The Donor

The D. H. Chen Foundation is a Hong Kong-based private philanthropic organization founded in 1970 by Dr. Din Hwa Chen, an ardent philanthropist and a devout Buddhist whose vision of supporting community initiatives continues to drive the Foundation’s work to this day. Aspiring to build a compassionate society, the Foundation has been endeavoring to steer innovative, impactful and sustainable initiatives to realize Dr. Chen’s philosophy “Care for others as well as you would care for yourself”. For more information, please visit the website of the Foundation at http://www.dhchenfoundation.com, and that of the Scholarship at http://www.dhcfscholarship.com.

Objectives

The Scholarship aims to nurture future leaders who will bring about positive social change through combining their intellect, motivation and compassion. Apart from the provision of comprehensive financial support, the Scholarship Program offers a wide range of distinctive components enabling the Scholars to explore and realize different academic, personal and social goals. These features include social service exposure, mentorship, Scholars network and other learning opportunities that foster the Scholars’ professional and philanthropic aspirations.

Number of scholarships

A maximum of 20 scholarships will be granted each year to local students who are enrolled full time at one of the participating universities, namely The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and The University of Hong Kong.

Duration of scholarships

Each scholarship is tenable for the normative period of study of the enrolled undergraduate programme at the time of application subject to fulfilling the renewal requirements. The Scholars are required to submit a progress report by July every year.

Value of each scholarship

The Scholarship will consist of three components including tuition fee waiver, living allowance and overseas exchange / study trip allowance. However, there are additional requirements for the awardees to receive the living allowance and exchange scholarship.

1. Tuition fee waiver – This shall cover the annual tuition fee (HK$42,100 for the academic year 2019/20) for full-time undergraduate degree programme. This component is renewable on the condition that the Scholars can attain a Year GPA * of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 or equivalent in the preceding academic year.

   * Year GPA is calculated on the basis of the academic results of Term 1 and Term 2 only. Academic results of summer session are excluded. For medical students, GPA equivalent provided by the Faculty of Medicine will be used in lieu of Year GPA.
2. **Living allowance** – An additional living allowance of HK$38,000 (subject to annual review) will be offered to Scholars with proven financial need or special educational needs (as defined under “Eligibility” below). This component is renewable on the condition that the Scholars can demonstrate continued financial or special educational needs. The living allowance, however, will be suspended in the year when the Scholars participate in a full-year exchange programme under the financial support of the overseas exchange / study trip allowance as stated below.

For financially disadvantaged Scholars who participate in an overseas exchange / study trip less than one year, a living allowance will still be disbursed to them on a pro-rata basis in the year they also receive the overseas exchange / study trip allowance. If the Scholars participate in their overseas trip in their final year of study, the payment of living allowance could only be processed upon the approval from the Foundation on the funding application of the overseas exchange / study trip allowance.

3. **Overseas exchange / study trip allowance** – A maximum amount of HK$80,000 will be offered to each Scholar for his/her enrollment in a **maximum of two** overseas exchange programmes or overseas study trips, organized or endorsed by the respective university, during his/her undergraduate study. The Scholars are required to make their own application for the desired exchange programme / overseas study trip. Upon admission of the exchange programme / overseas study trip, the Scholars would be required to submit a separate application for each overseas exchange / study trip allowance together with the estimated budget to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid for review. The actual amount of the allowance for the trip will depend on the duration and destination and be subject to the final approval by the Foundation.

The Scholarship, including all components, will be suspended should the Scholar fail to meet the academic requirement for renewal. The Scholar can reinstate the Scholarship for the coming year by fulfilling the Year GPA requirement, subject to the final decision of the Foundation.

The Scholarship will be discontinued should the Scholar withdraw from the undergraduate programme, be suspended or expelled from CUHK.

**Eligibility**

The candidates must
- be permanent residents of Hong Kong;
- be full-time Year 1 undergraduate students in 2019/20^;  
- be studying a UGC-funded undergraduate programme;
- have attained a Year GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 or equivalent in 2019/20^; and
- demonstrate leadership, civic mindedness and commitment to social services.

^ Students enrolled in two-year undergraduate programmes are **NOT** eligible for this Scholarship.

# Though the academic results for Term 2 of 2019/20 are not available yet at the time of application, students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered.
In addition to the criteria listed above, applicants with any of the following will be considered for a living allowance:-

1. Proven financial needs (e.g. recipients of government grants/loans, whose families are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or whose household income is below the median monthly domestic household income according to the latest Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (www.censtatd.gov.hk) issued by the Census and Statistics Department, etc.);

According to the Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (October to December 2019), the median monthly household income by household size for reference is as follows:

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<th>Household Size</th>
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2. Documentary proof of special learning needs (e.g. specific learning disabilities, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, etc.).

Scholars are NOT allowed to concurrently hold other scholarships/bursaries during the tenure of The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship, except prizes and awards for student enrichment support. Students who have received other scholarships and/or bursaries for the academic year 2019/20 and/or 2020/21 are still eligible. However, they are required to RELINQUISH the said scholarships and bursaries before accepting the offer of The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship 2020/21.

Other features

1. Social services - To nurture their passion for and commitment to serving the society and to promote the well-being of others, Scholars are required to participate and play an active role in a social service project/program during their undergraduate study that is:-
   a. organized or supported by CUHK; or
   b. initiated and organized by the Scholars (prior clearance by The D. H. Foundation is recommended); or
   c. organized by The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network.

The Scholars could also fulfill their social services requirement with substantive volunteering services at a local/overseas NGO. The Scholars are encouraged to fulfill their social services requirement before their final year of study. Any Scholars who fail to fulfill the social services requirement during their normative period of study may be required to refund the scholarship amount received before graduation/completion of the Scholarship Program unless with good reasons and the approval from the Foundation.

2. The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network – It is a learning platform to connect all Scholars for future leadership development and social engagement initiatives. The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network consists of activities including Social Innovation Retreat, Service Fund and Buddy Program.
3. **Annual award reception** – An annual award reception will be hosted by the Foundation to celebrate the Scholars’ achievements. Vice-Chancellors/Presidents, senior representatives and Scholars of the participating universities will be invited to attend the reception.

4. **Vice-Chancellor / President roundtable** – An annual roundtable meeting will be hosted by the Vice-Chancellor/President of CUHK for the Scholars as recognition and an opportunity to share learning experiences.

5. **Mentorship** – A mentorship program will be arranged by the Foundation to offer the Scholars an opportunity to be mentored by respected and experienced leaders in different fields, propelling social change.

**Application Procedures**


2. Completed application form together with all requisite documents (please refer to the “Checklist of Supporting Documents” for details) should be submitted online at [http://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=9281982](http://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=9281982) **on or before 29 May 2020**. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

3. Suitable candidates are required to attend a selection interview held in and by the University in late June/ early July 2020. Shortlisted candidates are then required to attend in person an interview to be held by The D. H. Chen Foundation in Hong Kong in August 2020 (tentatively). The cost of travel to the interviews will not be reimbursed to the candidates.

4. Though the academic results for Term 2 of 2019/20 are not available yet, interested students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered. However, only applicants who have eventually attained a Year GPA of 3.5 or above will be shortlisted for further selection.

5. The decisions of the University and/or the donor are final and not subject to review. The reasons for shortlisting, nominating, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

6. Results will be announced in August/September 2020.

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