

**The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships -
Undergraduate Scholarship 2024/25 Cohort
(for students admitted into a 4 or 5-year full-time UGC-funded
degree programme in the 2024/25 academic year)**

About the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (the “Trust”) is dedicated to nurturing caring leaders for a better Hong Kong. Since 1998, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships reward outstanding students, known as JC Scholars, for their intellect, character, leadership qualities and commitment to service. Under this Trust-Initiated Project, some HK\$891.4 million have been committed to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships, supporting more than 1,050 young talents to pursue their studies. More information is available on <http://jcscholarships.hk/>.

Terms of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships – Undergraduate Scholarship (the “UG Scholarship”) offers up to 27 scholarships annually to outstanding local students pursuing undergraduate studies in nine local government-funded tertiary institutions. Each of these institutions will be allocated up to **THREE** scholarship awards.

The UG Scholarship covers (1) full tuition fee, academic and living allowance for the entire normative duration of study towards an undergraduate degree programme, (2) overseas learning subsidies, and (3) an opportunity to participate in an overseas leadership programme.

Value of the scholarships for the 2024/25 academic year:

- 1) Full tuition fee
- 2) Academic Allowance: HK\$18,300
- 3) Living Allowance: HK\$58,900
- 4) Overseas Learning Subsidies: A lump sum of HK\$80,000 for the normative year of study

The tenure of the Scholarship is normal duration of study of the enrolled undergraduate degree programme, subject to fulfilment of all award conditions. The actual value of each scholarship will be revised each year with reference to recommendations from the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency and respective institutions on the tuition fees and living expenses of the current academic year.

The actual scholarship amount payable to individual students for a particular academic year is subject to adjustments. The scholarship will not cover non-credit bearing programmes in which students opt to participate, either held locally or overseas, in lieu of their normal coursework required by their study programme.

For JC Scholars who do not complete their study programme within the normative duration of study due to factors outside their control, such as health reasons or other special conditions, the Club may provide flexibility and accommodation on Scholarship payment schedule based on JC Scholars’ requests and recommendation from the respective Institution. Such arrangements are subject to the Scholarship Secretariat’s review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the UG Scholarship, applicants must:

- be full-time local undergraduate students who are admitted to a UGC-funded 4 or 5-year degree programme in 2024/25, pursuing their first undergraduate degree (i.e. Local students with student ID number starting with “24”. Senior-year intake students are **NOT** eligible.);
- have the right of abode or the right to land, or have entered Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
- have completed their senior secondary education in Hong Kong;
- have a high standard of academic performance:
 - o must demonstrate academic excellence in HKDSE in 2024 or another recognised entry qualifications in 2024;
 - o must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.50¹ or above at the end of the first semester of 2024/25 or is ranked among top 10 percent in class (group of students of the same cohort studying in the same programme);
- have outstanding achievements or exceptional leadership qualities; and
- have proficiency in English and spoken Chinese (Cantonese or Putonghua).

¹ Students may check their subject results on 8 January 2025 via “[eStudent](#) > My Results > Assessment Results”, and calculate the cumulative GPA with the formular below.

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \text{Subject Grade Point}_n \times \text{Subject Credit Value}_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N \text{Subject Credit Value}_n}$$

Selection Criteria

All Scholars are selected according to their merits and attributes in the following aspects:

Intellect	Academic achievements, analytical aptitude and appetite; genuine interest in their subject of study; imagination, curiosity, and a global vision
Character	Strength of character – integrity, courage, responsibility, empathy and compassion, social awareness, humility
Leadership	Outstanding leadership and team work inside or outside school activities, personal accomplishments or community commitments; potential and capabilities in challenging status quo; embrace diversity and a spirit of collaboration
Commitment to service	Commitment to betterment of others, care for social and community issues of public rather than personal benefit; connect with Hong Kong and has a view about how its community needs may be addressed

Annual Review of the award of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is reviewed on an annual basis subject to:

- The Scholar's continued enrolment in the same institution;
- A cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above by end of each academic year;
- Participation and achievements in community services; and
- Recommendation by the institution.

Undertaking

Successful applicants are required to sign an undertaking letter on the terms of the UG Scholarship.

Award Condition

Upon conferment, recipients of the scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards (including government grant/loan) that subsidise their local tuition fees, academic expenses and living expenses.

The Jockey Club Scholar Experience

Recipients of the Scholarship will be named "Jockey Club Scholars" or "JC Scholars" in short. Being a JC Scholar, the student will become a member of a network of past and current JC Scholars and enjoy various privileges, such as opportunities to participate in learning, networking and community service programmes.

All JC Scholars are expected to actively support the Trust's activities to the best of their abilities. Most importantly, they are required to attend the scholarship award presentation ceremony and induction programme of their cohort. JC Scholars are also automatically enrolled as a member of The Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association, a self-running, Trust-supported organisation that was established to mobilise JC Scholars to serve the community.

Scholarship Application

Interested students should submit the completed online application form with all relevant supporting documents to SAO via the [Scholarship Application System](#) **on or before 11.59 pm on 12 January 2025 (Sunday)**. **To ensure a smooth submission process and avoid missing the application deadline due to any unexpected technical issues, applicants are strongly recommended to submit their application well in advance. Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

ONLY shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend the PolyU internal selection interview in person during 20 – 24 January 2025 for further shortlisting at most 6 deserving candidates for the Trust's consideration. The PolyU candidates may then be invited to attend a final interview with the Trust's selection panel tentatively in February 2025, the decision of which will be final. All candidates MUST attend the selection interview(s) without exception, if invited. Application results will be announced and individual applicants will be notified via PolyU tentatively around March 2025.

For enquiries, please contact Student Affairs Office (SAO) at sao.sch@polyu.edu.hk.