

Occupational Safety & Health Best Project Scholarship for the Academic Year 2023/24

Objective

1. Occupational safety and health is always known as a multidisciplinary science concerned with safety, health and welfare of people at work, covering a wide range of fields such as architecture, building and real estate, construction, design, engineering, ergonomics, law, medicine, psychology and occupational rehabilitation.
2. To encourage post-secondary students in Hong Kong to appreciate the importance of occupational safety and health in their studies, the Occupational Safety and Health Council organizes the Occupational Safety & Health Best Project Scholarship for projects completed for the academic year 2023/24.
3. Students enrolling in post-secondary University / College / Institution of Vocational Education / Training Academy who demonstrated capabilities of implementing quality applied research related to occupational safety and health in their studies are invited to apply for this Scholarship.

Eligibility

1. Applications should be in pursuit of Postgraduate programmes or Undergraduate / sub-degree programmes.
2. Applicant should be a student enrolling in an award-bearing programme of duration of not less than one year offered by a recognized local post-secondary institution in Hong Kong.
3. Applicants can be from government-funded postgraduate, undergraduate or sub-degree studies on a part-time or full-time mode.
4. Both local and non-local students are eligible.
5. Applicants should be holder of Hong Kong Identity Card.
6. The submission of applicant's project work should have been completed in the recent two academic years, ie 2022/23 and 2023/24.
7. Applications should be made via the project supervisor, subject leader, or programme leader with the endorsement from the Head of academic department which offers the course programme with the consent of the applicants.
8. Applicant is only eligible to receive this Scholarship once throughout the study.

Number of Scholarship

1. Scholarships and prizes, ranging in value from HK\$4,000 to HK\$20,000 would be offered subject to the funding availability and the quality of applications received.
2. A maximum of 3 Scholarships with a cash prize of HK\$10,000 would be conferred.
3. A maximum of 5 eligible applications may also be shortlisted to receive a Certificate of Merit and a cash prize of HK\$4,000.

4. Application demonstrating exceptional project excellence would be conferred with a cash prize of HK\$20,000.
5. The total number of Scholarships is conferred and granted at the sole discretion of the Occupational Safety & Health Council.

Closing Date of Application

The completed application form together with a copy of the project report / dissertation for the academic year of 2023/24, as well as an A4 page summary of the project (no more than 500 words) including aim, methodology, results, relevance to occupational safety and health, and contribution, should be submitted to the Occupational Safety & Health Council, 19/F, China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong on or before **30 September 2024**. All entries received would not be returned to the applicant.

Selection Criteria

1. Selection will be based on the applicant's project work in any subject area relating to occupational safety and hygiene, work ergonomics, accident prevention and loss control, construction safety, risk management, OSH for small and medium enterprises, safety and health products design, work injury and rehabilitation etc. The submission can be in the form of a report of final year project, honored or post-graduate degree dissertation which take at least one full semester to complete.
2. The Research Committee or its Selection Panel will select the suitable applicants from the applications based on the relevance, scientific merits, quality, originality of the submission, and contributions to occupational safety and health in granting the Scholarship.
3. Decision of the Research Committee or its Selection Panel would be final. The Committee or the Panel will not be required to divulge to any person why a particular applicant has not been selected. All information regarding the applications, applicants and the selection process would be kept strictly confidential.
4. Shortlisted applicants might be invited to attend an interview, and attendance in person is required.
5. Successful applicants will be notified through their project supervisor, subject leader, or programme leader.

Publicity

1. Successful applicants will be required to provide the Council a scientific paper summary on the winning research work in Chinese (between 2,000 to 5,000 words).
2. The Council shall have the right to display, disseminate or release the findings of the OSH Best Project Scholarship winning entries to the public in the form that the Council considers appropriate.

