

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for Overseas Studies 2022/23

Information Note

1. The Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fund Council is offering awards of Fellowships / Scholarships to finance outstanding Hong Kong students for overseas studies commencing in the 2022/23 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 full-time postgraduate or undergraduate studies in any tertiary educational and / or academic institution outside Hong Kong in the 2022/23 academic year and who meet the eligibility criteria set out in this Information Note may apply. Application for a study programme leading to a second Undergraduate / Master / Doctoral degree or a study programme that is currently being pursued will not be considered. Moreover, the study programme should only commence within one year after the formal announcement of the selection result in April 2022, i.e. between April 2022 and March 2023. Given 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 programme and subject to the progress of the successful candidates being deemed satisfactory by the Council.

(b) For Scholarships, up to three years subject to the progress of the successful candidates being 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 full-time 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 31 December 2022; 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 full-time 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 has a good mastery of the language in which his / her studies will be undertaken.

Maximum Value of Award per year (subject to review) : The maximum values of award are –

- (a) Fellowship: **HK\$300,000 per year**
- (b) Scholarship: **HK\$280,000 per year**

The Council may adjust downward 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. A guarantor acceptable to the Council will also be required. 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 demand the awardee to repay such sum, not exceeding the total value of the award so received, and upon such terms as the Council deems appropriate.

Please note that the Fellowship / Scholarship is granted to selected candidate on the basis of the intended programme(s) and institution(s) as provided / updated by him / her in Item 20 of the application form before the selection interview. If there is any subsequent change in the intended programme and / or institution of study after the selection result is announced and / or presentation of award is made, prior approval of the SEYM Fund Council must be obtained. The Council reserves the right not to grant the award under such circumstances.

In any case, the award of the aforesaid Fellowship or Scholarship is conditional upon the candidate being successfully admitted into at least one of the intended programmes and institutions as proposed by the candidate in Item 20 of the application form and the candidate's meeting all the requirements stipulated by the institution, language, health and immigration requirements.

Application : Application form can be downloaded from the website of the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) at <https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/forms/form.htm>.

Application form can also be obtained in person from Monday to Friday (8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Offices are closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays.) between 2 July 2021 and 17 September 2021 from the following two offices –

Student Finance Office
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency
Reception Hall, 11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
Hong Kong

Trust Funds & Temples Joint Secretariat
Reception Counter, 34/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai
Hong Kong

Applications can be submitted by any one of the following methods –

- (i) through the drop-in box at / by post to –
Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
Room 1217, 12/F
Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
Hong Kong

(Note: Applicants should duly sign the application forms in the required fields. Signature in the form of digital image is **not** acceptable.); or

- (ii) by electronic means through the GovHK's website at <https://eform.one.gov.hk/form/pdf/upload/>. (The completed form must be submitted with digital signature supported by e-Cert (Personal) with "Mutual Recognition" Status registered under the name of the applicant and issued by a recognised Certification Authority in Hong Kong, e.g. Hongkong Post.) Applications submitted by electronic means not supported by e-Cert will **not** be considered.

Deadline for applications is at 5:30 p.m. on 17 September 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

Applicants who submit their applications by post are reminded to affix sufficient postage for their mail items. Any underpaid mail items will **not** be accepted and will either be returned to the sender or disposed of by the Hongkong Post, as appropriate.

Selection Procedure : Shortlisted applicants will be requested to attend a first round of interview scheduled for January 2022 in Hong Kong. Suitable applicants will be invited for a final interview to be held in around February / March 2022 in Hong Kong. Any applicant who has not received an invitation to attend an interview by January 2022 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 SEYM Fund Council is serviced by the SFO of the WFSFAA. The personal data collected in this exercise will be used for activities relating to the processing of application for an award under this Fellowship / Scholarship scheme, which may be transferred to local / overseas institution(s), and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award scheme.

The SEYM Fund Council may also publicise the personal data of a successful candidate (such as name, gender, age, education background, public examination results, academic and non-academic achievements, extra-curricular activities / community services participated and employment history, etc.) and any photos or videos capturing his / her image (limited to those taken when he / she attends the official events organised by the SEYM Fund in the public domain (such as the website of and publications issued by the SEYM Fund, the SFO of the WFSFAA and other bureaux / departments and their advisory bodies and agencies of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) for the purpose of promoting or publicising the SEYM Fund.

The personal data provided in the application forms for this Fellowship / Scholarship will ONLY be disclosed to relevant parties –

- (a) for the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraphs; and
- (b) for any other purposes with the consent of the data subjects unless such disclosure is permitted under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance without the consent of the data subjects.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicants 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 supplied in this application should be addressed to –

Access to Information Officer
Administration Section, Student Finance Office
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
Hong Kong

Enquiries : For enquiries, please ring the SEYM Fund Council Secretariat at 2150 6098 or 2150 6097 during the office hours.

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

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Notes on Completion of Application Form

- (a) All information provided by you in this form must be typewritten or written in English by black / blue ball-pen or with black / blue ink; or in an editable PDF proforma downloaded from SFO's website.
- (b) Please append additional sheets to the application form if necessary. Please write 'Not Applicable (N.A.)' or 'Nil' for item(s) deemed appropriate.
- (c) Documents and materials submitted with the application will not be returned.
- (d) The Sir Edward Youde Memorial (SEYM) Fund Council Secretariat may not be able to process the application if the information provided is unclear, incorrect, incomplete or without the necessary supporting document(s).
- (e) (i) Papers and documents submitted with the Application Form should be in A4 size; and
(ii) English translation must be provided if the papers and documents submitted are not in English. Otherwise, submission of any papers / documents in foreign language may not be considered.
- (f) Completed Application Forms must be returned to the SEYM Fund Council Secretariat together with the necessary supporting documents (including but not limited to Annexes A and D). Candidates should read and complete the "Checklist on Completion of Application Form" (Annex D) before submitting the Application Forms.
- (g) Deadline for applications is at 5:30 p.m. on 17 September 2021. Late applications will **not** be considered.
- (h) However, to allow more time for the referee(s) / school principal to make their assessments, the referee statement(s) / school principal's assessment, and **only** these statement(s) / assessment, may be returned to the SEYM Fund Council Secretariat **not later than 30 September 2021**. For details, please refer to "Annex B" and / or "Annex C".
- (i) Sufficient postage has to be affixed on the mail items for applications / documents sent by post. Any underpaid mail items will **not** be accepted and will either be returned to the sender or disposed of by the Hongkong Post, as appropriate.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
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