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

The Scholarships
In 2020/21, 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$112,300 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 10% 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 residents of HKSAR;
• be full-time first-year or second-year[Note 2] students studying their first undergraduate degree in the academic year 2020/21;
• 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 has attained 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 written and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua) and English; and
• provide proofs for their special educational needs and specify the current challenges in their studies (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%) 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 9 September 2020. Please check with your Faculty for the submission method. 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 2020. Finalists will then be invited by the donor to attend an interview in November 2020. All interviews will be held in Hong Kong and candidates are required to attend the interviews IN PERSON. The cost of travel to the interviews will NOT be reimbursed to the candidates. The University will consider the situation of the pandemic and travel restrictions near the time for finalizing the format of our internal interviews. However, please note that format of the final interview is decided by the donor.

Important Notes to Scholarship Recipients

1. Upon conferment, scholarship recipients should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards which subsidize their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses. They, 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 or awards are still eligible to apply for The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships 2020/21. However, they are required to RELINQUISH other scholarships or awards before accepting The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships 2020/21 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 2021.

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

Enquiries
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