

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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## Government Grants and Loans

Registered full-time students who satisfy the following conditions can apply for grants and loans under the “Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-Funded Programmes (TSFS)”<sup>1</sup> administered by the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

The students should

- have the right of abode in Hong Kong; or
- have resided or have had their homes in Hong Kong continuously for three years immediately prior to the commencement of their studies (except for students holding student visas to study in Hong Kong);

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- take up an exclusively UGC-funded or public-funded student place in a TSFS recognised programme.

Under the TSFS scheme, grants are awarded to cover tuition fees and academic expenses while loans are for living expenses. Moreover, non-means-tested loans are also available to eligible full-time and part-time students<sup>2</sup> to cover tuition fees. Recipients of loans have to pay interest and are expected to repay the loans within a specified period after graduation or upon leaving the University. For details, please visit the SFO website at [www.wfsfaa.gov.hk](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk).

<sup>1</sup> Details of eligibility are available around April every year on the SFO website ([www.wfsfaa.gov.hk](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk)). Enquiries should be made directly to the SFO.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants must have the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided or have had their homes in Hong Kong continuously for three completed years immediately prior to the commencement of their studies (this does not cover students holding student visas to study in Hong Kong.)

## University Bursaries and Loans

A number of bursaries and loans are available for full-time financially needy students of exclusively UGC-funded or public-funded programmes who are Hong Kong permanent residents. As these are in general supplementary to the TSFS provided by the Government, students should first apply for TSFS.

Students not covered by the TSFS may approach the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section of CUHK, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OFA) to discuss their needs and seek advice and assistance as necessary.

The bursaries and loans are open for application in September. Please visit the OFA website at [www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk) for details.

Students with emergency needs arising from sudden changes in their financial condition should contact OFA anytime throughout the academic year.

## Scholarships and Prizes

The University also administers a number of scholarships and prizes, which are awarded on the basis of academic performance or non-academic achievements. Nominations from Faculties/Departments are needed for most of these scholarships/prizes. Scholarships for overseas studies are usually open for application. Further information on scholarships and prizes are available from the OFA website at [www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk).

## Financial Assistance and Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Financial assistance and scholarships for disabled students are available through various schemes supported by the University and external organizations. Students with disabilities may approach OAFA to discuss their needs, and seek advice and assistance as necessary.

## Postgraduate Studentships

Postgraduate Studentships are available in most Graduate Divisions for full-time students registered for research degree programmes. Awardees of studentships will have the duty to assist in the teaching and research work of their Graduate Division. The Postgraduate Studentship was around \$15,600 to \$16,140 for 2016-17.



Five CUHK students won the Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award 2016.



Four CUHK students were granted The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarship and attended the 2014/15 Presentation Ceremony.