

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships

Fact Sheet

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About the Scholarships

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust established the Scholarships in 1998. To date, total funds contributed to the Scholarships amount to HK\$400 million.

Award Universities/Institutions

- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Lingnan University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- The University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

Number of Scholarships Awarded

Four scholarships are awarded each year for each of the nine institutions, three to local students and one to a Mainland student.

Scholarship Amount

- Each scholarship shall be of an average value of approximately HK\$460,000 to be paid over the course of the degree programme.
- The actual amount of each year's scholarship shall be calculated on advice of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency, taking into account the actual costs of three basic components, namely, tuition, academic expenses and living costs. The universities would be notified of the annual amount at the start of each academic year.

Selection Criteria

Students are awarded the scholarship for their intellect, character, leadership qualities as well as their commitment to service

Selection Mechanism

The institutions have set up their own selection panels, which make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for endorsement. Each institution is free to carry out its selection in its own way in accordance with the selection criteria.

Number of Students awarded the Scholarship

To date, Jockey Club Scholarships have been awarded to some 400 students, of whom more than 300 have already graduated.

Scholarships expansion

In 2015, the Trust committed a further HK\$170 million over a five-year period to fund an expansion of the scholarship scheme to help nurture more future community leaders and provide new development pathways for the city's talented young people. Commencing 2016/17, the expanded scheme will benefit 9 undergraduate students with special educational needs from nine institutions each year, and sub-degree students in vocational education programmes, as well as six graduates who aspire to enter the postgraduate programmes of the University of Oxford and Harvard University, two of the world's top universities each year.

A scholarship secretariat was also established to support the expanded scheme and to groom the Scholars to become caring community leaders. Among its many initiatives, community leaders are invited to exclusive High Table dinners to share their insights with the Scholars. Leadership programmes will be held at the University of Oxford in the summer of 2016 to provide the Scholars with a life-changing learning experience that will inspire them to become more effective change makers in the community.