Aim

The Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards (劉鑾雄交換生奬) have been established since 2012/13 academic year to support CityU outbound exchange students who have financial difficulties. In the academic year 2018/19, the Awards will support around 100 full-time, UGC-funded undergraduate students to participate in the Student Exchange Programme.

Funding Regulations

Around 100 awards shall be offered in 2018/19 to subsidise the costs for transportation and living expenses incurred by a semester-long exchange study outside Hong Kong. Value of each award may range from HK$21,000 to HK$30,000, depending on the students’ financial needs and exchange destinations. Details are as follows:

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The awards shall be offered to outbound exchange students who are full-time undergraduate students, irrespective of their place of origin and nationality. The student eligible to receive the award should:

1. enrol in a UGC-funded undergraduate programme;
2. have proven financial needs and meet the assessment criteria set by the University;
3. have attained academic merits with, at least, a CGPA of 3.0 or above at the time of application for exchange;
4. have not participated in similar University-organised exchange programmes outside Hong Kong;
5. have fulfilled the requirements for joining exchange programmes at institutional or departmental level, including English language requirement;
6. have been selected by the University for participating in credit-bearing exchange programmes; and
7. have been accepted by the University’s partner institution as an exchange student.

Funding decisions shall be made by the University based on the level of financial needs and academic merits of student applicants. Priority will be given to students who are in receipt of means-tested student financial assistance from Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency or whose families are in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).

Students who are granted with Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards will not be entitled for funding support of Student Exchange Fund or Special Fund for Non-local Outbound Exchange Students for the same period of exchange study.

Application and Selection

- Students having financial difficulties may apply for the awards by submitting their applications together with personal financial background information when accepting their exchange offer through AIMS.
- Funding decisions shall be made by the University based on the level of financial difficulties and academic merits of student applicants.
- Calls for applications shall be sent out twice a year. The application deadlines usually fall in March/April and October/November. Completed applications should be submitted online before the Awards application deadline on AIMS as announced by Global Services Office (GSO). Late applications will not be accepted.
- Applications will not be accepted if the studies/activities have already commenced or taken place. GSO’s decision shall be final.

Student’s Obligation

Awardees will honour an obligation to serve as CityU IFC Buddies, Exchange Programme Interviewers or resource persons, etc. to help promote the Student Exchange Programme.

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