Established in 1998, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships (Website: http://jcscholarships.hk/) are dedicated to nurturing outstanding talents to become compassionate leaders who will create positive change and inspire the wider society to strive for excellence.

The Scholarships

In 2018/19, FOUR awards will be available for Hong Kong students (including one with special educational needs). Applicants are only allowed to apply for ONE category of Scholarships, either ‘Scholarship for Hong Kong Students’ OR ‘Scholarship for Students with Special Educational Needs’.

The value of each award, subject to review and adjustments, is estimated at HK$108,300 each year for local students. The scholarship will cover tuition fee, academic expenses and living costs for the entire normal length of study towards an undergraduate degree programme.

The Scholarships will be renewed annually provided that the scholarship recipients continue their enrolment in the same institution, have attained a class rank among top 15% or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30[Note 1], demonstrated active participation in community services, and been recommended by their Faculty.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be permanent Hong Kong residents;
- be full-time first-year or second-year[Note 2] students studying their first undergraduate degree in the academic year 2018/19;
- have a high standard of academic performance[Note 3];
  - (i) First-year applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) or another recognised entry qualification. If selected, the scholarship will be offered on the condition that the student is ranked among top 10% in class or will achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.50[Note 4] at the end of the first term;
  - (ii) Second-year applicants must be ranked among top 10% in class or have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50[Note 4] at the time of application;
- be proficient in Chinese (including Putonghua) and English; and
- provide proofs showing their special educational needs (for local applicants with special educational needs only).

[Note 1] Special accommodation may be provided to students with special educational needs and they are in general required to achieve consistent academic performance.

[Note 2] Based on the curriculum of the study programme.

[Note 3] Considering the additional challenges that may be faced by local students with special educational needs, special accommodation may be made in the assessment process including the application of a corresponding set of academic performance requirements:

  - (i) 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 (i.e. the minimum GPA required is 2.80 out of 4.0).
  - (ii) Second-year applicants must have attained a cumulative GPA of 2.80 out of 4.0.

[Note 4] Applicants with outstanding achievements or exceptional leadership qualities but with a lower class rank (among top 15 percent) or a lower GPA of 3.30 or above may also be considered. Evidence of these qualities, which are subject to examination by the JC Scholarship 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.
Application Procedures

1. Information on the Scholarships and the application form can be downloaded from the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk (Financing Your Studies > Scholarships > Open for Applications).

2. Please read the Regulations, Information Sheet, Notes for Applicants as well as all application documents carefully and follow the instructions strictly.

3. **Completed application form together with all requisite documents should be submitted to your Faculty Office on or before 17 September 2018.** Please check with your Faculty for the submission location. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. **Please refer to the Notes for Applicants attached to the application form which is provided by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid for the requisite documents to be submitted by the applicants.**

4. Shortlisted candidates are required to attend a selection interview held in and by the University in October 2018. Finalists will then be invited by the donor to attend an interview in November 2018. All interviews will be held in Hong Kong and candidates are required to attend the interviews **IN PERSON.** No phone interview/ interview by Skype will be arranged. The cost of travel to the interviews will **NOT** be reimbursed to the candidates.

Important Notes to Scholarship Recipients

1. Upon conferment, scholarship recipients should not or no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships / awards which subsidize their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses. They, however, 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 students with special educational needs, provide for supporting equipment.

2. Students who have received other scholarships / awards are still eligible to apply for The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships 2018/19. However, they are required to **RELINQUISH** other scholarships/award before accepting The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships 2018/19 in order to fulfill the condition as stipulated in Point 1 above.

3. All scholarship recipients **MUST** attend both an induction programme and Scholarship Presentation Ceremony of their cohort, which will be held tentatively in the second quarter of 2019.

4. 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.

Enquiries

Please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at sfas@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943 7209 / 3943 1737.

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