

UGC Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme 2020/21 for Local Students (The Fellowships Scheme)

Background

1. The Fellowships Scheme is introduced by the HKSAR Government for nurturing more talents for the strategic development of Hong Kong. Administered under the University Grants Committee (UGC), the Scheme is offered on a pilot basis to provide local students admitted to the targeted taught postgraduate programmes in 2020/21 with the award of fellowships. Funding allocation of the Scheme is subject to approval from the Legislative Council.

Objective

2. The main purpose of the Scheme is to attract meritorious local students in full-time, part-time or combined study mode to pursue inter-disciplinary and in-depth postgraduate training in priority areas of strategic importance for Hong Kong and to meet the needs for talents speedily.

Eligibility

3. Local students who are admitted to the targeted programmes in full-time, part-time or combined study mode will be invited to submit applications for the fellowships. To avoid double subsidy, students who are receiving other forms of government scholarship (except student financial assistance) for pursuing the same programme are not eligible to apply.

Award

4. 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 subsidized by the fellowships subject to a cap of HK\$120,000 for each student regardless of the actual study period of the programme.

Criteria for Assessment

5. The award of the fellowships will be based on a set of assessment criteria which may include, but not limited to, students' academic excellence, specific academic and professional qualifications attained, language proficiency, work experience, references, interview results, the personal statement on their commitment and plan for contributing in the respective priority areas after completing the programme, etc.

Application

6. The Master of Science in Computer Science in the priority area of "Research and Innovation" is one of the targeted programmes listed under the Fellowships Scheme with 9 fellowship awards. Local students admitted to this programme will be invited to submit applications for the Fellowships Scheme.