THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Edwin S H Leong Hughes Hall Scholarship 2019/20

Information Sheet

To enable students of outstanding academic merit from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (“CUHK”) who need support to pursue postgraduate study at The University of Cambridge (“Cambridge”), Dr. Edwin Leong will generously donate a scholarship tenable at Hughes Hall in Cambridge for an outstanding graduate from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (“CUHK”) to pursue full-time study at Master’s level, either for a taught or research degree, in the academic year 2019-20.

1. Conditions of Eligibility

The Scholarship shall only be awarded to the CUHK alumni who graduated within the recent 3 years (i.e. 2016, 2017 and 2018 classes). It may also be awarded to a final-year student contingent upon graduating from CUHK before taking up the Scholarship.

Candidates should:

(i) have a first degree or postgraduate degree from CUHK;
(ii) apply for 2019 entry to the University of Cambridge at full-time Master’s level, either for a taught or research degree;
(iii) select Hughes Hall as their first choice college;
(iv) meet the minimum standard in English language required by the Board of Graduate Studies of Cambridge; and
(v) have demonstrable financial need.

The Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate who should meet the criteria set by the Selection Committee of CUHK, have leadership and moral integrity, and reveal the potential to make a contribution to the community.

The Scholarship is awarded on merit and competitive basis.

2. Application Procedures

Each candidate for the Scholarship is required to make an application using the designated Application Form. The completed application form together with a personal statement and all the supporting documents should be submitted by hand or by post to the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Room 1202, 12/F, Yasumoto International Academic Park, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong (office hours: Monday – Friday 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. except Public Holidays) by 5:30 p.m., 14 March 2019 (Hong Kong time).

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

3. Application Materials

Each candidate must submit the following materials to CUHK together with his/her completed application:

(i) a record certified by the Registrar of CUHK, or other responsible officer, of the programme pursued, together with honours and degrees, if any;

(ii) a copy of school leaving examinations/public examination results, and if any English test report such as CPE, IELTS, etc.; (Please note that not all of the English tests are accepted by the University of Cambridge and the required scores may vary. Please check carefully the language
test requirement for each programme applied.)

(iii) proof of major awards and scholarships obtained after entering university;

(iv) proof of extra-curricular activities and community service after entering university. This proof can be verified either as a reference letter or any other way by the applicant;

(v) a personal statement, of not more than 5 pages, by the candidate about his/her general interests, the course of study which he/she proposes to follow at Cambridge, and the future career goal; and on how the scholarship could help him/her financially and in other ways;

(vi) two confidential recommendation letters from referees who are well acquainted with the candidate and must be persons under whom the candidate has studied at CUHK; and

(vii) one recent photograph of the candidate. This must be a professional or passport photograph with the candidate's full name in block letters written on its back. Amateur snapshot will not be accepted.

4. Selection of Candidates

Applications will be considered by the University Selection Committee.

Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. No candidate will be selected without attending the interview. It is expected that interview will be held in March 2019 in Hong Kong. The cost of travel to the interview will not be reimbursed to the candidates.

The benefactor, Dr. Edwin Leong, will meet the candidate nominated by the University Selection Committee before final confirmation of the selection result.

The decision of the University Selection Committee and the donor is final and not subject to review, and the reasons for shortlisting, nominating, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

5. Application for Admission to The University of Cambridge

While applying for this Scholarship, applicants should also submit their application for admission via the University of Cambridge’s Board of Graduate Studies (BGS) and be accepted by the relevant Department and the BGS.

Applicants must select Hughes Hall as their first choice College when completing the BGS application form.

The Scholarship will not be confirmed until the candidate has been accepted by Cambridge and Hughes Hall for admission.

6. Value Amount of Scholarship

The maximum value of the Scholarship is 32,000 British Pound (subject to confirmation) which may cover, in full or in part, the following:

(i) the University Composition Fee;

(ii) the College fee;

(iii) a maintenance allowance to take care of board and lodging set each year by the Cambridge Overseas Trust and a settling-in fee; and

(iv) the cost of one return airfare between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom by the most economical route.

The scholarship recipient will be responsible for paying the fees difference and any remaining costs if the total expenditure is beyond the maximum limit.

Tenure of other awards in conjunction with this Scholarship is not permitted without the prior consent of CUHK and the donor.