

**Training Sponsorship Scheme (2020)
for Master in Occupational Therapy
and Master in Physiotherapy
Programmes of
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
by SWD**

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Background

- **Growing demand** and **recruitment difficulty** for occupational therapists (OTs) and physiotherapists (PTs) arising from development of services in health, welfare and education sectors in recent years
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University has implemented **four cohorts** of the two-year Entry-level Master in Occupational Therapy (MOT) and Master in Physiotherapy (MPT) programmes since **January 2012**

What is Training Sponsorship Scheme?



Objectives of the Scheme

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- To encourage graduates of the programmes to **join the welfare sector** and **alleviate the shortage** of OTs and PTs in the welfare sector
- To provide funding support for NGOs operating subvented **elderly** and/or **rehabilitation** services to sponsor the tuition fees of students enrolled on the MOT/MPT programmes

Salient Points of the Scheme

The sponsorship holder must be:

- a **Hong Kong citizen** or **permanent resident** who is allowed to stay and take up open employment in Hong Kong;
- **successful applicant** of **MOT/MPT** programme; and
- able to speak fluent **Cantonese**

Salient Points of the Scheme (Cont'd)

- Sponsorship application to be made **direct** to NGOs participating in the Scheme
- Sponsorship holder shall sign an **undertaking with the sponsoring NGO**, which delineates terms and conditions that he/she shall comply with

Salient Points of the Scheme (Cont'd)

- Sponsorship holders shall undertake to work in the sponsoring NGOs in Hong Kong **for at least three consecutive years** immediately after graduation
- Successful applicants of the Scheme will receive **full subsidy on the tuition fee** from sponsoring NGO for the two-year MOT/MPT programmes

IMPORTANT

Salient Points of the Scheme (Cont'd)

- At any point of time, when a breach of undertaking occurs,



- a) the sponsorship of tuition fee **shall cease to be paid** for the remainder of the MOT/MPT programmes;
- b) the sponsorship holder **shall repay to the sponsoring NGO** upon demand the amount of sponsorship received; and

Salient Points of the Scheme (Cont'd)

- c) where the sponsorship holder has served part of the service required by the undertaking, **the sponsorship holder shall repay the specific amount due to the sponsoring NGO upon demand**

Training Sponsorship Scheme (2020)

- PolyU will launch the **fifth cohort** of the MOT/MPT programmes in **January 2021**
- SWD continues to implement the Scheme to provide sponsorship to **the enrolled MOT/MPT** students in the fifth cohort
- The **full amount** of tuition fee will be sponsored

SWD Subvented Elderly Services Requiring OTs and/or PTs



- **Community care services** (e.g. Day Care Centres/Units for the Elderly, Integrated Home Care Services, Enhanced Home and Community Care Services)
- **Residential care services** (e.g. Care and Attention Home for the Elderly, Nursing Home and Contract Home)
- https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_elderly/

SWD Rehabilitation Services Requiring OTs and/or PTs

- **Pre-school services** (e.g. Early Education and Training Centre, Special Child Care Centre, On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services)
- **Day training services** (e.g. Extended Care Programme in Day Activity Centre)



Rehabilitation Service Settings Requiring OTs and/or PTs (cont'd)

- **Community support services** (e.g. Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities)
- **Residential care services** (e.g. Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons, Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons)
- https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/



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