. a completed application form;
2. copies of academic record/ certificate of public examinations and/or demonstrable record and references on his/her talents;
3. relevant document and references in support of his/her outstanding personal quality and leadership; and
4. proofs of his/her community services and other relevant experiences.

Suitable candidates will be invited to attend an internal selection interview (in-person) conducted by CityU in mid-January 2024.

After the internal selection interview by CityU, shortlisted candidates will be nominated from CityU to Hong Kong Jockey Club for their selection interview (in-person) tentatively in February 2024.

Successful applicants will be informed of the result of their applications in writing tentatively in March 2024. If applicants do not receive any notifications by the end of June 2024, they may deem that their applications are unsuccessful.

Key Dates (2023/24 Cohort)

The table below illustrates the dates of key events of the UG Scholarship.

Dates	Key Events
1 October 2023 to 8 January 2024	Application and nomination period
Mid-January 2024	Internal selection interview by CityU
February 2024 (tentatively)	Selection interview by HKJC
March 2024 (tentatively)	Announcement of results of the UG Scholarship

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