City University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

Regulations

Objectives

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (the “Trust”) aims to identify and nurture outstanding talents to become caring leaders who will create positive change and inspire the wider society to strive for excellence. Since 1998, some HK$500 million were awarded to more than 750 young talents to support their undergraduate programmes at eight UGC-funded institutions and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

Scholarship Awards

In 2021/22, up to 45 students in total will receive full scholarships. Each of the eight UGC-funded institutions and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts will receive up to FIVE scholarship awards for

- Four Hong Kong students (including one with special educational needs (hereafter “SEN”)); and
- One student from mainland China.

Full scholarships, covering tuition fee, academic expenses and living costs for the entire normal length of study towards an undergraduate degree programme, are awarded. The value of scholarships for the 2021/2022 academic years are as follows:

1. Local Scholars: $113,000
2. Non-local Mainland Scholar: Tuition Fee + $70,900

The actual value of each scholarship is revised each year with reference to recommendations from the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency and respective institutions on the tuition fee and living expenses of the current academic year.

The actual scholarship amount payable to individual students for a particular academic year is subject to adjustments. For example, the scholarship amount will not cover non-credit bearing programmes in which students opt to participate, either held locally or overseas, in lieu of their normal coursework required by their study programme.

Understanding that SEN students may not necessarily follow the normal length of study required by their study programme due to health or other special conditions, the Trust will provide flexibility and accommodation on scholarship payment schedule upon request from the students and advice from their respective institution.

1One of the four scholarships for Hong Kong student is dedicated to a student with special educational needs. For definition, please refer to the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan released by the Labour and Welfare Bureau. See http://www.lwb.gov.hk/files/download/committees/rac/rpp/report/en/Chapter2a.pdf (Chapter 2).

2Students who are awarded the scholarship in year two will receive the scholarship payment for year one in arrears. The normal length of study refers to the normal number of terms or semesters that are required to complete the degree programme but not necessarily the normal number of years required.
Eligibility

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a permanent resident of the HKSAR or a citizen of the People’s Republic of China;
- Be a full-time first-year or second-year student studying their first undergraduate degree;
- Have a high standard of academic performance [see note 1]:
  o First-year applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in DSE or another recognised entry qualification. If selected, the scholarship will be offered on the condition that the student has attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 [see note 2] at the end of the first term or is ranked among top 10 percent in class;
  o Second-year applicants must have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 [see note 2] at the time of application or be ranked among top 10 percent in class;
- Have proficiency in written and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua) and English; and
- Provide proofs for their special educational needs, if applicable.

[Note 1] Considering the additional challenges that may be faced by SEN students, special accommodation may be made in the assessment process including the application of a corresponding set of academic performance requirements:

- Scholarship may be offered to first-year applicants on the condition that the student will achieve 70% of the maximum GPA achievable under the study programme. For instance, the minimum GPA required is 2.80 (out of possible GPA of 4.00) and 3.00 (out of possible GPA of 4.30).
- Second-year applicants must have attained a cumulative GPA of 2.80 (out of possible GPA of 4.0) or 3.00 (out of possible GPA of 4.30).

[Note 2] Applicants with outstanding achievements or exceptional leadership qualities but with a lower GPA of 3.30 or above, or a lower class rank (among top 15 percent) may also be considered. Evidence of these qualities, which are subject to examination by the JC Talent Development Secretariat, may include but not limited to awards, prizes, or other forms of recognition/credentials for demonstrating leadership in projects that benefit the community or other outstanding achievements.

Selection Criteria and Process

All Scholars are selected according to their merits and attributes in the following aspects:

| Intellect | Academic achievements, analytical aptitude and appetite; genuine interest in their subject of study; imagination, curiosity, and a global vision |
| Leadership | Outstanding leadership and team work inside or outside school activities, personal accomplishments or community commitments; potential and capabilities in challenging status quo; embrace diversity and a spirit of collaboration |
| Character | Strength of character – truth, courage, devotion to duty, empathy, social awareness, commitment to fairness and justice, compassion |
| Commitment to service | Commitment to betterment of others, care for social and community issues of public rather than personal benefit; connect with Hong Kong and has a view about how its community needs may be addressed |

All applications received are screened and a selection panel is set up to interview shortlisted candidates at The Hong Kong Jockey Club Headquarters. All candidates must appear in person at the interview without exception.

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3 ‘Class’ is defined as the group of students of the same cohort studying in the same programme.
Conditions for Renewal

The Scholarship is renewed on an annual basis subject to:

- The Scholar’s continued enrolment in the same institution;
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 or a class rank among top 10 percent [see note 3];
- Participation and achievements in community services; and
- Recommendation by the institution.

Students who do not meet the above conditions may be considered for conditional renewal upon recommendation by the institution with strong justifications. The Scholarship may be terminated if a student is unable to meet the renewal conditions.

[Note 3] Special accommodation may be provided to SEN students and they are in general required to achieve consistent academic performance.

Concurrent Awards

Upon conferment, recipients of the Scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses. The Scholars may continue to receive other honours, recognitions and awards, such as those that support the students’ non-credit-bearing overseas studies, recognise the students’ specific contributions or achievements, and, in the case of SEN students, provide for supporting equipment.

The Jockey Club Scholar Experience

Recipients of the Scholarship may be called “Jockey Club Scholars” or “JC Scholars” in short. Being a JC Scholar, the student will become a member of a network of past and current JC Scholars and enjoy various privileges, such as opportunities to participate in learning, networking and community service programmes.

All JC Scholars are expected to actively support the Trust’s activities to the best of their abilities. Most importantly, they are required to attend the scholarship award presentation ceremony of their cohort and an induction programme. Scholars are also automatically enrolled as a member of the Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association, a self-running, Trust-supported organisation that was established to mobilise JC Scholars to serve the community.

Application and Deadline

Eligible students may approach their respective academic departments for nominations or submit their applications individually. For individual applications, application form can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.cityu.edu.hk/sds/web/studentlife_scholarships_open.shtml. Each applicant should submit the following documents on or before 12:00 noon, 15 September 2021 via email to Miss Vivian Lau (vivian.lau@cityu.edu.hk) of Student Development Services:

i. a completed application form;
ii. copies of academic record/certificate of public examinations and/or demonstrable record and references on his/her talents;
iii. relevant document and references in support of his/her outstanding personal quality and leadership; and
iv. proofs of his/her special education needs, if applicable.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a selection interview IN PERSON in late September / early October 2021.
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Application Form 2022 Cohort

You are applying for:

☐ Scholarship for Hong Kong students — For permanent residents of the HKSAR who pay the local tuition fee

☐ Scholarship for Mainland students — For students from mainland China who pay the international tuition fee

☐ Scholarship for students with special educational needs — For permanent HK residents who have special educational needs that are recognised by the government.

This application form must be completed by the applicant. Please fill in ALL fields in ENGLISH unless otherwise indicated. Applicants should attach their full transcript (mandatory) and may attach a maximum of one reference letter (optional). The Hong Kong Jockey Club will not review attachments not requested for submission.

Please fill in the form with Adobe Acrobat Reader. Download it for free at: https://get.adobe.com/reader/

Personal Particulars

Last Name                  Given Name       Other Name    Chinese Name

Gender (M/F)               Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  Place of Birth

HKID Number

Number of Years of Residence in HK  From  To  Mobile Phone Number

Home Address

School E-mail Address

Preferred E-mail Address if different from above

Please list overseas locations where you have stayed for more than one month

Hobbies / Interests

Particulars of Special Educational Needs (if any)¹

Type of Special Educational Needs

Please indicate the functional difficulty of the special educational needs and attach the most recent medical report and/or supporting documents such as assessment report or an official approval letter or disability allowance.

Academic Background

Name of Institution

Degree Programme (Official name; do not use acronyms)

Major(s)

Current Year of Study (Year One or Two)  Total Normal Length of Study (Number of Years)  Expected Graduation in (MM/YYYY)

Please list out all secondary and post-secondary schools previously attended (in reverse chronological order)

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<th>From (Year)</th>
<th>To (Year)</th>
<th>Name and Location of School</th>
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Please list out scholarships, prizes and other academic awards received in the past 3 years (in reverse chronological order)

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<th>Month/Year</th>
<th>Name of Award</th>
<th>Amount (HK$)</th>
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Public exam (HKDSE / IB / GCE AL / other please specify)

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*Must be completed if GPA is not relevant or available.*

**Note:** First-year applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in DSE or another recognised entry qualification.

For second-year applicants only:

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<th>Cumulative GPA (or equivalent, up to 3 decimal places)</th>
<th>Out of Max. GPA</th>
<th><em>Class Rank</em></th>
<th><em>Out of Class Size</em></th>
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Community Service and Other Experiences

Please list 5 most noteworthy extra-curricular activities that you participated in the past 3 years (in reverse chronological order)

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<th>Period (MM/YYYY)</th>
<th>Name of Organisation / Activities</th>
<th>Your Role and Achievement (in 30 words or Less)</th>
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Please list out past work experience, both part-time and full-time (the most recent one at the top)

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<th>Period (MM/YYYY)</th>
<th>Name of Employer</th>
<th>Your Role and Achievement</th>
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Personal Statements

1. Do you think you have the essential qualities of a future caring leader? How could you prepare yourself as a leader? (no more than 300 words)

2. What social issue you find the most pressing and how could you contribute? (No more than 300 words)
Personal Statements (Continued)

3. 分享你人生的重要經歷。(不多於300字)
Declaration by Applicant

I understand that the provision of all personal information requested in this form is obligatory and failure to provide such information and the required documents may affect the processing and outcome of the application. I declare that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. Any misrepresentation may lead to disqualification.

I declare that I have read and fully understand and agree with the Regulations of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships (Annex A) and the contents of the Privacy Policy Statement of the Trust and the Club (http://www.hkjc.com/english/corporate/corp_privacy.asp). Without limiting the generality of the contents of the Privacy Policy Statement:-

(a) I authorise any university or institution identified in this application form to release all information provided in this form to the Trust and/or the Club to support my application. I also authorise such university or institution to release any other information which may be deemed relevant by the Trust and/or the Club to support this application. I agree that the result of my scholarship application may be shared with the university or institution.

(b) I authorise any organisation or employer identified in this application form to release all information provided in this form to the Trust and/or the Club for verification of such information, and to provide reference as requested by the Trust and/or the Club to support this application.

(c) I understand that if I was successful in the application :-

   (i) I would be referred to as a “Jockey Club Scholar” and automatically enrolled as a member of The Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association (JCSAA). I agree that the Trust or the Club may use and pass my personal information, including but not limited to my name, contact details, educational and professional background, to JCSAA for future communication and engagement purposes.

   (ii) I am required to attend the award presentation ceremony, the induction programme, and other key events or ceremony organised by the Trust, the Club or JCSAA.

   (iii) My name and educational and professional background may be publicised by the Trust, the Club or JCSAA via various channels (such as websites, social media platforms, publications and other public channels) for reporting or promotion of the Scholarship and JCSAA.

Date

Applicant’s Signature
To be Completed by the Institution

I certify that [Name] has been interviewed by members of our selection panel and he or she is considered to be eligible for the scholarship. Our statement of recommendation is provided as follows:

Certified by [Institution]

Date

[Name]

[Title]

Note: Please sign and/or stamp as appropriate.
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