

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies 2007/08

Information Note

1. A number of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships will be granted by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund to finance outstanding Hong Kong students for overseas studies commencing in the 2007/08 academic year.

2. Successful candidates will be those with excellent scholastic achievements and strong leadership abilities demonstrated in their extra-curricular activities. They are expected to have a strong sense of commitment to Hong Kong and should be ready to contribute significantly to the society after graduation from overseas studies.

3. Those who expect to commence postgraduate or undergraduate studies in any tertiary educational and / or academic institution outside Hong Kong in the 2007/08 academic year and who meet the eligibility criteria set out in this Information Note may apply. The Fellowships / Scholarships will only be conferred to students currently pursuing / having pursued study programmes in schools/institutions in Hong Kong. Applications from students who are pursuing a study programme overseas at the time of application will not be considered. Application for a study programme leading to a second Undergraduate / Master / Doctoral degree or a study programme being currently pursued will not be considered as well. Due to the very high standard set for this Award, no award will be granted if candidates are considered not meritorious enough.

4. Further details of the Award are given below :-

Name of Award : (a) Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships for Overseas Studies (for studies leading to a postgraduate degree either by research or by coursework).

(b) Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Overseas Studies (for studies leading to an undergraduate degree).

Duration of Award : (a) For Fellowships, up to three years for Doctoral degree or two years for Master degree depending on the length of the proposed study and subject to the successful candidates achieving progress which is deemed satisfactory by the Council.

(b) For Scholarships, up to three years subject to the successful candidates achieving progress which is deemed satisfactory by the Council.

Eligibility : (a) An applicant for the **Fellowship** must fulfil the following criteria :-

(i) be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;

(ii) has received at least 7 years of continuous education in Hong Kong;

(iii) be responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at the institution of his / her choice and be offered a place subsequently;

(iv) holds a good Honours degree obtained in Hong Kong or equivalent qualification OR expects to obtain such a degree or equivalent qualification before 1.9.2007; and

(v) be proficient in English and Chinese, and has a good mastery of the language in which his / her studies will be undertaken.

(b) An applicant for the **Scholarship** must fulfil the following criteria :-

- (i) be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- (ii) has received at least 5 years of continuous education in Hong Kong;
- (iii) be responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at the institution of his / her choice and be offered a place subsequently*; and
- (iv) be proficient in English and Chinese and also has a good mastery of the language in which his / her studies will be undertaken.

* Applications from students who wish to pursue medical studies overseas will not normally be considered due to the licensing requirements of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1995.

Maximum Value of Award (Subject to review) : (a) Fellowship: **HK\$251,000**
(b) Scholarship: **HK\$232,000**

The Council may adjust the value of the fellowship/scholarship taking into account the actual university fees, necessary living expenses and other awards held concurrently by the fellow/scholar to finance his/her studies overseas.

Conditions of Award : A successful candidate will be required to comply with or agree to comply with the conditions of award should he / she decide to accept any award made under this scheme. In the event of non-compliance in the course of the sponsored studies, the Council may at any time prematurely terminate the fellowship / scholarship and he / she may be required to repay such sum, not exceeding the total value of the award so received, and upon such terms as the Council deems appropriate. A guarantor acceptable to the Council will be required.

Furthermore, the award of the aforesaid Fellowship or Scholarship is conditional upon the candidate meeting all the requirements stipulated by the chosen institution and certain language, health and immigration requirements.

Application : Application Forms are available at the following two offices:-

Student Financial Assistance Agency
11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon

Trust Funds, Temples & Cemeteries Joint Secretariat
Room 2202, Wu Chung House
22/F, 213 Queen's Road East
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

The forms can be obtained in person from Monday to Friday (8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:35 p.m.) between 3 July 2006 and 29 September 2006. The above two offices are closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays. Application Form is also obtainable by sending a return envelope (with local mailing address and postage of HK\$3.0) to the Council Secretariat at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, or downloading from the website of Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) (Address: <http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/public/index.htm>).

Applications can be submitted by the following methods:-

- (i) completing the application form with legible handwriting in blue/black ink and sending it to the Council Secretariat at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon by post or in person;
- (ii) inputting data in the PDF proforma downloadable from SFAA's website and sending the duly signed hardcopy of the completed PDF proforma to the Council Secretariat by post or in person. Signature in the form of digital image is not acceptable; and
- (iii) inputting data in the PDF proforma downloadable from SFAA's website and submitting the completed proforma in electronic format to the Council Secretariat via email (address: seymfc_application@sfaa.gov.hk) with digital signature supported by e-Cert (Personal) registered under the name of applicant and issued by a recognized Certification Authority in Hong Kong, e.g. Hongkong Post.

Deadline for applications submitted by post or email will be 29 September 2006 (Hong Kong Time) while that for submission in person will be 5:45 p.m. on 29 September 2006. Late applications will not be accepted.

Selection Procedure

- : Shortlisted applicants will be requested to attend a first round of interview scheduled for December 2006/January 2007 in Hong Kong. Suitable applicants will be invited for a final interview in around March/April 2007. Any applicant who has not received an invitation to attend an interview by January 2007 may assume that his / her application has been unsuccessful. The decision of the Council shall be final.

Handling of Information and Personal Data supplied in application

- : The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council is serviced by the Student Financial Assistance Agency. The personal data provided in this exercise will be used for activities relating to the processing of your application for an award under this fellowship / scholarship scheme and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award scheme.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, you have the rights 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 application should be addressed to :-

Student Financial Assistance Agency
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
(Attn.: Assistant Controller (ADM))

Enquiries

- : For enquiries, please telephone the Council Secretariat at 2150 6098 or 2150 6097.

This note is for information only and has no legal binding effect. The legally binding terms and conditions under which awards are granted are contained in the award letter.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
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