

HKSAR Government Scholarships
香港特別行政區政府獎學金

Regulations
2017/18

Purpose and Background

The HKSAR Government Scholarships were established as part of a package of measures to further develop Hong Kong into a regional education hub. The Fund was set up to award Government scholarships to outstanding local and Mainland students, so as to:

- (a) reward outstanding local students who choose to pursue their studies in such programmes in Hong Kong;
- (b) recognize the achievements of outstanding local and non-local students, with a view to attracting them to stay in Hong Kong after graduation; and
- (c) promote the further development of Hong Kong as a regional education hub and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness in the long run.

In 2017/18, the HKSAR Government will offer 7 scholarship awards to Year 1 or Year 2 local and Mainland students.

- (a) 6 scholarships for local students
- (b) 1 scholarship for Mainland students.

Duration of Scholarships

Each scholarship will be tenable for a period of up to four years, depending on the normal duration of the programme concerned, and renewable annually subject to satisfactory academic performance of the awardees.

Value of Scholarships

The scholarships shall be HK\$40,000 each per year for local students and HK\$80,000 each per year for Mainland students.

Eligibility and Criteria

Scholarships are awarded to Year 1 or Year 2 local and Mainland students, having regard to following considerations:

- (a) excellent performance in academic studies in year-1 study;
- (b) recognized contribution to the institution/society;
- (c) demonstrated leadership and good communication skills; and/or
- (d) strong commitment to the Hong Kong community.

Selection Procedures

- (a) The scholarships are open for application.
- (b) Student Services Centre will shortlist local and Mainland students to attend an internal interview conducted by the Standing Panel of Scholarships of the University. The Panel comprises Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs) as convenor; one academic staff respectively from each of the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Director of Student Services as members; as well as one representative from the Students' Union as observer.
- (c) The decision of the scholarship selection panel shall be final, and shall not be subject to appeal from students.
- (d) The nominations will be sent to the Government Secretariat, HKSAR.

Conditions for Renewal

Renewal of each scholarship is on an annual basis, subject to continued outstanding academic performance in the preceding academic year. The University scholarship selection panel will assess the performance of candidates eligible for scholarship renewal and confirms that they meet the requirement.

Payment of Scholarships

The scholarship grants will be disbursed to the awardees in two equal instalments, in October and February respectively.

Revision and Amendments

All conditions stated above may be revised, amended and updated from time to time upon agreement between the HKSAR Government and the University.