CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards

Guidelines

Aim

The Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards (劉鑾雄交換生獎) have been established since 2012-13 academic year to support CityU outbound exchange students who have financial difficulties. In the academic year 2013/14, the Awards will support up to 100 full-time, UGC-funded undergraduate students to participate in the Student Exchange Programme.

Funding Regulations

A maximum of 100 awards shall be offered in 2013/14 to subsidise the costs for transportation and living expenses incurred by a semester-long exchange study outside Hong Kong. Value of each award may range from HK$21,000 to HK$30,000, depending on the students’ financial needs and exchange destinations. Details are as follows:

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<th>Region of Study</th>
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The awards shall be offered to outbound exchange students who are full-time undergraduate students, irrespective of their place of origin and nationality. The student eligible to receive the award should:

1. enrol in a UGC-funded undergraduate programme;
2. have proven financial needs and meet the assessment criteria set by the University;
3. have attained academic merits with, at least, a CGPA of 3.0 or above at the time of application for exchange;
4. have not participated in similar University-organised exchange programmes outside Hong Kong;
5. have fulfilled the requirements for joining exchange programmes at institutional or departmental level, including English language requirement;
6. have been selected by the University for participating in credit-bearing exchange programmes; and
7. have been accepted by the University’s partner institution as an exchange student.

Funding decisions shall be made by the University based on the level of financial needs and academic merits of student applicants. Those who have demonstrated financial needs and have attained the highest CGPA in the last semester/term of study, at the time of application for exchange, will receive the awards.

Students who are granted with Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards will not be entitled for funding support of Student Exchange Fund for the same period of exchange study.

Application and Selection

- Students having financial difficulties may apply for the awards by submitting their applications together with personal financial background information.
- Funding decisions shall be made by the University based on the level of financial difficulties and academic merits of student applicants.
- Calls for applications shall be sent out twice a year. The application deadlines usually fall in January/February and August/September. Completed applications should be submitted online before the application deadline as announced by Mainland and External Affairs Office (MEAO). Late applications will normally not be considered.
- Applications will not be acceptable if the studies/activities have already commenced or taken place. MEAO’s decision shall be final.

Student’s Obligation

Awardees will honour an obligation to serve as CityU Buddies, Exchange Programme Interviewers or resource persons, etc. to help promote the Student Exchange Programme.

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