THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Bei Shan Tang Foundation Scholarship
Tenable at Stanford University 2027/28

Stanford Graduate School of Education (GSE) is a world leader in pioneering ground-breaking, cross-disciplinary inquiries that shape educational practices, their conceptual underpinnings, and the professions. It also seeks to develop the knowledge, wisdom, and imagination of its students to enable them to take leadership positions for the improvement of the quality of education and other public sectors around the globe.

To enable students of outstanding academic merit from The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") who need support to pursue postgraduate study at the Graduate School of Education of Stanford University ("Stanford"), Bei Shan Tang Foundation has generously donated a scholarship tenable at Stanford GSE (the "Scholarship") for an outstanding graduate from CUHK to pursue one of the following full-time taught Master's degrees* in the academic year 2027/28.

- Curriculum and Teacher Education
- Global and Comparative Education
- International Education Policy Analysis
- Learning, Design and Technology
- Policy, Organization and Leadership Studies
- Stanford Teacher Education Program

Local graduates and final-year postgraduate students in any discipline are eligible to apply even though the designated programs are education related.

1. Conditions of Eligibility

The Scholarship shall only be awarded to a graduate of CUHK. It may be awarded to a final-year postgraduate student conditionally upon graduating from CUHK before the Scholarship tenure.

To be eligible, the candidates should:

(i) be Hong Kong permanent residents;

(ii) be graduates of CUHK within the past ten years (i.e. Graduates of 2016 to 2025 classes), or final-year postgraduate students of CUHK in the academic year 2026/27;

(iii) have a first degree of <u>any</u> discipline with good class honors classification;

(iv) apply for 2027 entry to Stanford for one of the designated taught Master's degree programs.

The Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate who should meet the academic criteria set by the Selection Committee and reveal the potential to make a contribution to the Hong Kong community.

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* Depending on whether the degree program will admit new students for 2027/28. Full time work experience is not mandatory for the Scholarship, but it will be considered as an advantage. (**Note: Certain programs give preference to candidates with relevant professional backgrounds, and admission is less common for those without such experience.**) Please visit the website of Stanford GSE at http://ed.stanford.edu/ for information on the relevant Master's programs.

2. Application Procedures

Each candidate for the Scholarship is required to make an application using the designated Application Form. The completed application form together with a personal statement and all the requisite documents should be submitted online by uploading them at http://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13736176, unless otherwise specified, **not later than 1 November 2026 (Hong Kong time)**. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Please refer to the "Checklist of Supporting Documents" for details.

3. Application Materials

Each candidate must submit the following materials to CUHK with his/her completed application:

(i) a record certified by the Registrar of CUHK, or other responsible officer, of the course of University study pursued, together with honors and degree title, if any;

(ii) a copy of school leaving examinations/ public examination results, and if any GRE and TOEFL test reports
(Please check the GRE requirements, including the test and submission dates, of your interested Stanford GSE program. As there are very few GRE test dates each year, candidates should get early preparation and registration for the GRE test. Applicants whose native language is not English are also required by Stanford GSE to submit TOEFL scores.);

(iii) proof of major awards and scholarships obtained after entering university;

(iv) proof of extra-curricular activities and community service after entering university. This proof can be verified either as a reference letter or any other way by the applicant;

(v) a personal statement, of not more than 3 pages, by the candidate about his/her general interests and activities, the course of study which he/she proposes to follow at Stanford, and the future career goal;

(vi) two confidential recommendation letters from referees who are well acquainted with the candidate **and** must be academics under whom the candidate has studied at CUHK; and

(vii) one recent photograph of the candidate. This must be a professional or passport photograph. Amateur snapshot will not be accepted.

4. Selection of Candidates

Applications will be considered by the University Selection Committee. Eligible candidates shortlisted by the University Selection Committee will go through the final interview.

No candidate will be elected without attending the interview. It is expected that the final interview will be held in November or December 2026 in Hong Kong. The cost of travel to the interview will not be reimbursed to the candidates.

5. Application for Admission to Stanford University

While applying for this Scholarship, applicants should also submit their application for admission to Stanford University via the usual way.

Candidates should indicate in the program online application form that they are interested in applying for Bei Shan Tang Foundation International Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship will not be confirmed until the candidate has been accepted by Stanford and its relevant program for admission.

6. Value of Scholarship

The Scholarship will basically cover the following:

(i) the University tuition fee for the normative study period of the program; and

(ii) the cost of one return airfare between Hong Kong and the United States via the most economical route.

A maintenance allowance to cover the expense of health insurance, board and lodging may be offered to the awardee if he/she has proven financial need. The exact amount would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The scholarship recipient will be responsible for paying the fee difference and any remaining costs in case the total expenditure is beyond the award amount.

The decision of the University and/or the donor is final and not subject to review, and the reasons for shortlisting, nominating, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

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