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. 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.

Vision and Objectives of the Scholarship

Vision: To nurture compassionate and insightful leaders for positive social change.

Objectives:
- To enhance social awareness through active engagement in local and overseas community;
- To network with diverse talents and together become social incubators for greater good;
- To be mentored and inspired by experienced leaders in different fields to propel social change.

Number of Awards

A maximum of 20 awards will be granted each year to local students who are enrolled full time at one of the participating universities, namely City University of Hong Kong, 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 the Scholarship

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

Yet 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.

Value of Each Award

The financial award of this Scholarship will consist of tuition fee waiver, living allowance and overseas learning allowance. However, there are additional requirements for the awardees to receive the living allowance and overseas learning allowance.
1. **Tuition fee waiver** – This shall cover the annual tuition fee (HK$42,100 for the academic year 2020/21) for full-time UGC-funded 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, with all letter grades of courses taken available 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. **Overseas learning allowance** – A maximum total amount of HK$80,000 will be offered to each Scholar for his/her enrollment in **up to two** overseas learning trips (e.g. exchange programme, study trip abroad, etc.), organized or endorsed by the respective university, during his/her undergraduate studies. The Scholars are required to make their own application for the desired overseas learning trip. Upon successful application for the overseas learning trip, the Scholars would be required to submit a separate application for each overseas learning 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.

3. **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:

   i. 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](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk)) issued by the Census and Statistics Department, etc.).

   According to the Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (October to December 2020), the median monthly household income by household size for reference is as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Household Size</th>
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<td>1 Person</td>
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   ii. Documentary proof of special learning needs (e.g. specific learning disabilities, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, etc.).

   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 learning allowance as stated above.

   For financially disadvantaged Scholars who participate in an overseas learning 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 learning 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 learning allowance.

Eligibility

The candidates must
- be permanent residents of Hong Kong;
- be full-time Year 1 undergraduate students in 2020/21 [1];
- be studying a UGC-funded undergraduate programme;
- have attained a Year GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0, or equivalent, with ALL letter grades of courses taken available in 2020/21 [2]; and
- demonstrate leadership abilities and commitment to making positive social change.

[1] Students enrolled in two-year undergraduate programmes are NOT eligible for this Scholarship.

[2] Though the academic results for Term 2 of 2020/21 are not available yet at the time of application, students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered.

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 2020/21 and/or 2021/22 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 2021/22.

Other Program Components

1. **Social Good Initiative** – for exclusive projects and services exposure & Social Good Fund for innovation. Scholars are required to participate and play an active role in a social service project/program during their undergraduate studies that is:-
   
   a. organized or endorsed by CUHK; or
   b. initiated and organized by the Scholars (prior clearance by The D. H. Foundation is needed); or
   c. offered by The D. H. Chen Foundation and their partnered NGOs.

   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** – to connect with diverse talents.

3. **Mentorship** – to get inspiration from experienced social leaders.

4. **Internship** – to provide Scholars with opportunities to develop and realize their aspiration.

5. **Annual Reception** – An annual reception will be hosted by the Foundation. Scholars of the participating universities will be invited to attend the reception to meet with distinguished leaders and guests.
6. **Vice-Chancellor / President roundtable** – A roundtable meeting will be hosted by the Vice-Chancellor/President of CUHK for the Scholars as recognition and an opportunity to share learning experiences.

**Application Procedures**


2. Completed application form together with all requisite documents should be submitted online by uploading them at [http://cloud.itc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=12680116](http://cloud.itc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=12680116) **on or before 24 May 2021**. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Please refer to the “OAFA List of Documents for Submission” for details.

3. Suitable candidates are required to attend a selection interview held in and by the University in late June 2021. Shortlisted candidates are then required to attend an interview to be held by The D. H. Chen Foundation in August 2021.

4. Though the academic results for Term 2 of 2020/21 are not available yet, interested students should still submit their scholarship applications if they would like to be considered. However, only applicants who have fulfilled the academic requirements as stipulated in this information sheet will be shortlisted for further consideration.

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 late August 2021.

**Enquiries**

Please contact the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at sfas@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943 7204.

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