

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme 2021-22

I. Background

The "Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme" (the Scheme) is launched by the University Grants Committee (UGC) to provide fellowships for local students¹ pursuing designated taught postgraduate (TPg) programmes offered by the eight UGC-funded universities. The Scheme runs on a pilot basis for five cohorts from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The main objectives of the Scheme are to attract more meritorious local students to pursue further studies in priority areas conducive to the development of Hong Kong, and to encourage universities to establish more innovative and multi-disciplinary programmes that are beneficial to society.

II. Duration and Amount of the Fellowships

The eligible TPg programmes remain as self-financed in nature. The fellowship students are required to pay a minimum tuition fee of HK\$42,100, which is the prevailing rate of the UGC-funded programmes, and the differences will be subsidised by the fellowships subject to a cap of HK\$120,000 for each student for the whole TPg programme, regardless of the actual study period and the mode of study. The fellowships will be used for the settlement of the tuition fee only.

For example, if the total tuition fee of a programme exceeds HK\$162,100, the remaining balance after deducting the maximum amount of fellowships (i.e. HK\$120,000) shall be borne by the student. If the total tuition fee of a programme is HK\$162,100 or below, the student will only need to pay HK\$42,100 as tuition fee, with the remainder covered by the fellowships.

III. Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

Local students¹, both full-time and part-time, who are admitted to the designated TPg programmes in the 2021-22 intake are eligible for the Scheme. To avoid double subsidy, students who are receiving other forms of government scholarships, including the Continuing Education Fund (except the Extended Non-means-tested Loan Scheme under the Student Finance Office) for pursuing the same programme will not be considered.

The Scheme adopts a merit-based approach in selecting the most outstanding students to pursue designated TPg programmes. The award of the fellowships will take into account the students' academic achievements, professional qualifications, relevant working experience and achievements in other areas, language proficiency, interview performance as well as the proposals submitted by the students with special attention to their personal statement on how they can contribute to the priority areas of Hong Kong after completing the programme.

IV. Result Announcement

The Graduate School will send award letter to awardees by **30 June 2021**.

¹ The definitions of local and non-local students remain the same as that of other UGC-funded programmes. Except for students holding (i) student visa/entry permit; (ii) visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for non-local graduates; or (iii) dependant visa/entry permit who were 18 years old or above when they were issued with such visa/entry permit by the Director of Immigration, all other students will be treated as local students.