

**Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships / Scholarships
for Disabled Students 2011/12**

1. **Objective**

The fellowships/scholarships scheme, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council (“the Council”), aims at encouraging and assisting full-time disabled students pursuing postgraduate studies by research and / or undergraduate, diploma and certificate programmes at post-secondary and tertiary levels in Hong Kong.

2. **Number of awards**

There will be 4 awards in the 2011/12 academic year.

3. **Provision of the fellowships / scholarships**

- (a) A fellowship recipient will be offered a one-off grant of \$30,000.
- (b) A scholarship recipient will be offered a one-off grant of \$20,000.
- (c) Successful candidates will not be required to relinquish fellowships, scholarships or bursaries concurrently held by them. 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 1.9.2011;
- (c) **for fellowship nominees**
be registered full-time postgraduate research students undertaking UGC-funded / publicly-funded courses in 2011/12 at one of the institutions listed below (registered for a master degree on/after 1.7.2010 or a doctorate degree on/after 1.7.2009):

City University of Hong Kong;
Hong Kong Baptist University;
Lingnan University;
The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
The Hong Kong Institute of Education;
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; and
The University of Hong Kong.

- (d) **for scholarship nominees**
be registered full-time students undertaking UGC-funded/publicly-funded courses in 2011/12 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
Vocational Training Council	diploma or above
Lingnan University	undergraduate
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	undergraduate / diploma or above
The Hong Kong Institute of Education	undergraduate / diploma or above / 3-year certificate
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	undergraduate / diploma or above
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	undergraduate

The University of Hong Kong

undergraduate

or undertaking courses at undergraduate level in 2011/12 at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University

- (e) **for scholarship nominees who are first year students**
be nominated by the principals of their previous secondary schools;
- (f) **for scholarship nominees who are second year students or above / fellowship nominees**
be nominated by the heads of their post-secondary/tertiary institutions;
- (g) have special educational needs as referred to in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan released by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government¹.
- (h) not be engaged in full-time employment; and
- (i) not be nominated for the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Undergraduate, Diploma and Certificate Students 2011/12 or the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships for Postgraduate Research Students 2011/12.

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;

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 and/or intellectual disabilities.

- (ii) whether or not the research has been or is being done in Hong Kong; and
- (iii) possible completion of the research within 2 years for a master degree or 3 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 fellowships / scholarships will be awarded to successful candidates 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.

7. **Nomination and selection procedures**

- (a) Heads of institutions will be invited to make nominations by completing **Nomination Form E¹** for fellowship nominees and **Nomination Form E²** for scholarship nominees. Principals of secondary schools will be invited to complete **Nomination Form E³** for outstanding graduates from the previous academic year who have enrolled in one of the said tertiary/ post-secondary institutions in the 2011/12 academic year.
- (b) Closing date for nomination will be **7 October 2011**. All nomination forms should be forwarded to :-

The Secretary
Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council
Room 1217
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong

- (c) Candidates will be invited to attend an interview in November/December 2011. Candidates who have not heard from the Council by the end of December 2011 should consider themselves not being selected.
- (d) The decisions of the Council shall be final.
- (e) The results of the awards will be announced in around February/March 2012. The concerned institutions and secondary schools will be notified of the results.
- (f) Fellowship/scholarship monies will be remitted to the institutions, which will be requested to make disbursement to the award recipients.
- (g) Certificates will be presented to the award recipients at the Awards Presentation Ceremony scheduled for March 2012.

8. **Handling of Information and Personal Data**

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council is serviced by the Student Financial Assistance Agency. The personal data provided in the nomination forms will be used for activities relating to the processing of the nomination for these fellowships/scholarships awards and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate review of the award scheme.

The personal data provided in the nomination forms for the Fellowships/Scholarships for Disabled Students will ONLY be disclosed to relevant parties :-

- (i) for the purposes mentioned in preceding paragraphs above; and
- (ii) for any other purposes with the consent of the data subjects unless such disclosure is permitted under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance without the consent of the data subjects.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, the candidate has the right to request the correction of and to request access to the data provided subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.

General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this nomination should be addressed to :

Assistant Controller (ADM)
Student Financial Assistance Agency
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong

9. **Enquiries**

For enquiries, please call the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat at 2150 6096 or 2150 6098.

DETAILS OF THE TERMS UNDER WHICH AWARDS ARE GRANTED ARE CONTAINED IN THE OFFER LETTER OF AWARD.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
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