

**Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships  
for Postgraduate Research Students 2011/12**

**1. Objective**

This fellowships scheme, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council (“the Council”), aims at encouraging and assisting full-time students pursuing **postgraduate studies by research**.

**2. Number of fellowships**

There will be about 10 fellowship awards for the 2011/12 academic year.

**3. Provision of the fellowships**

The fellowships are tenable for the 2011/12 academic year only. Each successful candidate will receive a one-off grant of \$30,000. They will not be required to relinquish scholarships, fellowships or bursaries concurrently held by them. Neither will the value of the fellowship 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) be registered full-time postgraduate research students undertaking UGC-funded / publicly-funded courses in 2011/12 at one of the institutions listed below :-
  - (i) City University of Hong Kong;
  - (ii) Hong Kong Baptist University;
  - (iii) Lingnan University;
  - (iv) The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
  - (v) The Hong Kong Institute of Education;
  - (vi) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
  - (vii) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; and

(viii) The University of Hong Kong.

- (d) be registered for a master degree on/after 1.7.2010 or a doctorate degree on/after 1.7.2009;
- (e) be nominated by the heads of institutions; and
- (f) not be engaged in full-time employment.

## 5. **Selection criteria**

Candidates will be selected by the Council on the basis of the following :-

- (a) standards of academic achievements and intellectual qualities;
- (b) leadership qualities as demonstrated in their involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community services;
- (c) proficiency in the language in which the research is undertaken;
- (d) strategic importance of the research to the social, economic and technological development of Hong Kong;
- (e) whether or not the research has been or is being done in Hong Kong;
- (f) possible completion of the research within 2 years for a master degree or 3 years for a doctorate degree; and
- (g) other personal qualities and potentials, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong.

The nominated candidate is required to provide an account of, in **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English, the reasons for his/her conducting research on the topic of his/her choice.

## 6. **Conditions of award**

The fellowships will be awarded to successful candidates subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) the recipient accepts that the fellowship 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 postgraduate research student;

- (b) the recipient undertakes to seek the Council's prior approval if he/she wishes to alter the research topic or study programme from that specified in the nomination form. Otherwise he/she may be required by the Council to repay the fellowship 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 A** which should reach the Secretary, Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong by **7 October 2011**.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The decisions of the Council shall be final.
- (d) The results of the awards will be announced in around February/March 2012. The concerned institutions will be notified of the results.
- (e) Fellowship monies will be remitted to the institutions, which will be requested to make disbursement to the award recipients.
- (f) 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 an award under this fellowships scheme 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 will **ONLY** be disclosed to relevant parties :-

- (a) for the purposes mentioned in preceding paragraphs above; and

- (b) 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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