THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

**Endeavour Merit Award 2024/25**

Information Sheet

**The Award**

The Endeavour Merit Award, supported by HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund, has been set up to give recognition to the extra efforts made by meritorious students with the special educational needs (SEN) in overcoming various challenges so as to pursue post-secondary education.

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| • | Specific learning difficulties | • | Visual impairment |
| • | Intellectual disability | • | Hearing impairment |
| • | Autism spectrum disorder | • | Speech and language impairment |
| • | Attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder | • | Mental illness |
| • | Physical disability | • | Others |

**Number and Value of Awards**

Up to 25 awards of HK$15,000 each will be available for both local and non-local students at all levels.

**Eligibility and Criteria**

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| • | Applicants must be postgraduate or undergraduate students studying full-time publicly-funded degree or above level programmes. |
| • | Applicants should achieve satisfactory academic attainment which is detailed below: |
|  | - | First-year applicants should have satisfactory academic results during secondary / post-secondary education, including public examinations. |
|  | - | Second-year or above applicants should have attained a cumulative GPA of not less than 2.5 out of 4.0 or equivalent at the time of application. |
| • | Applicants should have special educational needs confirmed by medical professional. |
| • | Local and non-local students will compete on an equal basis. |
| • | Incoming exchange students not pursuing an entire programme at CUHK are NOT eligible for the award. |

Students may only be awarded either HKSAR Government Scholarship for outstanding performance or Endeavour Merit Award in the academic year 2024/25. However, they may be awarded other scholarships / awards under the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund, such as Talent Development Scholarship and Reaching Out Award, in the same academic year.

**Application Procedures**

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| 1. | Interested students can download the application form from the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk/> (Fees and Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications → Scholarships for Local Studies). |
| 2. | Completed application form together with all requisite documents should be submitted online **on or before 3 January 2025**. **Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered**. *Please refer to Notes for Applicants attached to the application form for the requisite documents and submission methods*. |
| 3. | A University Selection Panel will select suitable candidates for the Award. |
| 4. | The decisions of the University and the HKSAR Government are final and not subject to review, and the reasons for nominating, shortlisting, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given. |
| 5 | Selection results will be announced by February 2025. |



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Notes for Applicants

I The following documents should be submitted online at <https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13698277> **on or before 3 January 2025**.

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| 1. | The completed application form which should be **typed** in **English, unless otherwise specified** and **signed**. Handwritten form will NOT be accepted. If the item(s) in the form is / are not applicable, “N/A” should be marked. |
| 2. | Proofs on academic attainment |
|  | **(i) For Year 1 undergraduate students**: |
|  |  - Photocopies of academic reports from Secondary 5 to Secondary 6 or 7 (or equivalent) issued by the secondary school(s) |
|  |  - Photocopies of public examination report(s), e.g. HKDSE, IB and GCE A-Level |
|  |  - Photocopies of graduation certificate AND academic transcripts for the previous Associate Degree / Higher Diploma (if applicable) - A photocopy of CUHK student card |
|  | **(ii) For Year 1 postgraduate students**: |
|  |  - Photocopies of graduation certificate AND academic transcripts for the previous degree(s) |
|  |  - A photocopy of admission notification of the current postgraduate programme OR CUHK student card |
|  | **(iii) For Year 2 or above students**: A printed copy of academic transcript obtained from the Chinese University Student Information System (CUSIS).  |
| 3. | Photocopies of academic transcript with Explanation Notes of Grading System on an Exchange Programme during your undergraduate / postgraduate studies (if applicable). *Any downloaded transcripts are not accepted.* |
| 4. | The **most recent medical report on special educational needs** which specifies the diagnosis. **The medical report must be issued AND signed by a medical professional**. Even though you have submitted other supporting documents on your special educational needs, e.g. assessment report issued by Education Bureau, and approval letter for disability allowance, the said medical report is still required. For the illness which can be fully recovered or cured, it is expected that the medical proof should be issued within the recent 6 months. |

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| II | **One** letter of confidential recommendation from a teacher of CUHK should be addressed to the Selection Panel of Endeavour Merit Award. The referee has to submit the letter of recommendation online by uploading it at <https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13698279> **on or before 3 January 2025**. |

III Late or incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

IV Documents other than those listed above will not be accepted.

V Please do NOT use digital camera or smart phone to take snapshot of the supporting documents. Otherwise, these supporting documents may be considered invalid.

VI Any non-English supporting documents should be issued in the original language and accompanied by an English translation.

VII Please note that the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and / or HKSAR Government will request applicants to submit other supporting documents for information, if deemed necessary.

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Application Form

The information gathered will be used for Scholarships / Awards-related purposes in the University. It may be accessible to offices, committees or persons involved in Scholarships / Awards matters. Records of unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed when no longer required.

**A. Personal Particulars**

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| Name |  |  |  | CUHK Student No. |  |
|  | (In BLOCK LETTERS, SURNAME FIRST) | (In Chinese) |  | (10 digits) |
| Gender |  | Major / Programme of Study @  |  |
|  |  | Current Year |  | Expected |  |
| College |  | of Study | Yr. |  | Graduation in **ν** |  | /20 | (MM/YYYY) |
| Date of  |  | Place of  |  |  |
| Birth |  | / |  | / |  | (DD/MM/YYYY) | Birth |  | Citizenship |  |
| Home Address |  |
|  | Telephone |  |  | Mobile  |  |
| E-mail Address | (CUHK) |  |
| E-mail Address | (Personal) |  |

@ Please type the full programme title, e.g. BA in Fine Arts, MPhil in Psychology.

**ν** Please follow the expected graduation date printed on your student card.

**B. Type of Special Educational Needs** (Please put a ‘🗸’ in appropriate box(es).)

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|[ ]  Specific learning difficulties |[ ]  Visual impairment |
|[ ]  Intellectual disability |[ ]  Hearing impairment |
|[ ]  Autism spectrum disorder |[ ]  Speech and language impairment |
|[ ]  Attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder |[ ]  Mental illness |
|[ ]  Physical disability |  |  |
|[ ]  Others (Please specify) |  |

**C. Educational Qualifications**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Month/Year(MM/YYYY) | Name of Institution | Qualifications Obtained **^** |
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |

**^** e.g. Form 6 (HKDSE), Grade 12 (GCE A-level), Associate Degree in Marketing, BA in Fine Arts (First Class Honours), MPhil in Biology

**D. Admission Channel – for undergraduate students only** *(Please put a ‘🗸’ in an appropriate box.)*

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|[ ]  JUPAS (HKDSE) |[ ]  Non-JUPAS (Local) |
|[ ]  SNDAS / SALSA Scheme |[ ]  Mainland (Joint Entrance Exam) |
|[ ]  Non-JUPAS (Other Regions) / Mainland (Non-Joint Entrance Exam) |

**E.** **Results of Public Examination – for Year 1 undergraduate student only**

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|  | Public Exam Taken: |  | Year |  |
|  | Results: |  |
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**F. Academic Results at this University**

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| Cumulative GPA (up to 2023/24 summer session) : |  |  (in 3 decimal places) |

**G. Awards / Academic Achievements Received in the Recent 3 Academic Years (i.e. 2022/23 – 2024/25)**

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|  | Month/Year(MM/YYYY) | Name of Award | Amount (HK$) |
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**H. Extra-curricular Activities / Voluntary Services Participated in the Recent 3 Academic Years (i.e. 2022/23 – 2024/25)**

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|  | Month/Year(MM/YYYY) | Student Organisations / Activities / Voluntary Services | Post / Contribution |
| 1. |  |  |  |
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**I. Working Experience (including part-time and summer jobs)**

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|  | Month/Year(MM/YYYY) | Name of Employer | Job Title |
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**J. Declaration and Undertaking**

 I hereby declare that the information provided in this form is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any inaccurate information will render the application invalid, and that any award approved will be withheld and any payment made must be refunded to the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund.

 I authorize the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong to obtain any information from other units of the University which OAFA considers necessary and relevant to the administration and assessment of my application for the captioned Award.

 I give my consent that:

 - the information provided will be used by the University, the HKSAR Government Fund Secretariat and related government bureaux / departments to process the application and for other related purposes.

 - OAFA can announce my name and major, in print or online, should I be offered Endeavour Merit Award 2024/25.

 **I also undertake to inform OAFA, as soon as practicable, of any awards / scholarships / prizes conferred to me for the academic year 2024/25 after submission of this form.**

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| Signature of Applicant : |  |  Date : |  |

All the data provided by the applicants should only be used for the purposes related to the award of scholarships / bursaries. Data users must comply with the requirements of the HKSAR Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.