HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund – Non-Academic Awards 2019-20

Value of the Award :	HK$10,000 each, for both local and non-local students
Target group :	• Students currently studying full-time UGC-funded degree or above level and sub-degree programmes • Excluding exchange students who are ***not*** studying a full degree or above programme in Hong Kong • Students who are having offshore study activities on a joint degree programme in 2019/20 are ***not*** eligible to be nominated for TDS and/or ROA 2019/20 • *The majority of recipients should be local students*
Names of Award :	**1. Talent Development Scholarship (TDS)** **2. Reaching Out Award (ROA)**
Method	Nominations shall be made by respective College/School/Department. Kindly note the deadline(s) set by your College/School/Department.

1. Talent Development Scholarship (TDS)

a. Aims and scope of areas

(i) The TDS aims to give recognition to students who have **demonstrated achievements or talents in non-academic areas** and provide support for these students to further develop their talent and potential.

(ii) The TDS will be offered to students who have demonstration talent or potential in at least one of the following areas:

a) Sports and games;
b) Music and performing arts;
c) Culture, arts and design; or
d) Innovation, science and technology

b. Criteria

(i) Demonstration of achievements in any of the above areas within **recent three years (i.e. 1 January 2016 to present)**; in addition, awardees should at least:

- Receive an award in **national or regional** competitions/performances; or represent institution or relevant association in such competitions/performances **and** have good recommendation/assessment by the institution or relevant organization on the capability or talent; **or**
- Receive an award (except commendable award in recognition of participation) in **local/inter-school/inter-institution** competitions.

Remarks:

- Students who only participate in the following activities should NOT normally be awarded TDS. These activities include:
  a) Being a team member/committee member of a school team/club/society
  b) Intra-school/intra-institution activities
  c) Work-related activities (e.g. internship/helpers or workers of an event etc.)
  d) Examinations on musical instruments
  e) Language proficiency tests (e.g. IELTS, TOFEL, etc.)

(ii) Achieve good academic attainment **with CGPA 2.5 or above**. For first-year students, they should have good academic results during secondary education (including public examinations).

(iii) A student may be awarded the TDS more than once throughout his studies of the relevant programme, and each application should be considered based on individual merits. Students who have been awarded the TDS before must be able to provide new evidence of award(s) and achievement(s) attained after receiving the TDS award in previous academic years.

For Reference:

Approved Year	**List of Approved TDS Activities**			
2012/2013 to 2018/2019	Sports and games	Music and performing arts	Culture, arts and design	Innovation, science and technology
2019/2020	Sports and games	Music and performing arts	Culture, arts and design	Innovation, science and technology

2. Reaching Out Award (ROA)

a. Aims

(i) The ROA aims to equip students with an international vision, broadening their exposure to multicultural environment and enhancing their communication skills in English, Putonghua or other languages.

(ii) It enables students to **participate in an event/competition (e.g. conferences/forums/ workshops/seminars/training camps/competitions, service projects, etc.), partake in an internship or a placement (credit-bearing/non-credit bearing), take part in a field/study trip or attend a course (e.g. foreign language immersion programmes, academic exchange programmes#, etc.)** that is conducted **outside Hong Kong in the 2019-20 academic year (i.e. 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020)**

(iii) The outreaching activities should either be **organized or endorsed by College/ School /Department**.

b. Criteria

(i) Achieve good academic attainment **with CGPA 3.0 or above**. For first-year students, they should have good academic results during secondary education (including public examinations).

(ii) The ROA can only be provided to the same student **once** over the entire study programme.

(iii) Each awardee is required to **submit a reflection report (at least 2,000 words for English or 1,000 words for Chinese) within one month of completion of the outreaching activity** to the institutions on the activities participated and the learning experiences and benefits acquired.

Remarks:
*# Academic exchange programmes refer to those exchange programmes conducting on short-term basis, **not** including semester-based exchange programmes (institutional, college/school or departmental level).*

For Reference : List of Approved ROA Activities 2019-20

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