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# The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship Program 陳廷驊基金會獎學金計劃 Information Sheet

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## (A) Who we are, what we do and offer

### I. The D. H. Chen Foundation

“Care for others as well as you would care for yourself (想到自己 · 想到對方).”

Dr. Din Hwa Chen (1923–2012)

The D. H. Chen Foundation is a Hong Kong-based private philanthropic organization founded in 1970 by Dr. Din Hwa Chen, an ardent philanthropist and a devout Buddhist who also established Nan Fung Group. Over the past decades, the Foundation has been supporting numerous worthy community philanthropic initiatives in Hong Kong, Mainland China and other parts of the world to enrich lives.

To this day, Dr. Chen’s philanthropic vision continues to drive the Foundation’s work efforts. Aspiring to build a compassionate society, the Foundation has been endeavoring to steer innovative, impactful and sustainable initiative to realize Dr. Chen’s philosophy “Care for others as well as you would care for yourself.”

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.dhchenfoundation.com> or that of the Scholarship at <http://www.dhcf scholarship.com>.

### II. The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship Program (“the Scholarship Program”)

With the vision to nurture compassionate and insightful leaders who drive positive social changes, the Scholarship Program offers comprehensive support to enhance the Scholars’ professional knowledge, personal insights and social aspirations.

#### (i) Number of Scholarships

Each year, a maximum of 20 scholarships will be granted to local students who are enrolled in full-time undergraduate programs at one of our five Partner Universities, namely:

- City University of Hong Kong (CityU);
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK);
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU);
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST); and
- The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

#### (ii) Duration of the Scholarship Program

Each Scholarship is tenable for the Scholar’s normative period of study in the enrolled undergraduate program, subject to the fulfillment of renewal requirements. For annual renewal, Scholars are required to submit a progress report and other supporting documents to their respective Partner Universities every year.

#### (iii) Components of the Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program offers a wide range of support and enrichment opportunities for Scholars in financial and non-financial terms.

## Financial Support

The financial support of the Scholarship Program consists of three components, including tuition fee waiver, overseas learning allowance (“OLA”) and means-tested living allowance.

1. **Tuition Fee Waiver:** This shall cover the annual tuition fee (HKD\$42,100 for the academic year 2024/25) for full-time undergraduate degree programs. The attainment of a Year GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0/4.3 of all letter grades available (or an equivalent) is a necessary requirement for renewal every academic year.
2. **Overseas Learning Allowance (“OLA”):** A maximum amount of HKD\$80,000 will be offered to each Scholar for his/her enrollment in a maximum of TWO overseas learning exposures/programs.
3. **Means-tested Living Allowance:** An additional living allowance of HKD\$38,000 (subject to annual review) will be offered to Scholars with proven financial need or special education needs:
  - a. **Proven Financial Needs:** This includes Scholars:
    - ⇒ who are recipients of government grants/loans; OR
    - ⇒ whose families are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA); OR
    - ⇒ whose household income is below the latest median monthly domestic household income according to the latest Quarter Report on General Household Survey ([www.censtatd.gov.hk](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk)) issued by the Census and Statistics Department.
  - b. **Special Education Needs:** This includes (but is not limited to) specific learning disabilities, physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder etc.

No matter for (a) or (b), sufficient supporting documents shall be provided by Scholars to the best of his/her ability in order to justify his/her entitlement to the captioned Living Allowance.

## Non-Financial Support

Apart from financial support, the Foundation also vows to provide Scholars with all-rounded non-financial support in order to enrich their learning journey through which they will build their capacities in actualizing their social aspirations and achieving profound personal growth.

These components comprise the Social Good Initiative (“SGI”), The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network (“Scholars Network”), Award Reception, President Roundtable (“Roundtable”), Mentorship and Internship & other career support.

## 1. Social Good Initiative (“SGI”)

To nurture their passion for and commitment to propelling positive social change and promoting the well-being of others in the community, each Scholar is required to participate and play an *active* role in an SGI within their Scholarship journey. The SGI could be taken in the following forms and possess the following natures:

- a. Service projects offered by the Foundation; OR
- b. Service projects of the Foundation’s partner organizations; OR
- c. Service projects/programs organized or endorsed by the Partner University to which the Scholar belongs; OR
- d. Service initiatives organized by themselves and/or within the Scholars Network.

\*For (c) and (d), prior consent from the Foundation is needed. Any projects/initiatives without endorsement from either the Foundation or Partner Universities will not be recognized as a fulfillment towards the SGI requirement.

## The Social Good Fund (“SGF”)

To foster collaboration and synergies among Scholars across cohorts to initiate and innovate their own social good projects/programs (i.e. category 1(d)), as well as to generate positive social impact on the community, the Foundation also offers the SGF on top of the SGI to be completed by Scholars.

- Scholars can form groups comprising at least 2 Scholars/Scholar Alumni in proposing a group-based SGI applying for the SGF;
- In each annual Application Cycle, a maximum of 3 groups, each of which being subject to a maximum funding amount of HKD\$50,000, is to be supported by the Foundation under the SGF;
- Further internal selection and due diligence by the Foundation entails;
- Upon satisfactory assessment by the Foundation, Scholars who have completed their group-based funded initiatives under the SGF could be seen as having fulfilled the SGI requirement of the Scholarship.

## 2. The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholars Network (“the Network”): The Foundation views the Scholarship Program as an invaluable pool of diverse talents between which countless synergies could be generated for creating greater social good. In awe of this, it pledges to connect all Scholars with additional social engagement activities, capacity building opportunities and prototyping resources for their innovative ideas for social good.

One of the Network’s key features is our various Scholars-led Task Forces (TFs), through which the Foundation encourages Scholars to take initiatives to co-own and -develop the Scholarship Program, so as to co-learn from each other throughout these fruitful processes.

## 3. Award Reception: An Award Reception will be hosted by the Trustees of the Foundation and attended by the President or senior representatives of the Partner Universities to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the incoming and graduating Scholars. The Foundation may also invite keynote speakers to share with the floor their enlightening endeavors throughout their ardent devotion to community and social services.

4. **President Roundtable:** An annual roundtable meeting will be organized and hosted by the President of respective Partner Universities for their Scholars. This serves as a recognition and sharing of learning experiences amongst Scholars, the Foundation and the Partner University.
5. **Mentorship:** The Foundation has invited respectable leaders of different professions with remarkable achievements in social services to be mentors of Scholars. Mentors will share their insights, personal experiences and advice with Scholars, so as to support the latter in the pursuit of their own social aspirations. Throughout the two-year Mentorship, Scholars will be able to enhance their social aspirations, foster their academic, professional and personal development, as well as broaden their global perspectives and enrich their networks.
6. **Internship & other Career Opportunities:** Through the Scholarship Program, the Foundation is committed to not only empowering Scholars to actualize their social aspirations, but also equipping Scholars with the necessary skill sets and attitudes for a compassion-based social career in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Foundation offers Scholars with full-time summer internships with the aim to provide them with meaningful opportunities to acquire professional experiences in philanthropy, knowledge of social business and wider social exposure. Scholar Interns can be attached to the Foundation's Operation Team or one of the Institutes under the Program Team. Terms and conditions of the Foundation's internal selection apply.

In addition, the Foundation is also keen to connect Scholars to a variety of invaluable career opportunities. Some notable recent examples include the referral of Scholars to the Management Trainee Program of Nan Fung Group and to Fellowship at Teach for Hong Kong, one of the Foundation's Core Partners.

#### **(iv) Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship Program, candidates must fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

- Being a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- Being a full-time Year 1 undergraduate student of a UGC-funded program<sup>1</sup>;
- Having a Year GPA of at least 3.5 of out 4.0 with ALL letter grades of courses taken or an equivalent in the preceding academic year<sup>2</sup>; AND
- Demonstrating leadership abilities and commitment to make positive social change.

Applicant(s) and nominated applicant(s) shall also go through an assessment and attend a selection interview.

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<sup>1</sup> Students enrolled in two-year undergraduate programs are NOT eligible for this Scholarship Program.

<sup>2</sup> Though the academic results of Term 2 of 2023/24 are not available yet at the time of application, students should still submit his/her application for the Scholarship Program if he/she would like to be considered.

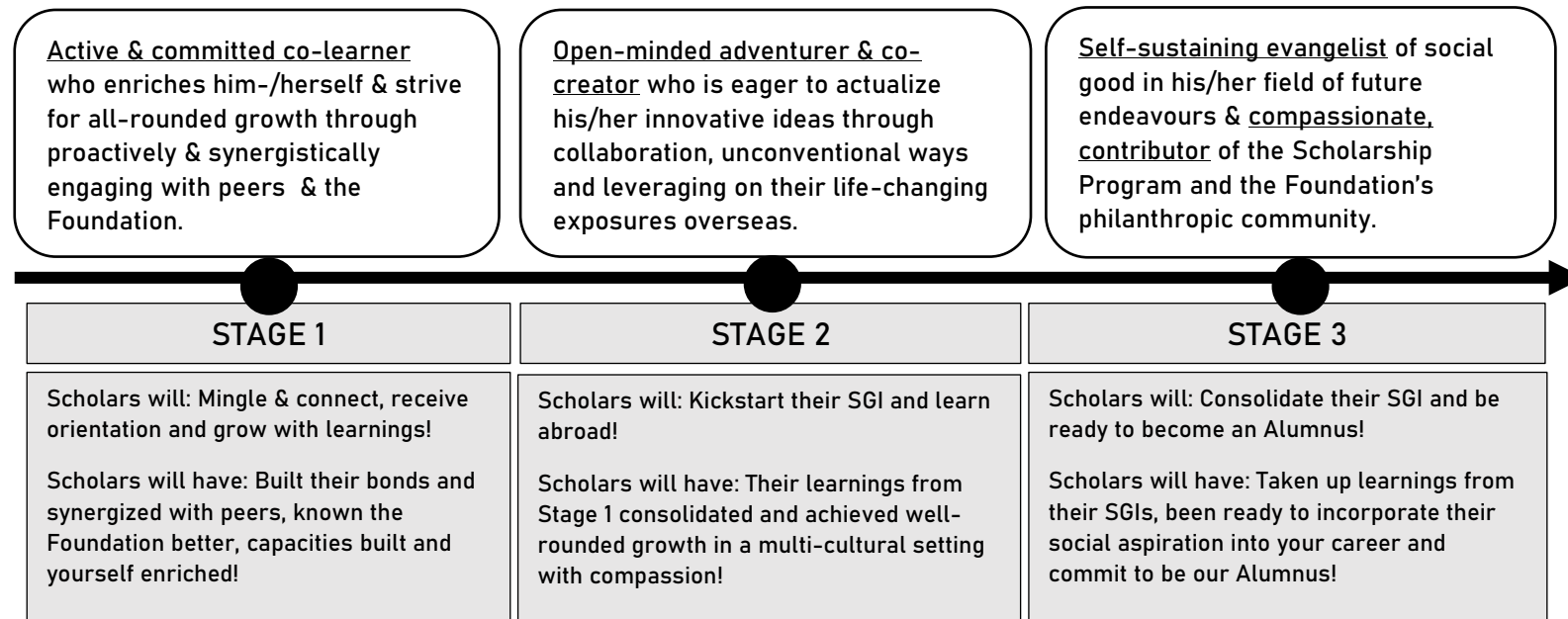
## (B) Who we find: Your Roles and Commitment

The essence that distinguishes The D. H. Chen Foundation Scholarship Program from other scholarships is our Scholars' commitment to co-developing the Scholarship Program and engage themselves in philanthropic initiatives that align with the Foundation's compassion-based values. The Scholarship Program is designed to be a continuous and coherent learning journey, whose outcomes of all-rounded growth depend heavily on Scholars' proactive participation in all aspects of the Scholarship Program. Therefore, the primary expectation of the Foundation on its Scholars is their consistent commitment to living up to the Scholarship Program's mission and vision as well as the compassion-based values advocated by the Foundation.

To the Foundation, we expect a Scholar (at every learning stage) to be a(n)...

Entry:

Undergraduate student with social aspiration



Graduate:

Insightful and compassionate future leader

Throughout (and beyond) the Scholarship Program, we expect our Scholars to...

- Adhere to and uphold the Foundation's compassion-based values of gratitude, openness, trust, respect and selflessness within and beyond the context of the Scholarship Program; and
- Commit themselves to the development of the Scholars Network by recognizing their co-ownership of this community.

## (1) Partners

The Foundation views our relationship to every Scholar not only from a donor-recipient perspective. Rather, we see it as a partnership in which we co-own and -drive the Scholarship Program. Here are our thoughts:

- The Scholarship Program is a context in which the Foundation supports Scholars in actualizing their social aspirations. Through this support, the Foundation co-creates positive social impact together with Scholars too. To optimize our good deeds, we deem an equal partnership based on mutual trust important.
- We emphasize Scholars' learning journey and outcomes. To facilitate their learning process, we encourage Scholars to take the initiative to contribute their own talents and know-how for the betterment of the Scholarship Program. A partnership provides the best setting for this.

## (2) Companion of All Times

Apart from commitment to social good, intellectual achievements and other aspects of personal growth, the Foundation equally values the well-being of each Scholar. This is especially true when Scholars encounter difficulties throughout their growth process. In view of this, the Foundation is committed to offering Scholars temporarily in need a pair of listening ears and shoulders. We prioritize ensuring Scholars' mental well-being and rebuilding their capacities to rise to the challenges they face.

## (3) Empowering Agent

It is one of the Foundation's strategies to create long-term impacts – the same applies to our Scholars. Throughout our Scholars' learning journey, the Foundation focuses on building Scholars' capacities that are required for their social and career endeavours in the future. We invest into Scholars by equipping them with skill sets and values that are not only necessary for them to actualize their social aspirations, but also fundamental for living a life that treats themselves and others with compassion.

## (4) Resource Connector & Catalyst for Collaboration

The Foundation's role as an agent empowering Scholars leverages on both its financial resources and social capital. We hope to make the Scholarship Program a hub that enables Scholars to connect with like-minded collaborators and crowd resources they need for putting their social aspirations into action. Facilitation all kinds of connections, the Foundation helps Scholars to seek synergies, maximize the positive social impacts they aspire to create and help Scholars broaden their networks for their career advancement.

## (C) How we identify Compassionate Leaders

As the donor of a competitive Scholarship, the Foundation has devised a selection mechanism that enables us to recognise talents who not only excel academically but are also change makers with the potential to be compassionate and insightful future social leaders. We align our selection process and components with learning outcomes of the Scholars' journey on which they embark right after joining the Scholarship Program, so as to ensure a coherent process of intellectual, social and personal growth.

In the application of the year 2024, Applicants of the Scholarship Program ("Applicants") are to go through three major steps of assessment before their successful entry: 1) Selection by respective Partner Universities, 2) task assessment, and 3) a final selection interview by the Foundation. The following summarises the selection process this year:

### I. Selection at the University Level

Date/Period	Item	Remarks
Late-Apr to Mid-June 2024	<b>Open for Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For PolyU, prospective and eligible applicants should keep an eye on the email from their academic department on application details</li></ul>	As the application is university-specific at this stage, please approach your university's scholarship / student affairs for the latest and most up-to-date information.  Each university is to set their own deadline for their internal administration and selection at this stage.
Early to mid-July 2024	<b>Internal Selection by Universities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Universities conduct their own internal selection processes to select Applicants to be nominated to the Foundation for further selection</li></ul>	The format(s) of internal selection processes are to be decided by respective universities. Please contact your university's scholarship / student affairs office for further details.



## II. Selection at the Foundation Level

Date/Period	Item	Remarks
Late-July 2024	The Foundation's 1-on-1 Orientation Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Foundation conducts a 10 to 15-minute orientation session with each Nominee from all universities.</li> </ul>	
Mid-August 2024	Task Assessment Submission	
Late-August 2024	Final Selection Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected Nominees are to attend a final Selection Interview.</li> </ul>	Each Interview will last about 25-30 minutes; business attire and presentable setting required.  After the final Selection Interview, each Nominee will receive a Post-Interview Notice regarding the procedures that follow.

## III. Results Announcement

Date/Period	Item	Remarks
Early-September 2024	Announcement of Result <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Foundation announces its selection results for the 2024 Cohort of Scholars</li> </ul>	Successful Nominees (i.e. Scholars of 2024 Cohort) will receive emails from the Foundation individually.  Unsuccessful Nominees will also receive email notifications separately from The Foundation.