

**Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship/ Scholarship
for Disabled Students 2025/26**

1. Objective

The fellowship/ scholarship scheme for disabled students, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council (the Council), aims at encouraging and assisting full-time students with special educational needs¹ in pursuing postgraduate studies by research and/ or undergraduate and diploma programmes at post-secondary and tertiary levels in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong).

2. Number of awards

There will be one award in the 2025/26 academic year.

3. Provision of the fellowship/ scholarship

- (a) A fellowship awardee will receive a one-off grant of HK\$50,000.
- (b) A scholarship awardee will receive a one-off grant of HK\$40,000.
- (c) The successful candidate will not be required to relinquish fellowships, scholarships or bursaries concurrently held by him/ her. Neither will the value of the fellowship/ scholarship be reduced in such circumstances.

4. Eligibility criteria

Candidates should –

- (a) have the right of abode or the right to land in Hong Kong or are permitted to stay in Hong Kong without restriction;
- (b) have resided in Hong Kong for at least three years as at 1.9.2025;

¹ Students with special educational needs include those having physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorders, specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities and/ or mental illness.

(c) **for fellowship nominees**

be registered full-time postgraduate research students undertaking University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded/ publicly-funded courses in the 2025/26 academic year at one of the institutions listed below (registered for a master's degree on/ after 1.7.2024 or a doctoral degree on/ after 1.7.2023) –

- (i) City University of Hong Kong;
- (ii) Hong Kong Baptist University;
- (iii) Lingnan University;
- (iv) The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- (v) The Education University of Hong Kong;
- (vi) The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
- (vii) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; and
- (viii) The University of Hong Kong;

(d) **for scholarship nominees**

be registered full-time students undertaking UGC-funded/ publicly-funded courses at post-secondary/ tertiary levels in the 2025/26 academic year at one of the institutions listed below –

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Course</u>
City University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
Hong Kong Baptist University	undergraduate
Lingnan University	undergraduate
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
The Education University of Hong Kong	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	undergraduate
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	undergraduate

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| The University of Hong Kong | undergraduate |
| Vocational Training Council | diploma or above |
- or undertaking courses at undergraduate level in the 2025/26 academic year at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University;
- (e) **for fellowship nominees/ scholarship nominees who are second to final year students**
be nominated by the heads of their post-secondary/ tertiary institutions;
 - (f) ~~for scholarship nominees who are first year students~~
~~be nominated by the principals of their previous secondary schools;~~
 - (g) have special educational needs including physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorders, specific learning difficulties, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities and/ or mental illness;
 - (h) not be engaged in full-time employment; and
 - (i) not be nominated for the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships for Postgraduate Research Students 2025/26 or the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Undergraduate and Diploma Students 2025/26.

5. **Selection criteria**

- (a) Candidates will be selected by the Council on the basis of the following –
 - (i) standards of academic achievements and intellectual qualities relative to their individual disabilities;
 - (ii) leadership qualities as demonstrated in their involvement in extra-curricular activities and/ or community services;
 - (iii) proficiency in the language in which the course/ research is undertaken; and
 - (iv) other personal qualities and potentials, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong.

- (b) The following criteria will also be considered by the Council in selecting postgraduate candidates for the fellowship –
- (i) strategic importance of the research to the social, economic and technological development of Hong Kong;
 - (ii) whether or not the research has been or is being done in Hong Kong; and
 - (iii) possible completion of the research within two years for a master's degree or three years for a doctoral degree.

The nominated candidate is required to provide an account of, in **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English, the reasons for his/ her conducting research on the topic of his/ her choice or undertaking the course of current studies.

6. **Conditions of award**

The fellowship/ scholarship will be awarded to the successful candidate subject to the following conditions –

- (a) the recipient accepts that the fellowship/ scholarship may be terminated at any time if and when his/ her performance as reported by the institution is considered by the Council as unsatisfactory or when he/ she for any reason ceases to be a full-time postgraduate research/ undergraduate/ diploma student;
- (b) the recipient undertakes to seek the Council's prior approval if he/ she wishes to alter the research topic or study programme from that specified in the nomination form. Otherwise he/ she may be required by the Council to repay the fellowship/ scholarship money; and
- (c) the recipient has to abide by any other conditions laid down by the Council.

Details of the terms under which the award is granted are contained in the offer letter of award.

7. **Nomination and selection procedures**

For fellowship nominees and scholarship nominees who are second to final year students

- (a) Nominations have to be made by the heads of their post-secondary/ tertiary institutions online through the GovHK website. **Declarations signed by the candidates are required to be submitted together with the nominations.**

~~For scholarship nominees who are first year students~~

- (b) ~~Nominations have to be made by the principals of their previous secondary schools online through the GovHK website. Declarations signed by the candidates are required to be submitted together with the nominations.~~
- (c) The designated link for submitting nominations is sent to the institutions/schools concerned separately.
- (d) ~~The closing date for nominations is~~ **9 October 2025.**
- (e) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview to be held tentatively in late November/ December 2025 **in Hong Kong**. Candidates who have not received an invitation for interview from the Council by the end of December 2025 may consider themselves not being selected.
- (f) The decisions of the Council shall be final.
- (g) The results of the award will be announced in around February/ March 2026. The nominating institutions and secondary schools will be notified of the results.
- (h) Fellowship/ scholarship monies will be remitted to the relevant institution, which will be requested to make disbursement to the award recipient.
- (i) Certificate will be presented to the award recipient at the Awards Presentation Ceremony scheduled for March 2026.

8. Handling of information and personal data

The Council is serviced by the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). The personal data provided in this exercise will be used for activities relating to the processing of the nomination for this fellowship/ scholarship award scheme and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the scheme. It may be provided to the SFO of the WFSFAA and other bureaux/ departments of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) for purposes relating to the selection exercise as may be necessary.

The Council may publicise the personal data of a successful candidate (such as name, gender, age, education background, public examination results, academic and non-academic achievements, extra-curricular activities/ community services participated and employment history, etc.) and any photos or videos capturing his/ her image (limited to those taken when he/ she attends the official events organised by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund (the Fund)) in the public domain (such as

the website of and publications issued by the Fund, the SFO of the WFSFAA and other bureaux/ departments and their advisory bodies and agencies of the HKSARG) for the purpose of promoting or publicising the Fund.

The Council may also publish photos and videos taken of the awardees (which may capture the photographs, video clips, sound recordings and other records provided by the awardees or third parties) for the purpose of promoting or publicising the Fund.

The personal data provided in this exercise will ONLY be disclosed to relevant parties –

- (a) for the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraphs; and
- (b) for any other purposes with the consent of the data subjects unless such disclosure is permitted under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance without the consent of the data subjects.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, candidates have the right to request access to and the correction of the data provided subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.

General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this nomination should be addressed to –

Access to Information Officer
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency
General Administration Section
19/F, 181 Hoi Bun Road
Kwun Tong, Kowloon
Hong Kong

9. Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat at 2150 6096 or 2150 6098.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
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