About the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (the “Trust”) is dedicated to nurturing caring leaders for a better Hong Kong. Since 1998, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships (the “Scholarships”) have supported young talents to pursue their studies through the Undergraduate Scholarship, and have since then expanded and diversified to include a Graduate Scholarship and a Vocational Education Scholarship. In 2023, two new entrance Undergraduate Scholarship schemes, namely The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman’s Scholarship and The Hong Kong Jockey Club Striding On Scholarship, were launched to recognise outstanding students and support their academic pursuits in Hong Kong.

The Scholarships reward outstanding students, known as JC Scholars, for their intellect, character, leadership qualities and commitment to service. Under this Trust-Initiated Project, some HK$877 million have been committed to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships, supporting more than 970 young talents to pursue their studies. More information is available on http://jcscholarships.hk/.

Terms of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship (the “UG Scholarship”) offers up to 27 scholarships annually to outstanding local students pursuing undergraduate studies in Hong Kong’s eight University Grants Committee (“UGC”)-funded institutions and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Each of these nine institutions will be allocated up to THREE scholarship awards.

The UG Scholarship covers (1) full tuition fee, academic and living allowance for the entire normative duration of study towards an undergraduate degree programme, (2) overseas learning subsidies, and (3) an opportunity to participate in an overseas leadership programme.

The actual value of each scholarship depends on:

- the Institution chosen and the normative study period of the undergraduate programme. For example, the scholarship amount will not cover non-credit bearing programmes in which students opt to participate, either held locally or overseas, in lieu of their normal coursework required by their study programme.
- recommendations from the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency and respective institutions on the tuition fee and living expenses of the current academic year.
For JC Scholars who do not complete their study programme within the normal length of study due to health or other special conditions, the Club may provide flexibility and accommodation on scholarship payment schedule based on student requests and recommendation from the respective Institution. Such arrangements are subject to the Scholarship Secretariat’s review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

Payment via the scholars’ corresponding institutions will be arranged.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the UG Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be full-time local undergraduate students who are enrolled in a UGC-funded degree programme, pursuing their first undergraduate degree;
- Have the right of abode or the right to land, or have entered Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
- Have completed their senior secondary education in Hong Kong;
- Have a high standard of academic performance [see Note1]:
  - Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in DSE or another recognised entry qualification and has attained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 at the end of the first term or is ranked among top 10 percent in class1;
  - Have proficiency in English and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua).

[Note 1] Applicants with outstanding achievements or exceptional leadership qualities but with a lower GPA of 3.30 or above, or a lower class rank (among top 15 percent) may be considered. Evidence of these qualities, which are subject to examination by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships Secretariat (“Scholarships 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.

Selection Criteria

All Scholars are selected according to their merits and attributes in the following aspects:

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<th>Intellect</th>
<th>Academic achievements, analytical aptitude and appetite; genuine interest in their subject of study; imagination, curiosity, and a global vision</th>
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<td>Leadership</td>
<td>Outstanding leadership and team work inside or outside school activities, personal accomplishments or community commitments; potential and capabilities in challenging status quo; embrace diversity and a spirit of collaboration</td>
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<td>Character</td>
<td>Strength of character – truth, Integrity, courage, devotion to duty, empathy, social awareness, compassion, humility</td>
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<td>Commitment to service</td>
<td>Commitment to betterment of others, care for social and community issues of public rather than personal benefit; connect with Hong Kong and has a view about how its community needs may be addressed</td>
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1 ‘Class’ is defined as the group of students of the same cohort studying in the same programme.
Application Procedures

All applicants must be nominated by their respective institution in which they are currently studying.

Each institution can nominate up to SIX students by submitting a duly completed application form, together with other required information to the Scholarships Secretariat.

Interview Assessment

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview, which is tentatively scheduled in February 2024. All shortlisted applicants must attend the interview in person at the timeslot assigned by the Scholarships Secretariat without exception.

Results

Successful applicants will be informed of the result of their applications in writing tentatively in March 2024. If applicants do not receive any notifications by the end of June 2024, they may deem that their applications are unsuccessful.

Key Dates (2023/24 Cohort)

The table below illustrates the dates of key events of the UG Scholarship.

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<td>1 October 2023 to 31 January 2024</td>
<td>Application and nomination period</td>
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<td>Announcement of results of the UG Scholarship</td>
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Application and Deadline

Interested parties should approach their respective institution for more information and application details, including the application deadline. Eligible candidates will be invited to complete an application form and submit essays. All applications should be submitted to the applicants’ own institution.

Annual Review of the award of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is reviewed on an annual basis subject to:

- The Scholar’s continued enrolment in the same institution;
- Participation and achievements in community services; and
- Recommendation by the institution.

Undertaking

Successful applicants are required to sign an undertaking letter on the terms of the UG Scholarship.
**Concurrent Awards**

Upon conferment, recipients of the Scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses.

**The Jockey Club Scholar Experience**

Recipients of the Scholarship will be named “Jockey Club Scholars” or “JC Scholars” in short. Being a JC Scholar, the student will become a member of a network of past and current JC Scholars and enjoy various privileges, such as opportunities to participate in learning, networking and community service programmes.

All JC Scholars are expected to actively support the Trust’s activities to the best of their abilities. Most importantly, they are required to attend the scholarship award presentation ceremony of their cohort and an induction programme. Scholars are also automatically enrolled as a member of the Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association, a self-running, Trust-supported organisation that was established to mobilise JC Scholars to serve the community.

**Interpretation**

The Club reserves the right of final interpretation of this Regulations.

For enquiries, please contact the respective office of your institution.

*The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships Secretariat*

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